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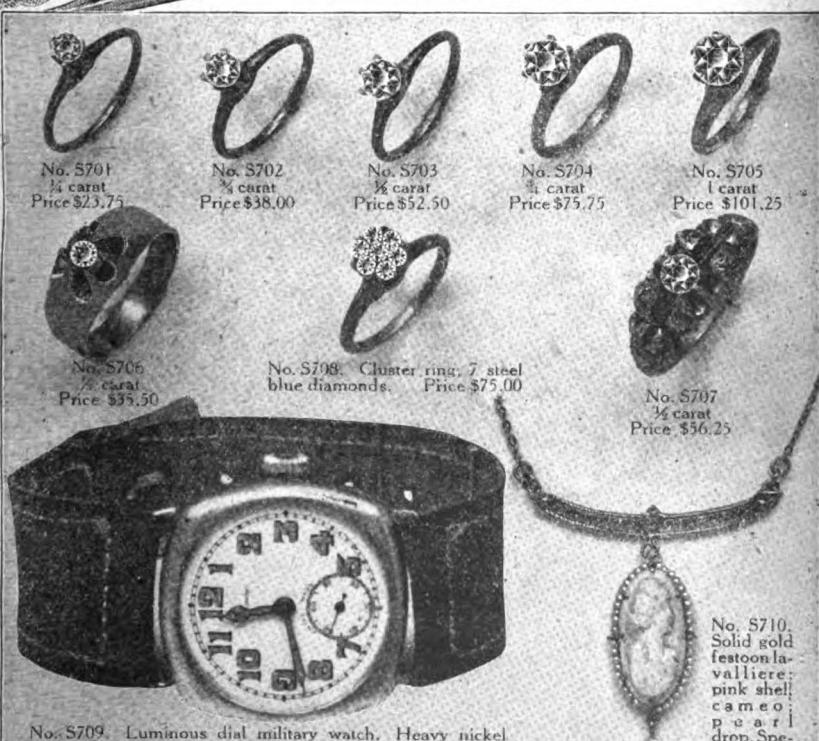
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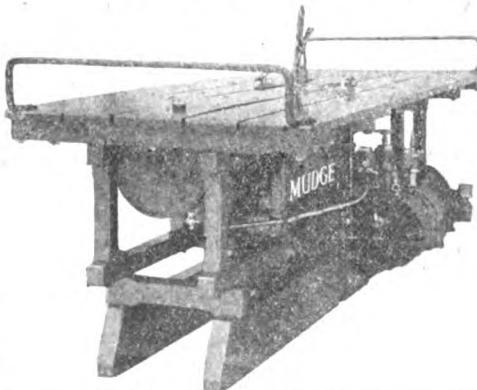
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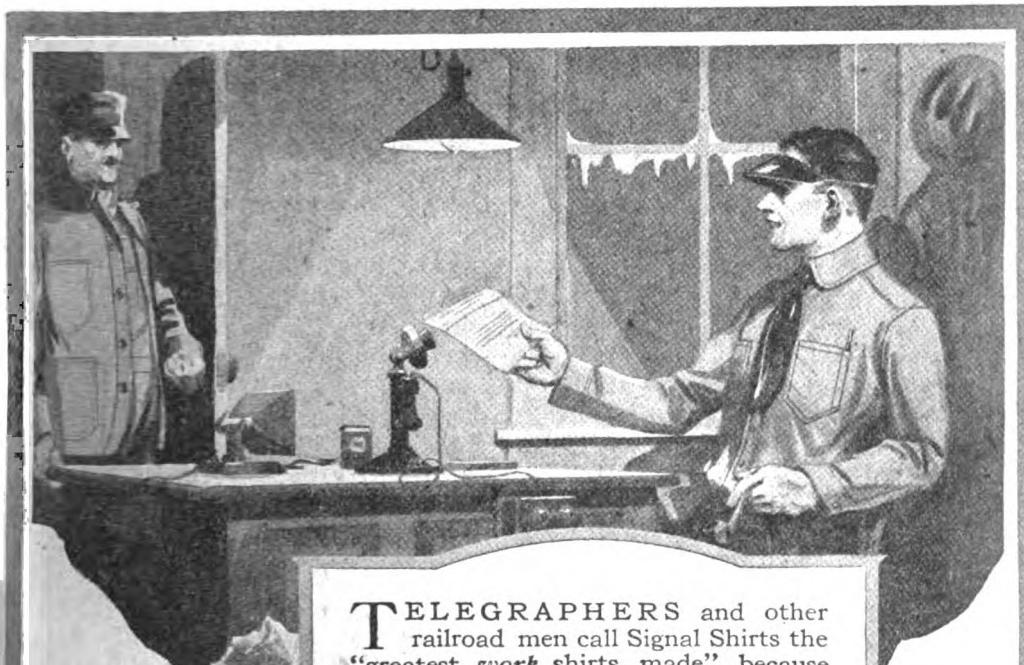
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## Result of Hearings

**A**S a result of protest caused by Supplements Nos. 10 and 11 to General Order No. 27, and the hearings which were held before the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions by President Perham and General Chairmen, December 9th to 11th, inclusive, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, superseding Supplements Nos. 10 and 11, was issued December 28th, and is effective as of October 1st, 1918.

In order that the entire membership may be familiar with this supplement, I am reproducing it in its entirety. You will note that agents (so-called exclusive agents), are included therein, and that it provides for eight consecutive hours with overtime at rate of time and one-half for all employees enumerated in the preamble.

# UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

## Director General of Railroads

## WASHINGTON

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(b) To determine the hourly basis for positions held by monthly paid employees, multiply by 12 the regular monthly rate in effect as of January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27 (exclusive of all compensation for extra services), divide by 306 (number of working days for the year), and apply provisions of Section (e) of this article.

(c) To determine the hourly rate for positions held by weekly paid employees, multiply by 52 the regular weekly rate in effect as of January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27 (exclusive of all compensation for extra services), divide by 306 (number of working days for the year), and apply provisions of Section (e) of this article.

(d) To determine the hourly rate for positions held by daily paid employees,

multiply the daily rate in effect as of January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27 (exclusive of all compensation for extra services), by 365, divide the result by 306 (number of working days for the year), and apply provisions of Section (e) of this article.

(e) Employees who were on January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27, paid on a basis of ten hours or more to constitute a day's work, shall receive one-eighth of the wages received for ten hours on January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27, as their basic hourly rate; employees working less than ten hours and over eight hours shall receive one-eighth of the wages received for the number of hours recognized as a day's work.

(f) Where there are no regularly assigned or established daily hours, for the purpose of computing the hourly rate, daily hours shall be regarded as ten, one-eighth of which will be the hourly rate.

(g) In determining the hourly rate, fractions less than one-fourth of one cent shall be as one-fourth of one cent; over one-fourth and under one-half, as one-half cent; over one-half and under three-fourths, as three-fourths of one cent; over three-fourths, as one cent.

#### ARTICLE II.

##### RATES OF PAY.

For positions held by telegraphers, telephone operators (except switchboard

operators), agents (except as provided in Article IV), agent-telegraphers, agent-telephoners, towermen, levermen, tower and train directors, block operators and staffmen, to the rates in effect on January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27 add thirteen cents per hour and two cents per hour additional in lieu of vacations (applicable to all roads, irrespective of present practice). Where this increase fails to establish a rate of forty-eight cents per hour, establish a minimum rate of forty-eight cents per hour.

### ARTICLE III.

#### PRESErvATION OF RATES AND CLASSIFICATION.

(a) The minimum rates and all rates in excess thereof, as herein established, and higher rates which have been authorized since January 1, 1918, shall be preserved.

(b) The entering of employees in the positions occupied in the service or changing their classification or work shall not operate to establish a less favorable rate of pay or condition of employment than is herein established.

(c) Where existing pay roll classification does not conform to Article II, employees performing service in the classes specified therein, shall be classified in accordance therewith.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### EXCEPTIONS.

The provisions of this order will not apply:

(a) To cases where salaries less than thirty (\$30.00) dollars per month are paid to individuals for special service which only takes a portion of their time from outside employment or business.

(b) To agents whose compensation as of January 1, 1918, was upon a commission basis, or upon a combination of salary and commissions (not including express or outside commissions).

(c) To agents whose duties are supervisory and who do not perform routine office work, nor the small non-telegraph stations (except where they are now in-

cluded in agreements), which, on account of the varying character and extent of their work and responsibilities, cannot be intelligently treated as a class.

The Federal Manager on each railroad is hereby instructed to consider the individual cases of the smaller non-telegraph stations, or stations paid on a commission basis or on a combination of salary and commission, both as to compensation and working conditions, with committees of employes, and where agreement can be reached are authorized to put the same into effect.

In case of disagreement, either as to compensation and working conditions, or as to whether a station comes properly under the terms of this article, the exact points of such disagreement shall be reported to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions through the Regional Director for consideration and recommendation to me.

### ARTICLE V.

#### HOURS OF SERVICE—OVERTIME AND CALLS.

(a) Eight consecutive hours, exclusive of the meal hour, shall constitute a day's work, except that where two or more shifts are worked, eight consecutive hours with no allowance for meals shall constitute a day's work.

(b) Overtime shall be computed at the rate of time and one-half time. Even hours shall be paid for at the end of each pay period, fractions thereof will be carried forward.

(c) When notified or called to work outside of established hours, employes will be paid a minimum allowance of two hours at overtime rate.

(d) Employes will not be required to suspend work during regular hours or to absorb overtime.

### ARTICLE VI.

#### UNITED STATES MAIL.

When the carrying of United States Mail and Parcel Post by the employes herein specified becomes unduly burdensome or interferes with the proper operation of trains, they will be relieved from such work.

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### ARTICLE VII.

(a) An employe disciplined, or who considers himself unjustly treated, shall have a fair and impartial hearing, provided written request is presented to his immediate superior within five (5) days of the date of the advice of discipline, and the hearing shall be granted within five (5) days thereafter.

(b) A decision will be rendered within seven (7) days after completion of hearing. If an appeal is taken, it must be filed with the next higher official and a copy furnished the official whose decision is appealed within five (5) days after date of decision. The hearing and decision on the appeal shall be governed by the time limits of the preceding section.

(c) At the hearing, or on the appeal, the employes may be assisted by a committee of employes, or by one or more duly accredited representatives.

(d) The right of appeal by employes or representatives, in regular order of succession and in the manner prescribed, up to and inclusive of the highest official designated by the railroad to whom appeal may be made is hereby established.

(e) An employe on request will be given a letter stating the cause of discipline. A transcript of the evidence taken at the investigation or on the appeal will be furnished on request to the employe or representative.

(f) If the final decision decrees that charges against the employe were not sustained, the record shall be cleared of the charge; if suspended or dismissed the employe will be returned to former position and paid for all time lost.

(g) Committees of employes shall be granted leave of absence and free transportation for the adjustment of differences between the railroad and the employes.

(h) Where the time limits in discipline and grievance rules now in effect are more extensive, they may be preserved.

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### RULES FOR APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER.

(a) The pay for female employes, for the same class of work, shall be the

same as that of men, and their working conditions must be healthful and fitted to their needs. The laws enacted for the government of their employment must be observed.

(b) If the operation of this order creates either unreasonably low, or excessively high rates, for service, individual cases and circumstances considered, it will be the duty of the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions to investigate, on complaint, and recommend equitable treatment therefor.

(c) Vacations with pay are abolished, effective January 1, 1919.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### INTERPRETATION OF THIS ORDER.

The rates of pay and rules herein established shall be incorporated into existing agreements and into agreements which may be reached in the future, on the several railroads; and should differences arise between the management and the employes of any of the railroads as to such incorporation, intent or application of this order, such question of differences shall be referred through the Director of the Division of Labor as prescribed in Supplements 6 and 6a to General Order No. 27 for decision, subject always to review by the Director General.

Agreements or practices, except as changed by this order, remain in effect.

In reaching the conclusions upon which this order is based, I have given special consideration to the problem presented of work on Sundays and holidays. I am in full sympathy, as every reasonable man must be, with the natural desire of the employes to be released from Sunday and holiday labor as far as possible. Not only are employes the better for such periods of rest and recreation, but they naturally prefer for that purpose Sundays and holidays, because all the habits of our people are so adjusted that rest and recreation are more feasible and satisfactory on those days than on other days.

I am satisfied that in the past there

has been a great deal of unnecessary work on Sundays and holidays, and that methods can and must be adopted to confine such work in the future to what is necessary. At the same time we must face the fact that the entire public expects the railroads to be operated on Sundays and holidays, as well as on other days; hence it is impossible to adopt any plan which will eliminate Sunday and holiday labor.

This order which I am promulgating will, in itself, go far towards eliminating Sunday and holiday work wherever practicable, and towards reducing such work where it cannot be eliminated to the fewest number of hours. This will result from the fact that hereafter all such work will be paid on an hourly basis instead of on a monthly basis, as has been true in the past to a considerable extent. Therefore, the employing officer will realize that he must pay additionally for every hour of Sunday and holiday work, and his anxiety to prevent unnecessary expense will be a strong inducement to eliminate unnecessary work on those days. I regard this as a great step forward, and I believe I am justified in expecting that it will bring about a marked reduction in Sunday and holiday work of an avoidable character.

I propose to supplement this action by definite orders that a special study must be made for the purpose of eliminating Sunday and holiday work wherever practicable and, where it cannot be eliminated,

of minimizing it to the fewest number of hours. I believe the special effort which will consequently be made in this direction will, coupled with the strong inducement arising from the new basis of payment, bring about an early and substantial reform in this important matter.

Employes who have heretofore had to work on Sundays and holidays will get through this order a direct compensation for that condition, by reason of the fact that their hourly rates of pay in the future will be, to a large extent, substantially increased, as, from an examination of Article I, it will be seen that in determining the hourly wage a divisor of 306 days has been used, which will, in a large measure, compensate for punitive Sunday and holiday overtime.

It has not been practicable to adopt a plan for paying a punitive overtime rate for time worked on Sundays and holidays. The object for such punitive allowances is to impose a penalty or punishment for the work to which the allowances attach. In the nature of things, it is unjustifiable to impose such punishment in respect of work which cannot be avoided. Such punitive allowance is not necessary to cause the elimination of such work, or its reduction to a minimum, because that result can and will be brought about by the adoption of the hourly rates and special instructions which will be issued to reduce Sunday and holiday work, where practicable.

W. G. McADOO,  
Director General of Railroads.



## HEARINGS BEFORE THE

# Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions

December 9th to 11th Inclusive

## IN PROTEST AGAINST SUPPLEMENTS 10 and 11 TO GENERAL ORDER 27

(Continued from page 1562 December TELEGRAPHER)

### Preamble.

#### Effective Date:

Our original request for an increase in wages and adjustment of hours of service, was due to the fact that the wage standard for our class has always been inadequate and under existing conditions so low as to be almost unbearable.

General Order No. 27 was evidently intended to take care of this situation, but in our case it developed that it came far from doing so. Protest was made and our request for fair increases and improved working conditions was reiterated.

Our contentions, based on facts, if recognized and a supplement issued which will correct the conditions under which we have worked for the past eleven months, it seems only fair that such supplement should carry with it the same effective date as did the General Order.

Our men have contended with these unfair conditions, loyally performing their duties for the Government and confidently expecting that the matter would be corrected and their interests fully protected. They felt so certain of ultimate justice that they subscribed liberally to bond issues and other war funds notwithstanding the fact that their present wage was actually insufficient to meet their living expenses.

They counted entirely on the further increases and back pay which they felt was due them and which they rightfully expected to receive; therefore they find themselves in the very embarrassing position of not being able to meet their obligations.

#### Representation:

We can see no good reason why all the various classes represented by us and set forth in our original proposition should not be covered by the same supplement as we understand has been done in supplements issued to cover other employees.

### Article 1.

#### Basis for determining hourly rates:

We maintain that in determining the hourly rate as of January 1, 1918, that following method should be adopted:

First determining the actual daily rate based on the number of days worked, multiply this daily rate by 365, divide the result thus obtained by 306 to arrive at the daily rate and divide the daily rate thus obtained by 8 to arrive at the hourly rate, regardless of the number of days per month or hours per day worked on January 1, 1918.

### Article 2.

#### Minimum rates of pay.

\$1.20 per hour for train dispatchers;

.80 per hour for tower and train directors;

.60 per hour for all others, maintaining differentials existing on January 1, 1918.

In the request for maintenance of differentials we have been compelled to take into consideration the attitude of the men themselves with regard to this condition. Whether or not we may feel disposed to elimination of differentials the men we represent have been educated to the belief that such differentials have been created in the past to conform to the varied conditions and increased duties and responsibilities. We fear that should differentials be arbitrarily eliminated a serious dissatisfaction would result which would prove detrimental to the service.

### Article 5.

#### Hours of Service:

(a) Eight consecutive hours should constitute a day's work for all employees regardless of the number of men or shifts, except that six consecutive hours should constitute a day's work for train dispatchers and others in a tense condition of employment.

(c) When notified or called to work outside of established hours, employes will be

paid a minimum allowance of two (2) hours at overtime rate for the first hour of service or fraction thereof and regular overtime thereafter.

#### Sunday and holiday pay:

Service rendered on Sundays and the seven national holidays should be computed at the rate of double time.

#### Article 6.

##### Handling United States mail:

We insist that we should be relieved from handling United States mail between stations and Post Offices for reasons set forth in our previous hearings.

#### Article 7.

##### Discipline and Grievances:

We request that where discipline and grievance rules now in existence are, in the opinion of employers preferable, they be permitted to retain them.

#### Article 8.

##### Combination Salary and Commission:

We request that where ticket commissions have been considered a part of the salary the combined commission and salary for the month of December, 1917, be used in arriving at the rate of pay for such positions as in effect on January 1, 1918.

Inasmuch as it has been the practice on some railroads to name a salary taking into consideration the revenue so received it would be proper to combine the two in order to arrive at the basic rate.

##### Vacations with pay:

The abolition of vacations from January 1st, 1919, has resulted in a general condition of dissatisfaction among the many men who have long enjoyed this recognition for service.

The attempt to standardize this condition by abolishing the arrangement has had a very disastrous effect on the morale of the men and should not be overlooked in a re-adjustment. We reiterate our request for three weeks' vacation.

#### Article 9.

##### Agreements or Practices:

Agreements or practices more favorable to the employees should remain in effect.

#### Supplement 11.

Supplement 11 to General Order 27 is unsatisfactory in its entirety.

Mr. Gaines: Mr. Eddy, just what do you mean under Article 2 there, where you refer to "maintaining the differentials existing on January 1, 1918?" Now, you name a flat rate, and then you say "maintaining differentials." What do you mean exactly by that?

Mr. Eddy: We have in many schedules, for a number of years taken into consideration the different conditions existing. Some-

times it might be the amount of work particularly required in that position. It might be the expense of living in a place of that kind. Those things have been taken into consideration, and differentials or different rates have been made between that position and some other position.

Mr. Gaines: Well, just how would you apply these rates that you name here to that condition; what would be the method of application?

Mr. Eddy: What would be the method?

Mr. Gaines: Yes.

Mr. Eddy: We ask for a 60-cent per hour minimum.

Mr. Gaines: Take that one figure as an example. How would you apply that to your differentials? There are many of your existing rates below that rate today.

Mr. Eddy: Oh, yes; that is true. But, for example, we will say we have two positions, one paying \$75 per month, and the other \$95 per month. We increase the \$75 man \$25, for illustration, bringing him up to \$100 a month, establishing a minimum of \$100 per month. There was, prior to this increase, a differential of \$20 existing between the two positions. Consequently, \$20 added to the minimum established rate of \$100 would maintain the differential and give this man the same rate of pay as the other man.

Mr. Lindsay: But you are taking an illustration on the monthly basis. How would you apply that on an hourly basis?

Mr. Eddy: I would apply it in just the same way, Mr. Lindsay.

Mr. Lindsay: In other words, you would—

Mr. Eddy: It would work out just the same.

Mr. Lindsay (continuing): —you would deduce that hourly rate of the \$75 man?

Mr. Eddy: To arrive at the hourly rate, you would have to.

Mr. Lindsay: And then raise that hourly rate to a minimum of 60 cents?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Mr. Lindsay: You would similarly deduce the hourly rate of the \$95 man, and whatever difference there was in the hourly rate which is deduced, you would add that differential to the 60-cent rate?

Mr. Eddy: Yes; I assume that there should be no difference, that is, no difference conflicting with the difference as would exist between the monthly or hourly rate. In other words, if a man's rate was reduced, the hourly rate, there is a proportionate differential originally existing. That same proportionate differential should exist after you have deduced these rates to an hourly rate.

Mr. Lindsay: You would follow that method, regardless of what difference might exist in the hours of service or days of service of the two men?

Mr. Eddy: Absolutely.

Chairman Sines: Taking some of your different schedules simply as the basis for

arriving at the answer. Suppose you would find that the rate is, as I believe there is in one of your schedules, as low as 23 cents an hour. In the same schedule, you might find a man who is receiving \$150 a month, whose rate would figure out, just by way of illustration, 62.5 cents an hour. There would be a differential existing in those rates as between 23 cents and 62.5 cents, under the present schedules, figuring on December, 1917. If I understand this correctly, it would mean that that would bring the man whose rate was 23 cents an hour to 60 cents an hour, and to maintain the same differential you would have to take the 62.5 cents an hour man and add 37 cents an hour to it, making his rate 99.5 cents an hour, in order to maintain the same differential that formerly existed, and to go to the new minimum basic minimum of 60 cents an hour.

Mr. Eddy: It is quite probable, in my opinion, if 8 hours were used as the divisor in every case, which we contend should be done, there would be no hourly rate so low as 23 cents, as far as I understand it. That is my opinion, but by using—

Mr. Wharton: How would you account for that in the case of a man who got \$45 a month, for instance? How would you figure his hours?

Mr. Eddy: I have not figured that out, Mr. Wharton.

Mr. Wharton: I am just pointing that out to you as an extreme.

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Mr. Wharton: Possibly some of your agreements contain rates as low as \$45 a month for station agents, and my only object in this is to bring out such information as we are able to, in order to clearly understand what the situation is.

Mr. Eddy: Yes; I have some examples here, Mr. Wharton, that I would be glad to go into.

Chairman Sines: Mr. Eddy, I would like to interject this at this time. Perhaps I should have done it before starting the discussion. I notice in the brief which you have submitted you have referred to train dispatchers, and, as I stated yesterday, that is not a question within our province. Therefore, in discussing it, you will kindly refrain from saying anything about train dispatchers. We cannot discuss that question.

Mr. Eddy: Yes; I understand, Mr. Sines. This brief was prepared in accordance with the original proposition, and they were included therein. Consequently, we carried the train dispatchers with it. We concur in Mr. Perham's position in regard to this, but we understand that this Board is unable to deal with that matter.

Mr. Dermody: Mr. Eddy, the objections you make are with respect to both Supplements 10 and 11?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Mr. Gaines: Will you work out that example at \$45 a month?

Chairman Sines: Just how would you arrive at that under your proposition here?

Mr. Eddy: Will you work that out (addressing one of the gentlemen present)?

In connection with differentials and the establishing of minimum rates, I have a statement from the Pere Marquette general chairman, wherein he shows that out of 428 positions in 1917, 423 were above the minimum rate, 5 were at the minimum rate, or one per cent. In the application of Supplement No. 10, the same number of positions, 359 positions were placed on the minimum, and 69 only were above the minimum, making 81 per cent minimum positions.

Chairman Sines: In other words, wiping out the differentials that had existed heretofore?

Mr. Eddy: Yes; that was due to the fact that the rates on that railway were so much below what exists generally on better scheduled railways in the country, that that extreme condition there necessarily would exist, where rates of pay were higher, the percentage of minimum men would be much lower.

Mr. Wharton: That does not answer the question that I was trying to bring out, however.

Mr. Eddy: I am trying to get somebody to work that out for me.

Mr. Gaines: Mr. Eddy, I notice on page 2 of your brief that they counted on back pay, which they did not get. Did they not all get back pay under General Order No. 27?

Mr. Eddy: Yes, sir.

Mr. Gaines: Up to the time that Supplement No. 10 was made effective?

Mr. Eddy: Oh, yes. We are not referring to General Order No. 27, except inasmuch as this supplement is a supplement of General Order No. 27. The supplement did not carry the back pay with it.

Mr. Gaines: Now, on that same page relative to "Representation," I just want to call your attention to the fact that it evidently would be impossible to cover any one organization of employees in any one wage order. There are too many organizations; they have to go to a number of supplements for the entire membership, due to the fact that they include in their membership men who are doing distinctly different classes of service.

Mr. Eddy: Perhaps I am wrong, but I did not understand that supplements had been issued up to this time, wherein separate classes had been included in the two supplements. It was my understanding—

Mr. Gaines: No; not separate classes, separate organizations. Don't make that mistake.

Mr. Eddy: Oh, yes.

Mr. Gaines: The same, for instance, as your organization.

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Mr. Dermody: In that, Mr. Eddy, you are correct. There has been no other class where men doing the same work have been put in more than one supplement, except the class you represent.

Mr. Eddy: That is why we ask in our representation the same right that has been granted to other organizations, and we see no reason why they, who perform the same kind of work as the other men, should be covered by a separate supplement and separate rules. You will find that in the operation, when it becomes necessary, as the railways have found it so in the past, to take off an operator and place an agent as agent and telegrapher, he would then shift himself from one set of rules to another; you have a non-telegraph agent to another condition entirely; you have another man. That is generally done on all the railroads. Consequently, those positions are relative to each other. There is not any difference. That man is in a position to handle either of the positions as he is required.

Mr. Gaines: That would be true if the conditions were always as you stated them, but there are a great many cases where you have an exclusive agent at some small place, where he does nothing but sell tickets and a few things of that sort. He has never had a telegraphic job, and probably never would. There are many such offices as that throughout the United States.

Mr. Eddy: Yes, sir.

Mr. Gaines: Now, would you put that man on the same working conditions—a man on a branch line, meeting one or two trains a day, spread over a long period—as the man sitting right down and working every minute of the day?

Mr. Eddy: I do not see why he should not have the same conditions. He might not have the same compensation, but he is following out the same class of work, although he may not do it in the same proportion.

Mr. Lindsay: How can you apply an 8-hour day to a man of that type?

Mr. Eddy: I think that is being done now. I am not in a position to say how the railroads are doing that, but, in my opinion, the 8-hour day should be applied.

Mr. Lindsay: A man meets a train in the morning and goes back to his store, and is perhaps relieved for the rest of the day, and then meets a train in the afternoon. Is it fair to say to the Railroad Administration, "Put that man on an 8-hour basis"?

Mr. Gaines: Pay him 8-hours' work for possibly two hours, at the outside, a day, and then pay him for overtime, if his train falls without the 8-hour period?

Mr. Eddy: If I did not need the man on

the job, and I was operating the railway, I would close the station up.

Mr. Gaines: But the law will not permit them to do so, in a great many cases.

Mr. Dermody: Is it not a fact, Mr. Eddy, that some of these men, those men keeping stores, and so forth, are excluded under the 30-day provision in Supplements 10 and 11, and they are not in question?

Mr. Eddy: I think that is generally true, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. Dermody: Is it not a fact that the men you speak of having those positions are now in one and the same schedule on the railroads throughout the United States, the agent-telegrapher and what is known as the non-telegrapher or exclusive agent? They are now in one and the same schedule, are they not?

Mr. Eddy: Yes, sir.

Mr. Dermody: And you can see no reason for dividing them, can you, in any different way than your present schedule?

Mr. Eddy: Absolutely none.

Mr. Dermody: You have no man within the scope of your knowledge that gets as low as \$30 a month, who is in a schedule, have you?

Mr. Eddy: None at all.

Mr. Dermody: It is possible that there may be one or two somewhere in the United States.

Mr. Eddy: Oh, there may be some small places, but they have not been included in the schedules, as far as I know.

Chairman Sines: Mr. Eddy, might I ask you this question: The brief that you have presented here is practically a reiteration of the demands that were submitted some four or five months ago, are they not?

Mr. Eddy: Yes, Mr. Sines.

Chairman Sines: With the possible exception that in the request as it is prepared at this time, pertaining to the differentials, it would mean even greater increases in compensation than are involved in the original request. You requested the same minimum rates, the same basic rates, but in requesting the retention of the differentials, that was not embodied specifically in the original proposition, and it would mean a greater increase than originally, would it not?

Mr. Eddy: I understand, Mr. Sines, in the original proposition, that we proposed minimum rates of pay. It was my understanding—I may be wrong, but it was my understanding that if the minimum rate of pay was given to one man, the other man would perhaps be taken care of in the same proportion.

Chairman Sines: In other words, was it your understanding that the differentials

should be maintained, although the request did not so specifically state?

Mr. Eddy: I would naturally expect that that would be the case, Mr. Sines.

Chairman Sines: Then, proceeding from that assumption, I would make this point, that your request is merely, as I understand it, a reiteration of the original request?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: And connected with that, and only as a matter of information, I would like to ask if you have worked out what that would mean concretely in wage increases that you are asking for?

Mr. Eddy: We have endeavored, Mr. Sines, to take a few positions to bring that out.

Chairman Sines: I might say, if you will permit me, Mr. Eddy, that we have had this worked out on a large number of railroads, taking every position on the railroads in each of the classifications.

Take, for instance, this classification of telegraphers, including clerks, message, copy and side-wire operators. The requests that are filed here run from 70 per cent to 450 per cent increase. They were filed here last summer, and you are reiterating them here now.

Take, for instance, one road to illustrate it concretely, in the Southern territory, the Chesapeake & Ohio. On that road, you requested 87.7 per cent increase for telegraphers, including clerks, message, copy and side-wire operators, and for agent-telegraphers, 94.9 per cent.

Take on the Atlanta & West Point, for instance, for the agent-telegraphers, your request would have meant 325 per cent increase.

Take another little road, the Western Railroad of Alabama, for the same class of employees, your request meant 410.7 per cent increase. That is what you are asking for now.

Take the entire Southern territory, for telegraphers, including clerks, message, copy and side-wire operators, and your request means in the flat rates 116.6 per cent increase. That would be the increase with the same number of employees on the pay rolls, as compared with December of last year.

In the Western territory, the increase is not so great. It would be only 91.9 per cent, but the range of increase runs from 42.7 per cent on the Southern Pacific, which is the lowest of any, to 160 per cent on the Colorado Southern.

Take the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis, for instance, the request that you submitted amounts to 140.1 per cent. On the Denver & Salt Lake, it amounts to 138.9 per cent.

I only mention these facts to say that we

have them compiled for all roads in the United States, I think, or practically all of them, in the various sections of the country. These are only illustrative and typical of what the request meant, and I dare say they at least double that which was contemplated or asked for by any other class of employees that appeared before us.

Mr. Eddy: Mr. Sines, might I ask if the 8-hour day was considered in arriving at the original rate?

Chairman Sines: In arriving at these figures here, we used your requests as they were submitted here at the hearings before this Board. We took your proposition just as submitted, and had it worked out on the various properties in the United States.

Mr. Gaines: Mr. Chairman, I want to say right now that if these differentials had been maintained those figures would have gone up very much higher than they are.

Chairman Sines: Take the Atlanta & West Point. Your request there for telegraphers, including clerks, message, copy and side-wire operators, would have add 190 per cent increase on the pay roll for the same number of employees.

Mr. Eddy: Gentlemen, that all points to this, in my opinion, that the dissatisfaction which we are confronted with at the present time is, perhaps, due to the fact that they have not recognized the Supplements Nos. 10 and 11 the necessity of taking care of conditions of that kind.

Mr. Wharton: On what ground would you justify that percentage of increase?

Mr. Eddy: I would say, Mr. Wharton, in answer to your question of a few minutes ago, that I endeavored to work it out here, and perhaps that will answer both.

A \$45 per month man, on an 8-hour day, for the actual number of working days in the year, exclusive of Sundays and seven holidays, would make a rate of 22 cents per hour.

We do not believe, as our original proposition will testify, that any rate per hour should be less than 60 cents. We would assume that on the railway where this low rate of \$45 applies, that whatever higher rate or maximum rate there which you might have referred to would have been covered by the fact that the \$45 rate was in effect there. In other words, the maximum rate on that line was necessarily regulated by the minimum \$45 rate.

Mr. Wharton: What was the minimum of \$45 based upon?

Mr. Eddy: Poor judgment, I would say.

Mr. Wharton: I thought maybe it had something to do with the amount of money a man might be able to live on. I was wondering how else you could arrive at it, because, if that is what he could live on, he was in a bad situation.

Mr. Eddy: Well, if he could, in my opin-

ion, he must have somebody else helping him out in some other way.

Mr. Dermody: Mr. Eddy, picking out one extreme proposition covering some 80,000 men, do you think that would have any effect on the total number?

Mr. Eddy: I do not know that I get you.

Mr. Dermody: Picking out a \$45 position out of a possible 80,000, do you think such an example would have any affect on the entire body?

Mr. Eddy: I do not think so.

Mr. Wharton: Well, forget it, then. I only wanted to bring out a point. Let us take a \$65 man or a \$70 man and see what he does.

Mr. Eddy: I think, Mr. Wharton, in answer to that, it would, perhaps, affect the railway on which that man worked only. That was my reason for answering Mr. Dermody.

As to the \$65 man, I have something here, that, perhaps, will give us some information on that.

Will one of you gentlemen work out that on a \$65 man (addressing the gentlemen present)?

Mr. Wharton: Take the \$70 man.

Mr. Eddy: I have the \$70 man here, Mr. Wharton. That is the \$70 I have reference to as to the application of Supplement No. 10. In other words, dealing with the different hourly rates and different rates of pay, a man working 8 hours per day at \$70 per month receives 48 cents per hour, or the minimum. A man receiving \$73 receives the same minimum. All men up to \$73 would receive the 48-cent minimum. A man working a 9-hour day would be getting, up to \$80 per month, the minimum. The 10-hour a day man would get still higher, and a little better than \$90 would catch that fellow. I did not figure the 11-hour day here, because I did not have time, but the same principle would follow all the way through.

Now, I believe that in the application of our proposition for arriving at the hourly rate, regardless of whether a man may have or may not have his Sundays recognized as holidays in his work, it should be recognized here as a holiday. Sunday is not a working day. It is not so considered. Neither are the seven legal holidays, which we have requested be included. The legal holidays have been set aside for the very purpose of separating them from the working day.

Now, when we reach the position of excluding Sundays and legal holidays, which I believe is absolutely fair and right, then dividing each man's rate of pay by 8 hours, which should be done, and if it is not done, you are going to penalize the man for the 8-hour day which you give him, and that is absolutely unfair to him. He should not be expected to pay for that 8-hour day, which

it is recognized he is entitled to, and should have.

Chairman Sines: Let me ask you this question before you go any further on that, if you will pardon me for interrupting you. Mr. Eddy: Say that a man was getting \$70 in December of last year, working 30 days a month. Have you worked out what his percentage of increase would be under Supplement No. 10?

Mr. Eddy: We dealt with the highest rates, it seems to me, in all the figures that I have here. We will have somebody work that out, Mr. Sines, if you like, and we will continue this and will get that.

Chairman Sines: I just wanted to bring this out before we go any further, that the \$70 man, who would be working, say, 8 hours in December, and working 30 days a month, or working 26 days, will get the same result. He gets 65 per cent increase in Supplement No. 10 above what he was getting in September, and you surely do not expect to get a percentage increase in excess of 65 per cent?

Mr. Eddy: The \$70 man is the man you use in that case?

Chairman Sines: Yes; working 30 days a month.

Mr. Eddy: Working 30 days a month; you figure his time on 30 days?

A Voice: At 11 hours?

Chairman Sines: Eight hours. If he was working 9, 10 or 11 hours, his percentage would be higher.

Mr. Eddy: I do not know his rate per hour, by the minimum.

Chairman Sines: The 48 cents rate per hour, on \$70, which would make \$99 for 26 days, and four Sundays added to that would make in the neighborhood of \$115, although he was only getting \$70.

Is this a fairly good place to stop for lunch, Mr. Eddy?

Mr. Eddy: It is quite satisfactory to me, if it is to you.

Chairman Sines: If it is, we will adjourn until 2 o'clock. It is now twelve-thirty.

Mr. Eddy: All right.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., a recess was taken until 2:00 o'clock p. m.)

#### AFTER RECESS.

Chairman Sines: All right, Mr. Eddy.

Mr. Eddy: Mr. Sines, I do not know just where we left off or where you would like me to begin again. Will I take the brief seriatim and go down through it?

Chairman Sines: I would suggest that you do that, Mr. Eddy, but—

Mr. Eddy: I would like to do that, if it is agreeable to you.

Chairman Sines (continuing): If you will permit, I would first like to read into the record a few figures that were compiled by

this Board, based on the decision of the Director General. In compiling these, we took what the Board considered to be a typical road out of each one of the territories.

For the Southern territory, we took two roads; for the Western territory, two roads; for the Eastern territory, we used the Baltimore & Ohio, and we applied our Recommendation 29, which is Decision No. 10, to an 8-hour, 26-day job; 9-hour, 26-day job, and a 10-hour, 26-day job. The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern had a 9 1-2 hour day, 26 days, and this is what we find: a range of rates on the Baltimore & Ohio, 8-hour, 26-day, schedule in effect December 31, 1915, from \$49 to \$108.50. On January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order 27, the range of rates was from \$58 to \$122 a month.

Now, this is what we find happened through the application of Decision No. 10: the \$108.50 man on December 31, 1915, went to \$139.40 under General Order No. 27. Decision No. 10 applied to the same man takes him to \$151.84. Under the schedule, he had a minimum for overtime of 52 cents an hour and 50 cents for calls, and under the decision of the Director General he goes to a minimum of \$2.20 per call and \$1.10 for overtime—a 400 per cent increase in the value of the call, and over 300 per cent increase in his overtime rate. Decision No. 10 increases him in the neighborhood of \$12 a month on the flat rate above General Order No. 27.

Take the average man of \$70 a month in December, 1915. Under General Order No. 27, he went to \$98.70. Under the decision of the Director General, this man was receiving, prior to the application of General Order No. 27, \$83, to which the increase was added. That man goes to \$114.40, which is an increase of about \$16 above General Order No. 27. I might say that in comparison with the clerks' recommendation, they would be paying him \$6.40 more by applying the decision given to the clerks in the same position.

Mr. Eddy: Are these 8-hour men that you figure on?

Chairman Sines: These are all 8-hour men.

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: Now, take the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, 9 1-2 hour day, under the schedule, and overtime thereafter.

Take the man who was receiving \$101.50 in December, 1915. He received \$120 on December 31st of last year. Under General Order No. 27 that man went to \$133.45, and under the decision of the Director General, No. 10, he goes to \$168.09, which is an increase of \$35 on top of General Order No. 27, working the same hours, 9 1-2 hours a day.

Now, dropping down to the Central of Georgia, and taking a 10-hour, 30-day job, the man who, in 1915, was getting \$97, in

December of last year received \$115 under the schedule. General Order No. 27 raised him to \$129.20. That is what he was receiving under General Order 27. Under Decision 10 of the Director General, he goes to \$183.58, which is an increase of \$54 per month for the man, in addition to General Order No. 27.

Mr. Dermody: Mr. Chairman, do you mean to say that that was under Decision No. 10?

Chairman Sines: It was under Recommendation No. 29, which is Decision No. 10. The time and a half provision is figured on the righthand column, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. Dermody: Oh, yes.

Chairman Sines: Take the Southern Pacific, for instance, an 8-hour, 26-day man. He had been getting \$95 per month in 1915. On January 1, 1918, he was drawing \$110. General Order No. 27 raised him to \$127.50. Recommendation No. 29, which is Decision No. 10, changed to some extent by the Director General, raised that rate to \$137.28—nearly \$10 in addition to General Order No. 27. Applying to that same man the recommendation or decision that was given for the clerks would make him \$135, or \$2.28 less.

You will find on the Southern Pacific schedule that the minimum for the call in December of last year was \$1.00, and the overtime rate 53 cents. Under Decision No. 10, that minimum call is raised to \$1.98, and 99 cents an hour for overtime, which is almost a 100 per cent increase in the overtime rate.

I am simply mentioning these to give concrete examples, to show that the analysis of the four schedules, which were typical of the territories, would fairly illustrate how Decision No. 10 would work when applied to the schedules. That was my object in giving you those.

This is subject to your taking it up at any time and verifying it.

Mr. Eddy: All right. Thank you. That is, providing that the hours are not reduced to 8 hours, as are established under Supplement No. 10. If the hours are reduced to 8 hours, then, in many cases, the man will receive a reduction in wage.

Mr. Wharton: Would it not be better to say, not a reduction in wages, but a reduction in earnings?

Mr. Eddy: Yes; in his earnings.

Chairman Sines: There is quite a difference between a reduction in wages and a reduction in earnings, that is true, and everywhere in which there has been a reduction of hours, the man has gotten the equivalent of it in time.

Mr. Eddy: We did not understand the intention of the establishment of the 8-hour day to require a man who did not have it to pay a penalty to get it. We believe that every man should have had an 8-hour day—not now, but for all time. I believe he should

have had that 8-hour day. We do not believe it fair to say because he was unfortunate and worked a 12-hour day, that this basic hour should be arrived at in such a manner as to mean a less rate per hour as against some other employee who had been working only an 8-hour day. Eight-hour days, as we understand it, have been granted in the past where it was necessary to meet certain conditions, and we have contended always that these men were entitled to an 8-hour day, and that they should have had that without expense to themselves. We also take the position that all overtime rates—extra pay for Sundays or holidays—are only penalty rates of pay at the most, when we are forced into the position of working that extra time.

Mr. Gaines: Right there, Mr. Eddy, I presume you read in the papers here about three or four weeks ago, where, in the Brooklyn yards, they put the work under an 8-hour day, where previously the men had been working overtime, and the men struck because they wanted more than 8 hours, with time and a half for the time after the 8 hours. That does not bear out your theory that they have wanted the 8-hour day always.

Mr. Eddy: I am speaking for the men I represent, not for what some other fellow may feel that he would prefer to work, whether longer hours or not. He may want to work overtime, just for the sake of getting the money. We have always contended—

Chairman Sines: May I interject this statement, with your permission, Mr. Eddy?

Mr. Eddy: Yes, sir.

Chairman Sines: I would understand that the purpose of the punitive rate of pay for Sundays or holidays would be to primarily discourage work on those days, when it could be avoided. That is the purpose of it.

Mr. Eddy: That is true, Mr. Sines.

Chairman Sines: Now, to go a little further with that thought: A man who is paid by the month, or on a monthly salary, irrespective of whether he works Sundays or with no extra compensation for Sunday work—there would be nothing to discourage the use of that man on Sunday, because of the very fact that it did not cost anything to work him.

Mr. Eddy: That is quite true.

Chairman Sines: Now, when the men are placed on a basis where each day stands by itself, a guaranteed day, and so on, for the working days in the month, rather than on a monthly basis, the very fact that there is extra pay for Sundays or holidays, even the mere going rates of pay, without the punitive rate—the flat rates of pay in that service, would be sufficient to discourage work in that service on Sundays or holidays. The penalty is there anyway, is it not? If they do not work the man, they do not pay him anything at all on those days. Therefore, the time

and a half would not be any more of an incentive to not work him than the flat rate for the day.

Mr. Eddy: Well, we believe it would be more of an incentive, therefore justifying our request for double time for Sundays and holidays.

Mr. Morse: I would like to ask you what you base your request upon for a punitive rate. You want to have all time that carries a punitive rate avoided, do you?

Mr. Eddy: Yes, sir.

Mr. Morse: In other words, you want to stop the practice?

Mr. Eddy: Absolutely.

Mr. Morse: I would like to ask you, if that is true, how you are going to stop working operators on Sundays?

Mr. Eddy: How are we going to stop it?

Mr. Morse: If you put ten times the regular rate on, will that stop it?

Mr. Eddy: It will reduce it to a great extent. That has been our experience.

Mr. Morse: In what way?

Mr. Eddy: I might say for your information, in reply to that question, that the institution of a Sunday rule in the schedule of the road where I have been employed brought about this condition. At least 40 per cent of the men were immediately released from Sunday duty. Prior to that time, the statements had been made by the managements that they were relieving the men as much as possible on Sunday. That was not a fact, as was evidenced by the operation of the Sunday rule.

Chairman Sines: That came in, Mr. Eddy, by the provision for a 26-day month.

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: Which is continued under Decision No. 10.

Mr. Eddy: The extra pay for that day.

Chairman Sines: What do you mean by "extra pay"?

Mr. Eddy: Extra pay for Sundays.

Mr. Dermody: In addition to your regular monthly salary?

Mr. Eddy: That is what I mean.

Mr. Morse: I would like to know what class of men had their Sunday work reduced.

Mr. Eddy: Well, it might vary on some divisions.

Mr. Morse: That is very important information.

Mr. Eddy: The only man that they will keep on Sunday is the fellow that they have to have there.

Mr. Morse: Who is that?

Mr. Eddy: He is the fellow that they need to operate their train, I would say.

Mr. Morse: The telegraph operator?

Mr. Eddy: He might, in some cases, be a telegraph operator.

Mr. Morse: How about the leverman?

Mr. Eddy: He might be necessary.

Mr. Morse: Well, you say "might." How

are you going to run trains without a leverman? Are you going to run trains without keeping some of the levermen on duty?

Mr. Eddy: No; I do not think so.

Mr. Morse: It is absolutely necessary, is it not, if they run trains, to have more or less levermen? Now, it is also a manifest fact that if they run trains they have to have telegraph operators to report the trains and get orders?

Mr. Eddy: But it is not necessary to have every telegrapher on the job.

Mr. Morse: Well, under present conditions, they do not have every telegraph operator on the job.

Mr. Eddy: They do not where the Sunday rule is in operation.

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Mr. Wharton: In dealing with the question of wages, Mr. Eddy, have you given any consideration as to the percentage of increase resulting from Supplement No. 10?

Mr. Eddy: We have endeavored to do this, Mr. Wharton: We took some specific cases and endeavored to find out what it meant. We find that in some cases it does mean an actual reduction in pay as against General Order No. 27.

Mr. Wharton: Yes; I understand that. That exception would come, I suppose, in any general adjustment, unless the increase was based upon conditions that were provided for in General Order No. 27, unless there was an abnormally high percentage of increase; but what I had in mind was as to the general percentage of the increase as compared with the total.

Mr. Eddy: No; we have not got those figures, Mr. Wharton. I think I know what you want, but we did find some very important things when we attempted to investigate the question. We found that Supplement No. 10 did not maintain the same comparative rates after a reduction had been made to an hourly basis. In other words, or, to make it clear, we will take, for instance, two positions on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, where those men are paid on a weekly basis. One man is paid \$18, and the other \$21. The first man works six days, and the other man works seven days, and in applying Supplement No. 10 in the method there provided for arriving at the hourly rate, we find that when we get through we have one man who has been on the 6-day basis—

Mr. Wharton: Is that the \$18 man?

Mr. Eddy: Yes—receiving a higher rate per hour than the man receiving \$21 originally.

Mr. Wharton: They were working how many hours a day?

Mr. Eddy: They were working the same number of hours per day, Mr. Wharton.

Mr. Wharton: Well, how many?

Mr. Eddy: Eight hours per day, if you like. Either way would get it—the same number of hours per day.

Mr. Gaines: One man was a 7-day man, and the other was a 6-day man?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Mr. Gaines: And in working it out, you found that the hourly rate for the 7-day man was higher than the hourly rate for the 6-day man?

Mr. Eddy: Yes. The method provided for in Supplement No. 10 will do that.

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Mr. Morse: Let us work that New Haven proposition out in detail there.

Mr. Eddy: All right.

Mr. Morse: Go ahead and give us in detail, showing how you got those figures, and where you got them from.

Mr. Eddy: You did not get the problem, did you?

Mr. Morse: Yes; I got the problem, but I did not get the figures. I would like to have you give me the figures. Those two men, one working for \$18 a week, and the other for twenty-one; you said, as I understand it, under Supplement No. 10 the man getting \$18 a week would be paid a higher rate per hour than the man receiving \$21?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Mr. Morse: Now, figure that out.

Mr. Eddy: If the Board desires it, Mr. Ross of the New Haven is here, and he will explain what he has in mind in that connection. I will say that, perhaps, I did overlook the fact that there was a different arrangement provided for weekly men than for monthly men. I had monthly men in mind, because the monthly men are the fellows whom I represent. If you would like to have Mr. Ross do so, he will tell you what he has in mind in that connection, as to the application.

Mr. Morse: Well, is it worked out the way you said?

Mr. Eddy: I will take that back, Mr. Morse.

Mr. Morse: All right.

Mr. Eddy: And let him do that.

Mr. Morse: I did not know but what my figures were balled up.

Mr. Eddy: All right.

Mr. Gaines: We will hear Mr. Ross after you get through, Mr. Eddy.

Mr. Eddy: Yes; all right.

Mr. Gaines: We would like to have that for the record.

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Mr. Eddy: Mr. Mulhall has handed me a statement which he has prepared, and if it

is satisfactory to the Board, I will file that with the stenographer.

Chairman Sines: File it for the record. (The statement referred to is as follows:)

Statement of Ticket Commissions Paid On the I. C. and Y. & M. V. R. R.

	Average	Average
	Wage Including Scale on Monthly Commis- Basis	Difference in Monthly Commis- sions
Illinois Central—		
Kentucky Div.....	\$80.11	\$91.48
Tennessee Div.....	86.97	94.78
Yazoo & Miss. Valley—		
Memphis Div.....	86.30	107.36
Vicksburg Div....	79.70	98.26
New Orleans Div.	79.74	88.58

The above is the general average per month for the year 1917. That schedules for the above roads show the salary, but there is nothing to indicate they receive a ticket commission. The rate of commissions run from 2 to 10%, smaller stations receiving the higher rate and large stations the lower rate.

At each schedule negotiation the above positions have always received their proportionate increase just the same as other positions, that is, when a percentage increase was granted it was so applied. The last three schedule revision was based upon a certain amount per man per position and the above division granted the same amount per man as divisions where no commissions are paid.

When General Order No. 27 was applied the average ticket commissions for the year 1915 was added to the salary in effect on Dec. 31st, 1915, and the total used as the basis to obtain the amount and this amount then added to the salary as shown in the wage scale which made the new rate.

The total amount of salary and ticket commissions is made up in one check and paid semi-monthly by the railroad company. The men on the above divisions feel that their average ticket commissions for the year 1917 should be added to the salary and the total used as the basis to determine their hourly and over-time rate.

I C.-Y. & M. V. schedules cover 1,426 positions; 220 positions are on a combination of salary and ticket commissions. To confine this to stations, we have 743 stations represented in the two schedules, 220 agents getting ticket commissions.

Mr. Dermody: Mr. Eddy, referring to the railroads that you have named, on how much of the Illinois Central System is the ticket commission paid? It is only on a small portion of two divisions as compared with a total mileage of about six or seven thousand, is it not?

Mr. Eddy: I could not answer that, but

it is my understanding that it is a small portion.

Mr. Mulhall: It applies to 220 positions out of 1,426.

Mr. Dermody: The portion of the C. & E. I. and the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern would not comprise a great deal of the mileage that is now under ticket commission?

Mr. Eddy: No. It is my understanding where that is in effect, it is only on some division, which has been some little isolated line by itself, and was taken over, and it has retained the former practice.

Mr. Dermody: Well, it does not seem to be as big a proposition as would be indicated by Article 8.

Mr. Eddy: No; it is not a very large proposition, in my opinion.

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STATEMENT OF MR. J. R. POWELL,  
representing C. T. H. & S. E. Ry., Division  
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Mr. Powell: On the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern, there are only about 25 positions covered by ticket commissions, and on the part of the C. & E. I., I believe it is only the Evansville & Indianapolis which is now under the management of the C. & E. I., and perhaps 45 or 50 positions are covered by ticket commissions. The ticket commission on the Southeastern ranges from \$1.50 per month to about \$10.00 I think you will find very few, if any. There is probably one position on the Southeastern that pays \$10 in ticket commissions. The rest of them run down as low as \$1.50 per month. I think on the part of the C. & E. I. known as the Evansville & Indianapolis, it will range somewhere about the same, probably a little lower.

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STATEMENT (CONTINUED) OF MR. L. M.  
EDDY.

Mr. Dermody: Mr. Eddy, it is your understanding from information that there are less than 300 positions involved in the United States?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: I do not know whether this will work out this way or not, or whether it will develop this way when you begin to work it out, but I am rather of the opinion that if you are going to consider that as a part of the salary in arriving at the hourly rate, in determining what the wages should be, it would be a lesser amount at the end of the month than the man who would receive his salary without any reference to the commissions. In other words, he could not get less than \$99.84 for 26 days. He gets the commissions plus that.

Mr. Eddy: Yes; that may be possible in some instances.

Chairman Sines: In the majority of instances, if you work it out, that will net the man less money.

Mr. Eddy: I will be glad to work that out and submit that information to you in the morning, or whenever you desire it.

Dealing with the other questions which I have contained in the brief, I want to refer to vacations with pay. That is dealt with in the brief, and I would just say in connection with it, that our vacation rules do not apply to all of the railroads in the country, but they do apply to some of the railways, and they are generally considered as rest rules.

We say in Article 9 with reference to agreements or practices:

"Agreements or practices more favorable to the employees should remain in effect."

That is, any agreement more favorable to the employee, whether or not it be changed by an order, should remain in effect.

Just while I am on that, I would like to call the Board's attention to a condition on the Boston & Maine Railway, where a minimum pay of 4 hours is used as payment for a special call.

Chairman Sines: Where the minimum is 4 hours for a special call, how is that paid for?

Mr. Eddy: I will ask Chairman Bode to answer that question.

Mr. Bode: Pro rata.

Mr. Eddy: It is paid for now at the pro rata rate.

Chairman Sines: That might continue at the pro rata rate, then.

Mr. Eddy: Continue the arrangements for it?

Chairman Sines: At the pro rata rate. If it is more desirable than time and a half, we will continue it at the pro rata.

Mr. Eddy: It is four hours, and this provides three hours.

Chairman Sines: At time and a half, four hours' pay to the men?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: In other words, this is more favorable?

Mr. Eddy: In one case he gets four hours' pay, and in this case he gets three hours.

Chairman Sines: Yes; he works four hours for it.

Mr. Eddy: Will you answer that?

Mr. Bode: They can hold it four hours, if they so desire. He gets four hours' pay on a pro rata basis whether he works fifteen minutes or four hours.

Chairman Sines: And under this Supplement No. 10, if he works four hours, he gets six hours' pay?

Mr. Bode: I guess, perhaps, it would work out that way. Now that you call my attention to it, I guess it would work out that way. What we had is better than Supplement No. 10; that is all.

Chairman Sines: I am just saying that I do not think it is nearly as good.

Mr. Bode: No; I do not know as it is, now that I see it.

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Chairman Sines: Are there any questions that you want to ask Mr. Eddy, gentlemen?

(No response.)

Chairman Sines: We will adjourn until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

(Whereupon, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., the further hearing of this case was adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday December 11, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m.)

Chairman Sines: Go ahead, Mr. Eddy.

Mr. Eddy: Mr. Chairman, yesterday the Board indicated that they would like some concrete information. Several of our General Chairmen have endeavored to prepare that, dealing with their own railways, and they would be glad to submit that information to the Board. If that permission is granted, they will do that, and then I will conclude in about five or ten minutes whatever I have to say on the case.

If you will allow me, I will name the General Chairmen who are ready to do that.

Mr. F. F. Cowley—

Chairman Sines: I would suggest this, Mr. Eddy. You want these chairmen whose names you mentioned to explain their situation before you finish?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: Then, I would suggest, that instead of calling off all of their names now, you call them off as they come on.

Mr. Eddy: All right.

Mr. Cowley has prepared a statement which he would like to submit to the Board, dealing with the situation on the railroad that he represents. He will be glad to do that now..

Chairman Sines: What road do you represent, Mr. Cowley?

Mr. Cowley: N. Y., C. & St. L.—New York, Chicago and St. Louis.

I wish to call your attention briefly to the conditions now existing and the desires of the men I represent on the N. Y., C. & St. L., with respect to Supplements 10 and 11 to General Order No. 27.

Effective date:

Inasmuch as our request was based on January 1st, 1918, and the rates established by the above-named supplements were added to the rates in effect on January 1st, 1918, we feel that in all fairness the rates should be retroactive to January 1st, 1918.

In this respect I would like to call your attention to the fact that in the case of a number of railroad employees this has been done, and we feel that to do otherwise with our men means discrimination.

**Representation:**

Our men desire that non-telegraphic agents, linemen and dispatchers be included in telegraphers' schedule inasmuch as a majority of those men are now members of this organization and we request that this right be given us.

**Hourly rates:**

Under Supplements 10 and 11 the majority of our men will come under the forty-eight cent minimum rate. The men strongly protest against this rate and desire to again call your attention to our original request for minimum hourly rates of pay which the men feel are fair for the class of service performed, and in keeping with other rates which have been granted heretofore by this Board. I desire to call your attention to conditions existing upon the above railroad with respect to rates of pay.

On January 1st, 1918, our men were averaging 24 cents per hour. Car inspectors averaging 25 cents per hour, linemen 27 cents per hour, after General Order No. 27 Supplements for ten and eleven. Car inspectors were raised to basic minimum of 45 cents per hour and to this rate was added 13 cents per hour making rate of 58 cents per hour. Linemen were raised to basic minimum of 55 cents per hour and to this was added 13 cents, making minimum of 68 cents per hour; our men were increased to basic minimum of 38 cents per hour and to this basic minimum was added 13 cents, making minimum of 48 cents. The men I represent are at a loss to understand why such increases have been given to the above-named classes who on January 1st were receiving rates below those paid our men. They feel and insist that the same consideration as shown those employees be shown them, and to do otherwise means discrimination to our class.

**Hours of service:**

The men desire the eight consecutive hour day, not the eight consecutive hours within a spread of nine.

**Sunday and holiday pay:**

In view of the close confinement in which the majority of our men are kept while on duty and the penalty imposed upon them by having to work on Sundays and legal holidays, they feel that our request for double time is but fair and just.

**U. S. Mail:**

The men insist upon being relieved from handling United States mail.

**Vacations with pay:**

On January 1st, 1918, our men enjoyed 12 days annual vacation with pay; they desire that this be continued.

**Agreements and practices:**

The men desire that agreements or practices more favorable to the employees remain in effect regardless of changes in those supplements.

In conclusion I would like to say that the men I represent are very much dissatisfied with Supplements 10 and 11, and unless consideration is granted us in line with the statements which I have made, they will not be satisfied.

Mr. Morse: Are you through with your statement?

Mr. Cowley: I am through; yes, sir.

Mr. Morse: I would like to ask you about that 34-cent rate. Is that the average rate of an operator on January 1, 1918?

Mr. Cowley: That is what I said; the average rate; yes, sir.

Mr. Morse: That would be a 26-day month at \$72.72?

Mr. Cowley: Yes.

Mr. Morse: Now, Supplement No. 10 gives him \$99.84, or an increase of \$29.12. Getting back to the comparison with the carmen, are you familiar with Supplement No. 4 in a general way?

Mr. Cowley: Well, partly, yes.

Mr. Morse: You understand that that 58-cent rate did not apply until after the men had four years' experience, do you not?

Mr. Cowley: Yes; that is true.

Mr. Morse: You must have four years' experience?

Mr. Cowley: Yes.

Mr. Morse: Now, that 48-cent rate which is established by Supplement No. 10 does not require four years' experience, does it?

Mr. Cowley: No; it does not.

Mr. Morse: That is the minimum; a man gets 48 cents the first day he goes to work, does he not?

Mr. Cowley: That is true.

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Mr. Morse: Now, in your agreement, stations where one telegrapher is employed in 24 hours, 11 hours, commencing between 6 a. m. and 8 a. m., including meal hours, to constitute a day's work. I do not want your highest position, but your minimum position.

Mr. Cowley: About \$70 position.

Mr. Morse: Now, that fellow worked how many hours a day?

Mr. Cowley: According to his assignment, 11 hours—ten hours and meal hour, 11 hours.

Mr. Morse: How many days a month?

Mr. Cowley: Twenty-six.

Mr. Morse: His assignment did not include Sundays?

Mr. Cowley: No; he got extra time for Sundays.

Mr. Morse: Twenty-six days at 11 hours. That would be 286 hours a month, would it not?

Mr. Cowley: Yes, sir.

Mr. Morse: That would be 25 cents an hour, would it not?

Mr. Cowley: Yes, sir.

Mr. Morse: Now, that fellow got a 23-cents an hour raise, did he not, under Supplement No. 10?

Mr. Cowley: That is excluding General Order No. 27, yes.

Mr. Morse: Yes; he got a raise of 28 cents an hour.

Mr. Cowley: Yes.

Mr. Morse: Or a raise of \$67.84 per month. That is practically 100 per cent. Now, under your rules, you have a rule, have you not, that pays a man for a call on Sunday, outside of the scheduled assignment, 50 cents for the first hour?

Mr. Cowley: Yes, sir.

Mr. Morse: What does he get under Supplement No. 10?

Mr. Cowley: He gets a minimum of 2 hours at the overtime rate.

Mr. Morse: He gets three hours at the minimum. If his rate was 48 cents, he would get three times 48 cents or \$1.44 for each call, as against 50 cents?

Mr. Cowley: Yes.

Mr. Morse: Or practically three times as much?

Mr. Cowley: Yes.

Mr. Morse: Now, if that man works 11 hours under Supplement No. 10, the same as he did prior to Supplement No. 10, he would get \$5.28 a day, would he not?

Mr. Cowley: For 11 hours?

Mr. Morse: Yes.

Mr. Cowley: That is, if he works.

Mr. Morse: Yes; I say if he works, he would get more than that; he would get \$5.22 a day for 26 days, or \$143.52 a month, or an increase of about 118 per cent?

Mr. Cowley: That is, if he worked, yes.

Mr. Morse: Yes.

Mr. Cowley: Well, I want to state to you, from information that I received before coming here, he will not work 11 hours a day.

Mr. Morse: Well, is that a fact that most of these one-man stations—I do not just see how they can cut it down under 11 hours and get away with it, do you?

Mr. Cowley: I know that the superintendent on the division where I worked, after this supplement came out, told those agents that it must be brought down to eight hours, if at all possible.

Mr. Morse: Now, take a station where the 11-hour spread is usually inaugurated to take care of trains or to satisfy the public demand. What I am getting at is this: Will the public and the train service permit them to cut those hours materially?

Mr. Cowley: It will, on our road.

Mr. Morse: In other words, they will have a closed station sixteen hours a day?

Mr. Cowley: In the majority of cases, yes.

Mr. Morse: Do you represent the entire railroad, or only a certain portion of it?

Mr. Cowley: Yes, sir; I am chairman of the entire railroad.

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Chairman Sines: In other words, applying that the country over, it would mean

that the minimum increase would be something like 40 cents an hour for every operator in the United States. That is the plan that you laid down here before us.

Mr. Cowley: That is it. That is fair.

Chairman Sines: It is so ridiculous and so nonsensical that it is laughable, and it is just such things, if you will pardon me for saying so, that are presented to wage boards, no matter how kindly disposed they may be from the standpoint of laboring men, which take the force out of any arguments that you may present to us.

Mr. Cowley: I do not agree with you there.

Chairman Sines: You have a right to your opinion, sir.

Mr. Eddy: Are you finished with Mr. Cowley, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Sines: I have no further questions.

Mr. Eddy: Just before I call the next general chairman, I wish to say that I am not familiar with Supplement No. 4 at all, and I would like to ask you, Mr. Wharton, to enlighten me as to whether the men shown in Section 2-A on Article 2 are the linemen and car-repairers to whom Mr. Cowley referred?

Mr. Wharton: I really did not get him, as to what he did refer to.

Mr. Eddy: I understand he referred—

Mr. Wharton: He used two different terms. There is a difference between an inspector and a car-repairer.

Mr. Eddy: I understood him to refer to the car-repairer who does the car repairing on the line, outside the shop, in other words.

Mr. Wharton: There is a large number of them who are employed in every yard.

Mr. Eddy: Yes, sir.

Mr. Wharton: As a general proposition, their hourly rate will compare favorably with any hourly rate in effect for car men.

Mr. Eddy: Second-class electrical workers include linemen on the railroad?

Mr. Wharton: All the linemen.

Mr. Eddy: Yes; and do those men come under Article 3 also, where a minimum of 25 cents per hour is paid to an apprentice?

Mr. Wharton: If they are employed as apprentices. It applies to the trade of electrical workers, the same as it does to any other trade. The apprenticeship provision applies to all trades.

Mr. Eddy: That is what I want to get.

Mr. Wharton: Yes.

Mr. Eddy: It applies to every trade?

Mr. Wharton: Yes.

Mr. Eddy: Between the ages of 16 and 21; that is what it provides for, does it not?

Mr. Wharton: Yes; in that particular class. Then, there is another proviso for the helper apprenticeship.

Mr. Eddy: Yes. The point I was not

clear on was as to whether car-repairers did come under this apprenticeship clause.

Mr. Wharton: They come under the previous specification in the supplement.

Mr. Eddy: If they did not, of course, their first year's rate would be 48.5 cents. That is the point that I was not clear on.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. George E. Soyster, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, will be glad to give us some information.

#### STATEMENT OF MR. GEORGE E. SOYSTER,

representing the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, O. R. T.

Mr. Soyster: I have prepared a statement here covering an entire division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. There are 25 positions on the division.

Mr. Morse: Will you please state what division that is, Mr. Soyster?

Mr. Soyster: Yes; the Northern Montana Division.

One position, the agency at Lewistown, Mont., comes under Supplement No. 11. The balance of the positions come under Supplement No. 10. Every position on the division, with the exception of one, which is an operator working in the dispatcher's office at Lewistown, have their rate of pay under Supplement No. 10 decreased from that given by General Order No. 27.

The rate under Supplement No. 10 as compared with the rate in effect December 31, 1917, shows most of them receiving an increase of \$7.22 per month. These rates are all based on a 26-day month. All of these men, with the exception of the operator in the Lewistown dispatcher's office, had a nine-hour day. The decreases run from—three of them amount to 10 cents per month, that is, working 26 days per month, eight hours per day—90 cents for the 2 days—to \$4.69 per month.

The highest increase given by Supplement No. 10 over the scheduled rates of December 31, 1917, is \$16.80 for a 26-day month. There are several that run sixteen dollars and some odd cents. Then, about 50 percent of them run \$7.22 per month. That is the actual cash received by them per month of 26 days over what they actually received on December 31, 1917, and the column showing decreases by Supplement No. 10 over General Order No. 27 shows the actual decrease in dollars and cents, or the amount of money that they will fail to receive, but did receive under General Order No. 27.

The train service on that division is not heavy. Considerable of it is new line, and there is very little overtime, except on the line between Lewistown and Herlowton, where they strike the main line.

Chairman Sines: With your permission, Mr. Soyster, I would like to ask you a question or two right there.

Mr. Soyster: Yes, sir.

Chairman Sines: Was there a revision of your schedule between 1915 and 1916?

Mr. Soyster: Two.

Chairman Sines: Was there any increase secured during that period?

Mr. Soyster: An average of \$13.25, in addition to a reduction in hours. There were two reductions in hours for those men in that time, that is, at each revision, their hours per day were reduced one hour, and, at the same time, an increase per month granted.

Chairman Sines: So that the average is \$13.25?

Mr. Soyster: \$13.25.

Chairman Sines: Then, I would assume from that that there are none of those men on this particular division to which you called attention, but that did receive a considerable increase. Could you tell us about what the minimum increase for the number of men that you have been discussing was between 1915 and January the first, in dollars per month?

Mr. Soyster: I think so.

At Judith Gap, Mont., the rate for the agent, under the schedule of September 1, 1914, which was the one used for the basic rate—the agent was paid \$82.50 per month, which was for the calendar month, 11-hour day.

Under a revision effective August 1, 1916, his rate was \$85.

Chairman Sines: That is, the agent?

Mr. Soyster: Yes.

Chairman Sines: Agent-telegrapher?

Mr. Soyster: Agent-telegrapher; yes, sir.

Chairman Sines: All right.

Mr. Soyster: Under the schedule effective—

Chairman Sines: Still 11 hours?

Mr. Soyster: If I remember, that is a revision where he was reduced to a 10-hour day in an 11-hour period.

Under the wage scale effective September 1, 1917, and rules effective November 1, 1917, he was reduced from 10 hours in an 11-hour period to 9 hours in a 10-hour period, and his rate increased to \$95 per month. In that same revision, his month was also reduced from the calendar month to 26-day month.

Chairman Sines: His rate in 1915 or 1914 was \$82?

Mr. Soyster: \$82.50.

Chairman Sines: What did General Order No. 27 make that?

Mr. Morse: \$116.20.

Mr. Soyster: \$116.20 was his rate under General Order No. 27. I have that all tabulated, those various rates, the rates under General Order No. 27, and under Supplement No. 10, and so forth.

(The tabulation referred to is as follows:)

## THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

## C., M. &amp; ST. P. NORTHERN MONTANA DIVISION.

		Rates 12-31-17	Rates G. O. 27	Rates Sup. 10	Dec. fr. G. O. 27	Increase over 12-31-17	Actual Increase per hr. received
Judith Gap.....	A	\$ 95.00	\$116.20	\$111.80	\$ 4.40	\$16.80	\$0.08
Garneill .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Straw .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Moore .....	A	102.50	123.25	118.56	4.69	16.02	.08
Lewistown Yard.....	O	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Lewistown .....	A	145.00	153.00	170.00	(Sup. 11)		
Lewistown Dsprs. Offs.....	O	107.50	125.80	134.68	....	....	....
Hanover .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Danvers .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Denton .....	A	97.50	116.20	113.88	2.32	16.38	.08
Coffee Ck.....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Square Butte.....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Geraldine .....	A	97.50	116.20	113.88	2.32	16.38	.08
Montague .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Highwood .....	A	95.00	116.20	111.80	4.40	16.80	.08
Falls Yd.....	O	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Fairfield .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Agawam .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Forest Grove.....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Grass Range.....	A	97.50	116.20	113.88	2.32	16.38	.08
Winnett .....	A	95.00	112.70	111.80	.90	16.80	.08
Hilger .....	A	97.50	116.20	113.88	2.32	16.38	.08
Roy .....	A	95.00	112.70	111.80	.90	16.80	.08
Suffolk .....	A	92.50	112.70	109.72	2.98	7.22	.035
Winfred .....	A	95.00	112.70	111.80	.90	16.80	.08

Min. Pos.	Agent Tel. Morrison	Agent Tel. Haynes
December 31st, 1916.....	\$ 77.50	\$ 82.50
December 31st, 1917.....	87.50	95.00
Under G. O. 27.....	109.98	116.20
Under Supplement 10.....	114.92	111.80

In 1916 hours reduced from 11 to 10 for agents shown above, and in 1917 hours reduced from 10 to 9 for agents shown above.

At same time hours were reduced, rates of pay increased.

## IOWA DIVISION.

	Rates 12-31-17	Rates G. O. 27	Rates Sup. 10	Dec. fr. G. O. 27	Increase over overtime per day—26 days per month—	Actual increase per hr.
Sabula Bridge.....	DL \$ 97.50	\$121.65	\$99.84	\$21.71	\$ 2.84	\$0.0112
Sabula Bridge.....	NL 92.50	109.98	99.84	10.14	7.34	.035

If each of these men are worked four hours overtime per day—26 days per month—amount overtime at 72c per hour will be \$149.76. Third man put on would cost but \$99.84 for the 26 days, amounting to \$49.92 less.

Mr. Morse: What does Supplement No. 10 give him?

Mr. Soyster: \$111.80—a reduction from General Order No. 27 of \$4.40.

Chairman Sines: He was getting \$95 on December 31st?

Mr. Soyster: Yes, sir.

Chairman Sines: How many hours a day?

Mr. Soyster: Nine hours.

Chairman Sines: For 26 days?

Mr. Soyster: Twenty-six days.

Mr. Dermody: Did he lose the vacation in addition to that tabulation?

Mr. Soyster: He had no vacation. The only men on our line that have a vacation are the chiefs and assistant chiefs in the relay offices, and that is by practice, and

is not included in our schedule, because we could not afford to put them in there and offend the other fellows.

Mr. Morse: How do you get that rate under Supplement No. 10, Mr. Soyster?

Mr. Soyster: Under Supplement No. 10?

Mr. Morse: Yes.

Mr. Soyster: By multiplying the monthly rate by 12, dividing by 306, which is 12 months on a 26-day basis, and then dividing the daily rate by the number of hours actually worked.

Mr. Morse: Now, Supplement No. 10 gave him 13 cents an hour raise, did it not?

Mr. Soyster: Well, I can't figure it that way, Mr. Morse, for the reason that, in dollars and cents, his increase is \$16.80,

Mr. Morse: Well, maybe I do not know how to figure it.

Mr. Soyster: Pardon me, but let me finish.

Mr. Morse: Yea.

Mr. Soyster: You asked me a question, and I would like to answer you.

Mr. Morse: Sure.

Mr. Soyster: His actual increase over 1907, in dollars and cents, 26-day month, is \$16.80. In order to secure that, he works 208 hours. That is an 8-cent an hour increase, and not 13 cents.

Chairman Sines: There is not any way you can figure it that the man would get less than 13 cents an hour. There is something radically wrong somewhere.

Mr. Soyster: I have another example, that if anybody can show me 13 cents an hour in it, I would like to have it, because I don't know of anything better to tell the man than that he is going to get an increase of 13 cents an hour.

Mr. Wharton: Let us try to complete this \$95 case first. What did you figure that man earned per hour on a rate of \$95, 26 days per month?

Mr. Soyster: That is taken care of, Mr. Wharton, by a table adopted and printed in our schedule, showing where the rate per month is a certain amount, it shows the pro rata daily rate.

Mr. Wharton: Well, just what is it?

Mr. Soyster: \$96.00, for 9-hour men.

Mr. Wharton: Yes.

Mr. Soyster: Forty-one cents.

Mr. Wharton: He would go to fifty-four, then, under Supplement No. 10—54 cents an hour?

Mr. Soyster: Yes.

Mr. Morse: That is 13 cents, is it not?

Mr. Soyster: Yes. I quite agree that that would mean 13 cents an hour in his rate, but not 13 cents an hour in his earnings. He might go to one dollar an hour, but if he did not work except part of the time—

Chairman Sines: Oh, I see; they cut an hour off of that by getting him back to an 8-hour basis; is that it?

Mr. Soyster: Absolutely, because that is what happens under that theory.

Chairman Sines: I had always supposed that that is what was wanted, was to get a raise and put the men on 8 hours' work.

Mr. Soyster: That is the idea; but, of course, he will object to doing that, because, when he says he cannot live on \$116.20, he will have a hard time to do it on \$111.80, in the State of Montana, particularly.

Mr. Wharton: It is not worth arguing about, but I figure it \$112.32.

Mr. Morse: I figured \$112.32.

Mr. Soyster: On what basis?

Mr. Wharton: Two hundred and eight hours' times 54 cents.

Mr. Soyster: Two hundred and eight times 54?

Mr. Wharton: Yes; that is 26 eight-hour days.

Mr. Soyster: Understand, in our tabulation, which was agreed to by the company and ourselves, if the fraction of a cent equals one-half or more, it would count at the next above, so, perhaps, it is in that way a fraction of a cent less than the forty-one.

Mr. Wharton: Supplement No. 10?

Mr. Soyster: In figuring No. 10, you used a quarter of a cent.

Mr. Wharton: A quarter of a cent.

Mr. Soyster: That would account for the difference.

Mr. Wharton: It is always in favor of the man.

Mr. Soyster: No.

Mr. Wharton: Yes; because if it is over a quarter of a cent it goes to half a cent.

Mr. Soyster: No; \$95 divided by 208—1 I don't know whether that would give 41 or 41.6. If it was 41.5 or 40.5, it would be counted as 41 in our agreement, but not under Supplement No. 10.

Mr. Wharton: Suppose it was 40.3 cents or 40.4 cents?

Mr. Soyster: Then it is 40 cents.

Mr. Wharton: I said our proposition is in favor of the men.

Mr. Soyster: In some cases.

Mr. Wharton: In every case. It would not be less, because if his rate figured out 40 cents an hour and one-tenth, it went to a quarter.

Mr. Soyster: Yes.

Mr. Wharton: And if it was 26, it went to 50, and if it was 51, it went to 75.

Mr. Soyster: Pardon me, but that is, if the rate under Supplement No. 10 was 40.6, it would be 40.75, would it not?

Mr. Wharton: You can only see the favorable side of it, but supposing it was 40.49, then it would go to 40. No provision in Supplement No. 10 permits that.

Mr. Soyster: That is true in that case.

Mr. Wharton: In every case, it is always in favor of the men under Supplement No. 10, because it all goes up. If it is only one per cent over, it goes up to a quarter. He gets the best of it in every case.

Mr. Soyster: In this case that I am trying to show you, if it is 5-10, it goes up one-half, and certainly one-half is more than one-quarter.

Mr. Wharton: Yes; but you do not take into account, if, by chance, a man is under that half; you only see the favorable side of it. I see both sides of the question.

Mr. Morse: If he was getting 45.6 under the agreement, would he get 45.75, or what would he get?

Mr. Soyster: 45.6?

Mr. Morse: Yes.

Mr. Soyster: He would get 46.

Mr. Morse: That particular rate is 45.6.

Mr. Soyster: That is the reason he goes to the 46, and that, I say, accounts for the difference between my figure of \$111.80 and your figure of \$112 and something. That was the point that I was trying to explain, and that is where the difference came in.

Mr. Dermody: What was that rate of \$85 that you were figuring on?

Mr. Soyster: \$95. I have a copy of that if the Board wishes that.

Mr. Morse: Was that \$95 before General Order No. 27, or after?

Mr. Soyster: \$95 prior to the application of General Order No. 27. All those positions on that division ran at that time from \$92.50 per month to \$145 per month.

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Mr. Morse: How many men are employed on the St. Paul system?

Mr. Soyster: 2,261, as shown by the last schedule.

Mr. Morse: Now, what is the average wage—I know averages do not mean much, but I would like to know what the average wage is on the St. Paul road for operators.

Mr. Soyster: The average rate of pay?

Mr. Morse: Yes. Eighty-five or ninety dollars would be a good average, would it not?

Mr. Soyster: The average rate of pay on the system under the 1914 schedule was \$70.

Mr. Morse: What was it about January 1, 1918?

Mr. Soyster: On January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27, the average was \$83.27.

Mr. Morse: Now, what will those men get under Supplement No. 10, as an average?

Mr. Soyster: Well, under our last schedule, the average hours per day for the entire system was 8.6, even; that is for the entire system, the average time worked. The average monthly pay was \$83.27, which gives an average of 37.6 cents per hour, figuring it on an 8.6 hour basis.

Mr. Morse: Well, the average will get at least a 13-cent an hour increase under Supplement No. 10, will they not?

Mr. Soyster: I presume that if increases and decreases already granted are taken into consideration, that that is true, but when a man has one dollar, and has it in his pocket, if he has one dollar there, he does not believe that you are giving him two dollars when you take that one out of his pocket and hand him two dollars back. He can only see one dollar there. So it is not true in the application of Supplement No. 10, as the men see it.

Mr. Gaines: No; but notwithstanding that fact, that you bring up, that you do not see the whole thing, is because you already have had it under General Order No. 27.

Mr. Soyster: I would like to cite you more extreme cases than what I have.

For instance, on the Mississippi River Branch, crossing from Savannah, Ill., to Sabula, Iowa, the position known as Sabula Bridge, there is a day and night leverman. They operate the draw and operate an interlocking plant. There are three main lines approaching the bridge at the West End, and two main lines approaching it from the East End. The bridge is a gauntlet. They were receiving on December 31, 1917, \$97.50, the day leverman. He had an 11-hour day, that is, he worked 12 hours including the meal hour.

Mr. Gaines: How many days a month?

Mr. Soyster: A 26-day month basis. He received under General Order No. 27 a rating of \$121.55. Supplement No. 10 reduced him to \$99.84—a decrease of \$21.71 for his 26 days.

Mr. Gaines: That is figured on an eight-hour basis?

Mr. Soyster: Absolutely, because that is all that gentleman is going to work, for this reason: Should they work the day and night man each four hours overtime, that overtime would amount to \$149.76. Time and a half would be 72 cents an hour. A third man can be added, working eight hours, \$99.84. So I do not believe there is anybody connected with our railroad in official capacity that is going to be foolish enough to pay \$49.92 premium in order to work two men instead of three. So that that man's earnings are actually reduced.

Mr. Wharton: You do not consider the question of a few hours—three or four hours a day—worth anything to a man?

Mr. Soyster: We have not in the past. It is worth something to him, yes, but in salary, not a reduction of hours. All of these men formerly worked 12 hours or more.

Mr. Wharton: You did not have very much success with these men you are referring to, because, if what you are saying is correct, they are still working 11 hours.

Mr. Soyster: There are only 48 of those left on our line.

Mr. Wharton: Well, if there are only 48 out of 4,200, and if that ratio goes all through the line, the great majority of your men have been materially benefited, and certainly they have not been hurt very much, and if you carry out what is generally considered to be the principle of the organized labor movement for a reduction in hours and a decent wage, it seems to me it is not such a bad situation as it might be.

Mr. Soyster: There are 122 positions that are working an 8-hour day, 987 working a 9-hour day, and 48 working an 11-hour day, a total of 2,261.

Mr. Dermody: Mr. Soyster, Supplement

No. 10 calls for 8 hours to constitute a day's work, does it not?

Mr. Soyster: That is my understanding.

Mr. Dermody: Within a spread of 9 hours?

Mr. Soyster: Yes, sir.

Mr. Dermody: Then, any earnings that may be figured over and above that in the matter of overtime is only problematic?

Mr. Soyster: In my opinion, Mr. Dermody, it would be just as consistent to say that a man could, by working 8 hours more, double his salary.

Mr. Dermody: There is no guarantee that he will work that or any part of 8 hours, in order to double his salary, or even work one hour over the eight.

Mr. Soyster: No.

Mr. Dermody: And you regard figuring a man's earnings on the probable overtime as an incorrect basis of figuring earnings?

Mr. Soyster: Our committee has always had access to the payrolls of the company. We frequently check the payrolls and the overtime. It has always been proven by every check, that when overtime increased the rate per hour, or the minimum per hour, the payroll, in dollars and cents, showed a decrease in the amount of overtime.

Mr. Dermody: That means, as the rate advances the overtime is eliminated by some means of operation?

Mr. Soyster: Yes, sir.

Mr. Wharton: I have always understood that it was the claim of the labor organizations, and I am glad to hear that confirmed by your experience.

Mr. Soyster: It has always been our contention for a higher overtime rate, so as to prevent it being worked.

Mr. Wharton: I think that is a very fine condition, and I trust that if the conditions that are outlined in Supplement No. 10 are continued in effect, it will discontinue the practice of overtime, and I think the men will be better off.

Mr. Soyster: They undoubtedly would if the rate was sufficiently high to enable them to do that, but a man who has been earning each month for 26 days \$121.55, without working overtime in excess of his regular hours, will not feel very good about getting \$21.71 less than that now.

Mr. Wharton: Do you suppose he would be agreeable to continuing to work 11 hours in a spread of 12 hours, in order to make that \$121, as compared with the other rate at 8 hours?

Mr. Soyster: He might, perhaps, be agreeable to it, in order to get that money, but I do not believe he would agree with the principle involved.

Mr. Wharton: I am not a believer in averages, when it comes to a question of applying them to an increase, but they fur-

nish information as to a general situation only. Your statement was that the average pay was \$83 per month on January 1, 1918?

Mr. Soyster: \$83.27; yes, sir.

Mr. Wharton: That could not be any less under Supplement No. 10 than \$110 a month.

Mr. Soyster: The average rate after the application of General Order No. 27 was \$98.62. That is the money that the man was receiving.

Mr. Wharton: Yes; and under Supplement No. 10 they could not get less than an average of \$110.22. All you have to do is to figure that up.

Mr. Soyster: I have not had time to figure that.

Mr. Wharton: Well, let me show you how easy it is. You take 13 cents an hour and multiply the number of hours on a 26-day month, and that brings you \$27.04. Now, there is not a man on your system that has not had, on the average, that amount of money put onto his earnings as compared with the rates in effect on December 31, 1917, \$27.04. The average rate was \$83 a month. You simply add \$27.04 to that, and it brings the average for the system to \$110.04.

Mr. Soyster: There are 163 positions on our system that show a less rate of pay under Supplement No. 10 than they do under General Order No. 27.

Chairman Sines: That is because the hours are reduced to eight?

Mr. Wharton: But in real money now.

Mr. Soyster: The average hours for all men on our line, as I said, are 8.5. That is, of course, figuring on the basis of even eight hours.

Mr. Wharton: Does this average of \$83 apply to that number of hours?

Mr. Soyster: Yes, sir.

Mr. Wharton: You take 26 eight-hour days and multiply them by 13 cents an hour, and that brings you \$27.04 for a straight 8-hour day, 26 days a month, and if you add \$27.04 to your average of \$83, based upon 8.5 hours per day, you come out of it with an average rate—and this is real money that I am talking about now—if they work 8 hours, then what the men will get on your system in their monthly earnings will be \$110.04, instead of \$83. That is the difference between the rate in effect on December 31, 1917, and the rate established by Supplement No. 10.

Mr. Soyster: Working only 8 hours per day?

Mr. Wharton: Yes, sir. Well, it is there. That is what the payrolls will show that the men get if they work—

Mr. Soyster: If they work.

Mr. Wharton (continuing): —eight hours.

Mr. Soyster: The same hours that they did before.

Mr. Wharton: Now, if they work 8 hours 26 days a month, that is exactly what they will get, \$110.04, if the average was \$83 on January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27.

Mr. Soyster: I would imagine that our general manager and myself have been unable to read Supplement No. 10 then.

Mr. Wharton: Well, I will agree with that if you come to any other conclusion.

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Chairman Sines: What was your average under General Order No. 27, Mr. Soyster? You gave it a moment ago, but I have forgotten it.

Mr. Soyster: \$98.62.

Mr. Wharton: \$98.62?

Mr. Soyster: Yes. I have that separated, east lines and Puget Sound lines, if you care to have it. The east lines were \$94.97, and the Puget Sound lines were \$113.73.

Chairman Sines: Another question, Mr. Soyster:

Under General Order No. 27, what was the average per cent of increase that your men received?

Mr. Soyster: I do not know what the average per cent was, Mr. Sines, because of the fact that we do not care to figure percentage on our line, on account of the differential existing between these lines and the Puget Sound lines, on account of location.

Chairman Sines: Nevertheless, General Order No. 27 was a percentage increase.

Mr. Soyster: Oh, I believe I have that, too.

Chairman Sines: That is what I am getting at.

Mr. Soyster: Yes.

Chairman Sines: Yes.

Mr. Soyster: The increase given to our men, the actual increase, was 18.3 per cent; under General Order No. 27 over the basing rates of 1915, 40.9 per cent. The average gross increase by General Order No. 27, in dollars and cents, was \$28.62 per position.

Chairman Sines: Pardon me for asking you to repeat those figures. I did not get that.

Mr. Soyster: \$28.62.

Chairman Sines: I mean the percentage increase over the 1915 rate.

Mr. Soyster: 40.9, and in dollars and cents, \$28.62.

Chairman Sines: In other words, General Order No. 27 meant an average increase of 40 per cent?

Mr. Soyster: Over the 1915 rate.

Chairman Sines: Over the 1915 rate.

Mr. Soyster: That is the gross increase; yes.

Chairman Sines: And by Supplement No. 10 you have had 32 per cent more added on

top of the rates that were in effect. I was just trying to get at what the percentage was over 1915.

Mr. Soyster: The net increase as between January 1, 1918 rate, prior to General Order No. 28, and after the application of General Order No. 27, was \$15.35 per position, or 18.3 per cent.

Mr. Gaines: Under General Order No. 27, what would that \$83.27 figure out now, on the average rate paid?

Mr. Soyster: \$83.27?

Mr. Gaines: Yes.

Mr. Soyster: I have not had the time to complete that. They were working on it in my office before I left home. They checked up and got the General Order 27 rate. The Supplement No. 10 rate was figured out, but they did not have time to put in the increase or decrease as between those two rates; so that I do not know just what it will amount to. We expect, of course, to tabulate that and arrive at it.

Chairman Sines: What were the average wages in December, 1915?

Mr. Soyster: The average rate of pay?

Chairman Sines: Yes.

Mr. Soyster: \$70 for the system—67.24 east lines, and 81.42 west lines.

Mr. Morse: What percentages of the aggregate employees were on the west lines?

Mr. Soyster: There were on the east lines 1832, and the Puget Sound lines 429, in the last schedule.

Chairman Sines: Mr. Soyster, taking your average wages in 1915 at \$70 per month, on the hours they were working, and then taking the base now of \$110.04 per month for the 8-hour day, that would mean that from 1915 up to the present time they had received an increase of a fraction over 57 per cent, and, in addition to that, the hours have been reduced from whatever they were down to an 8-hour day; so that, to say nothing of the reduction in hours at all, the percentage increase to your men has been 57 and a fraction per cent. I think it can be demonstrated that that represents a higher percentage of increase than any class of labor on the railroads has received as an average up to the present time, or up to the time that the order for your men was written out.

Mr. Soyster: That may be possible to arrive at by some method of figuring, but while we claim that a great many of our men are quite expert as accountants, none of them are able to figure that sort of a proposition, favoring themselves, when they pass out the pay checks to the other men at their station, and they find them all so much more than their own.

Mr. Wharton: Do you believe that your figures are correct?

Mr. Soyster: Yes, sir.

Mr. Wharton: That is, your average earnings for the different periods you have mentioned?

Mr. Soyster: Substantially; yes, sir.

Mr. Wharton: Let us see if you can figure this out. This is real money that I am talking about. I used the figure of 2260, representing the total number of men on your system, and I have multiplied that by \$27.04, which represents an increase of 13 cents an hour for 26 eight-hour days. That brings a total of \$62,110.40 in real money to the men whom you represent on this particular system, and for the year, it represents \$745,324.80, real money, if they work an average of 26 eight-hour days per month, that is, without any other time, and that is in addition to the average rate of \$83 per month that you have given this Board as the average earnings.

Mr. Soyster: Would you be willing to give me those figures, Mr. Wharton?

Mr. Wharton: They are a matter of record there. Anybody can get them.

Mr. Soyster: Well, I have not been out on our line since Supplement No. 10 came out. I would like to show our men something of that kind.

Mr. Wharton: Take it right out of the record. That is the official record, and anybody can buy it that wants it, or you can copy it out of there without cost.

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Mr. Eddy: Mr. Chairman, have you finished questioning Mr. Soyster?

Chairman Sines: Yes, sir.

Mr. Eddy: If so, it is getting along towards quitting time, as I understand it, and I just want to briefly close the case in the manner which the General Chairman have requested me to do.

Mr. Eddy: I desire to say that we have honestly endeavored to present information to the Board which we believe indicates the reasons why the dissatisfied condition exists throughout the country. We have honestly endeavored to do that, and perhaps two or three main questions enter into it, we believe.

We understand from what the Board said to us yesterday that the Director General has decided to deal with the question of the representation of train dispatchers and the question of an effective date outside of whatever this Board might recommend. In other words, we understand the Board has not any authority to recommend anything on those questions. Whatever is included in here, gentlemen, is with regard to that position of the Board.

We find ourselves confronted with a most critical situation, brought about by the fact that General Order No. 27 absolutely failed to meet the needs of the men. This was recognized in the rehearing held. At this rehearing, the representatives of the railroads made strong recommendations in support of our contentions, which clearly indicated to the men that they would receive

the same consideration they know others did receive.

The failure of Supplements Nos. 10 and 11 to meet the recommendations of the railroad representatives, we believe, has, to a great extent, upset the morale of the men throughout the entire country, and is responsible for forcing the condition upon us that we find does exist today.

Chairman Sines: I do not know whether I quite understand you there, Mr. Eddy, and I would like to ask you this question: You say the representatives of the railroads. Do you mean the representatives of the railroads or the representatives of the men? Which do you mean?

Mr. Eddy: The representatives of the railroads appearing before this Board in August.

Chairman Sines: That is, that Decision No. 10, as I gather it, is the opinion of yourself or the opinion of the chairmen that the recommendations made to this Board by the Regional Directors are in excess of the real money—

Mr. Eddy: Yes; that is the opinion.

Chairman Sines (continuing): —which will come to them through the application of Decision No. 10?

Mr. Eddy: Yes; that is the opinion of the men.

Mr. Dermody: In that, you are correct. The Regional Directors' recommendation was higher than No. 10, by considerable.

Mr. Eddy: Our men were both assured and led to believe that any adjustment of their case would have the same effective date as General Order No. 27, which would make it possible for them to meet the very serious economic situation prior to and since January 1st, and to meet liberal subscriptions to war loans, and so forth, in support of the Government. That is the feeling of the men.

I am endeavoring, as nearly as possible, to honestly give this Board the feeling of the men, so that the Board will understand why we are here.

Chairman Sines: I would like to ask, if you are in a position to give it, Mr. Eddy, an amplification of the statement that the recommendations of the regional directors paid more real money to the men than the recommendation contained in No. 10, specifically, if you can.

Mr. Eddy: I can recall the one recommendation wherein the regional directors recommended \$120 minimum rate for an agent-telegrapher. My understanding is that Supplement No. 10 gives him \$99.80, I believe it is.

Chairman Sines: \$120 minimum?

Mr. Eddy: Yes.

Chairman Sines: You do not know whether that recommendation was for 26 or 30 days, or whether it meant any overtime provisions in connection therewith, do you?

Mr. Eddy: I believe the recommendation was for an 8-hour day and 26 days a month. I am just speaking from memory.

Mr. Dermody: In that, you are correct.

Chairman Sines: Do you know about the overtime proviso?

Mr. Eddy: I do not recall the overtime proviso, Mr. Chairman.

The two main features which seem to be interesting the men very seriously at this time are that an insufficient wage increase has been granted them, and they seem to feel seriously the necessity for the retro-active feature which we have mentioned to you. There are other questions which are, perhaps, demoralizing to the men; for example, the vacations and rest periods which have been enjoyed by some of the men for a number of years. They do not feel that they have been compensated in a manner to offset the loss of those vacations.

The Sunday overtime and holiday request is also quite an important feature to the men. They have expressed themselves quite forcibly on that, and we have endeavored honestly, gentlemen, to place that before you.

We feel that, perhaps, we have said all that could be said.

There were a few more general chairmen who expected to take the stand this afternoon and give you some information, but we doubt very much, gentlemen, that they could add to whatever has already been given you, and we do not desire to have any more repetition than is absolutely necessary.

I wish, in conclusion, to say to the Board that we do appreciate the opportunity we have had for presenting the case to you, and trust that something will be done that will assist us in satisfying the men, and bringing about a better morale in the ranks than exist at the present time.

We thank you.

Chairman Sines: Mr. Eddy, in reference to the remarks you have just made, it must be apparent that whatever the Board may say to the Director General will be actuated or influenced by what the Director General understands Decision No. 10, or what this Board understands Decision No. 10, conveys to the men on the railroads, as well as Decision No. 11. Therefore, to develop clearly what there is in it, so that you may thoroughly understand it, and so that all the chairmen may understand it, as well as that this Board and the Director General may understand what is involved, it would appear to me essentially necessary that, first of all, the Director General should understand that you know, and be satisfied that you know specifically, that which is conveyed to the men and that which would accrue to them, as the result of the application of Decision No. 10 and Decision No. 11.

It must be apparent to you that it is not

sufficient to simply say that the men are dissatisfied with a certain thing or with those provisions, but there must be a specific pointing out of the reasons for objection to its application, or a justifiable reason must be shown for dissatisfaction.

Again, it must be apparent that, assuming that the living costs have increased to a certain percentage, that the average increase in wage has equalled, or practically equalled that increased living cost during a definite period of time, and that, in addition to the increased wage equaling the living cost, there has been conveyed to the men by the decision of the Director General a provision for punitive rates for overtime at the rate of time and a half, to all men, all these things must be specifically and intelligently pointed out to him, and this Board should be in possession of those matters, so that we can point them out to the Director General.

Therefore, it occurs to the Chairman—and I do not know to just what extent I am expressing the opinion of the other members of the Board, but they can speak for themselves on this matter, if they differ with me, or if they desire to amplify what I am about to say, they can do so—that to develop these things you should do this, and I am only making this as a suggestion, that your organization or the representatives of the organization here should formulate concrete questions involving the application or interpretation of certain provisions of Decision No. 10 and Decision No. 11. Now, no individual member of this Board would be at liberty to say to you that a certain thing meant thus and so; in fact, no one has authority to say so except the Director General, and he passes upon and decides what the interpretation shall be, based on our recommendations; and I think that should be developed, so that he may understand and so that you may understand specifically just what the interpretation of the two decisions is. You should formulate questions involving the interpretation of such things as you are not clear on, and then we can submit those to the Director General with our recommendations.

There are two courses of action in that respect that might be followed. One course of action, of course, is to take it on the individual properties, or on individual regions, where differences of opinion would arise as to the application, and those joint signed statements could be sent in here for answer. That, of course, will take some time. On the other hand, if the chairmen who are present, as well as the representatives of the organizations, before adjourning, could, in some way, arrange to formulate the specific questions to give to the Director General, that will bring a decision much more quickly.

Until that is done, I am frank to say that

I do not believe this Board or the Director General is in a position to intelligently pass upon the various phases of the questions that have been presented during the three days' discussion.

I would suggest that you do that.

**Mr. Eddy:** Mr. Chairman, might I ask, in following your suggestions, would it be, in your opinion, necessary after interpretations had been received, if they were not satisfactory, to go back and make a further presentation, or would the board be able to deal with the presentation which has already been made in that connection?

**Chairman Sines:** There are two things that are involved in this, not saying anything about what may be done. The questions that you have presented involving interpretations may, and again they may not, result in recommendations being made by this Board as to changes that would not be involved in an interpretation, and the interpretation of the question asked might bring out the very thing that would result in that recommendation being made in connection with what has been said here. I have those things in mind.

**Mr. Eddy:** Following your suggestion, Mr. Chairman, I should be very glad to transmit it to the men who are here representing the different railways, and whatever action they decide to take, of course, will be my course. I am not in a position to say at this time what will be the action of these men.

Would it, in your opinion, be necessary for us to come back to this Board, in session, to submit the questions, if that was decided upon?

**Chairman Sines:** I think I might add this: Today is the 11th. The various things discussed in connection with the application of Decisions Nos. 10 and 11 should be clear enough in your minds, so that whatever questions you may have to formulate, you do that and perhaps have them before the Board tomorrow, or the next day.

Now, in saying that, I do so with the understanding that the Director General, in meeting the representatives of your organization and arranging with this Board to grant a further hearing, has done so for the purpose of having this Board again take the matter up with him, as to further recommendations or further suggestions, before the time that he leaves the office as Director General. He desires to have that done.

My suggestion along the line of your asking specific questions is to the end that we may be in a position to see the Director General in the early part of next week; in fact, it would be necessary to see him in the early part of next week, with further recommendations, in addition to being able to tell him what we think should be the disposition of certain questions that you may ask regard-

ing the interpretation or the application of Supplements 10 and 11.

It was my thought that if that could be done tomorrow or the next day, it would assist us, in connection with what you have presented, in discussing the matter with the Director General.

**Mr. Eddy:** Yes; the only point I raised, Mr. Chairman, was as to how this will be referred to you—in session?

**Chairman Sines:** No; I would suggest that you do this: You formulate the questions that you have, and immediately and personally take them to the Director of the Division of Labor, calling his attention to the limited length of time, and asking him to immediately refer them here, and let them come to us at once.

**Mr. Eddy:** I will be glad to pass the suggestion to the men, Mr. Chairman. If there is anything that we can do to assist this Board, I am sure that every man here would be glad to do that. I say that frankly.

**Chairman Sines:** I want to make it clear that it is not necessary for you to formulate the questions of this kind if you do not see fit to do so, because, in accordance with the instructions of the Director General, we shall meet him and have something to say to him in connection with this matter as soon as we can meet him, and I think this would help us, perhaps, in what we say to him. I do not want to leave the impression that, if this is not done, we are not going to discuss the matter in some way with the Director General. We are going to do that, anyway, under his instructions and request, but I think this would assist us.

**Mr. Eddy:** Yes. I think, perhaps, the men will decide that they will be glad to do that, Mr. Chairman. They will do anything, as a matter of fact, to assist the Board in arriving at some conclusion which will adjust the situation at the present time. I will be glad to say that to the men.

**Chairman Sines:** Is there anything else, gentlemen?

(No response.)

**Chairman Sines:** Mr. Perham, have you anything to add?

**Mr. Perham:** Nothing further, Mr. Chairman. That arrangement is perfectly satisfactory to me. I will co-operate with any of the men to bring that result about.

(After conference between Chairman Sines and Mr. Alexander:)

**Chairman Sines:** I will ask the stenographer to insert these in the record.

The papers thus referred to are as follows:

Washington, D. C., December 11, 1918.  
"Board of Wages and Working Conditions,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the telegraphers employed on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad I hereby protest against the application of

Supplements ten and eleven, for the following reasons:

The increase in compensation is entirely insufficient. Double time for Sundays and holidays was not granted. Vacations were abolished which we paid for years ago. The eight consecutive hours was not granted. Train dispatchers were not included in representation. Effective date was not retroactive to January first, 1918.

The reasons stated above are the main objections to those supplements covering telegraphers and the men they desire to represent, and the men who I represent reject Supplements ten and eleven in their entirety, and request that their request as presented you in August of this year be put in effect, and this without further delay.

"Yours very truly,

"(Signed) T. H. ALEXANDER,  
"General Chairman."

"Conditions on the P. & L. E. R. R.  
"Lowest paying tower job under Supplement No. 10, \$114.00 or \$3.65 for a day of eight hours. Trainmen working the same job receives \$4.94 for a day of eight hours or \$1.29 more.

"Highest paying tower job, \$4.04 for a day of eight hours. Brakeman working the same job receives \$4.94 for eight hours or 94 cents more working same job.

"Trainmen are working about every tenth tower job, and receive trainmen's rates, and do not handle messages at all nor do telegraphing and are paid full time while posting. Telegraphers do not receive anything for posting, and handle messages, etc., which accumulate while trainmen are working their trick, and the trainmen save this work for the telegrapher, and receive a much higher rate of pay.

"(Signed) T. H. ALEXANDER,

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"Washington, D. C.

"December 11, 1918."

General Chairman L. J. Ross, representing employees of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad presented a brief covering several specific cases wherein Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27 in its application tended to the disadvantage of the employees.

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#### STATEMENT REQUESTED FROM PRESIDENT PERHAM.

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Mr. Geo. H. Sines, Chairman,  
Board of Railroad Wages and Working  
Conditions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, we submit a categorical synopsis of objections

raised against Supplements No. 10 and 11 to General Order No. 27 by representatives of the employees affected by said supplements as follows:

1. Train dispatchers, non-telegraphic station agents, and line repairers are not acceptably provided for in the supplements.

Train dispatchers have been classed as officials after being considered by us employees and treated as such by all concerned from the earliest days. The effect is that several separate organizations for train dispatchers are being fostered and hitherto favorable conditions disturbed.

Non-telegraphic station agents' positions being placed in a separate class by means of Supplement 11 creates a distinction without a difference. Causes ill feeling amongst the station agents. Promotes the cause of rival, dual and seceding organizations and in other ways interferes with progress and prospects of the men.

Line repairers' wages and conditions are covered in Supplement No. 4, Interpretation No. 1 to Supplement No. 4, Interpretation No. 3 to Supplement No. 4, these supplements and interpretations applying principally to the shop trades. The electrical workers are now raiding a jurisdiction that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has had since 1886. No complaints have been filed about wages and conditions, but there is objection to an arrangement that causes jurisdiction disputes.

2. Article 1, Supplement 10, unsatisfactory in respect to regularly assigned working days and other reasons already set forth.

3. Article 2, Supplement 10. Minimum rates requested, 60 cents an hour, 80 cents per hour, \$1.20 per hour. Retroactive date.

4. Article 5. Eight consecutive hours for all requested, also double time for Sundays and holidays.

5. Article 6. Railroad employees request to be relieved from carrying U. S. mail.

6. Article 7. Discipline and grievances; amendment suggested.

7. Article 8, Section A. Employees and officials do not understand its meaning, the general impression among employees being that where commissions have hitherto been paid on ticket sales, and for other considerations, excepting express business, compensation in such instances must be settled by the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions.

8. The matter of compensation for handling express business where employees are acting jointly for railroads and express companies neither employees or officials seem to know how to handle.

Section C. Vacation periods abolished. If pay is increased to cover, there can be no valid objection, but all should be treated alike.

The question as to whether "rest days" or

"lay off" days are to be considered as vacation periods needs elucidation before the wage rate can be decided.

Supplement No. 11 relating to separate rulings for non-telegraphic station agents' positions, it is requested said supplement be withdrawn.

Yours very truly,

H. B. PERHAM, President  
Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

National Hotel,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12, 1918.

Mr. W. S. Carter,  
Director Division of Labor,  
United States Railroad Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the General Chairmen of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers to submit the attached request for interpretations of Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27, and to request that it be handled promptly in accordance with suggestions of the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions at the conclusion of our hearings yesterday.

Yours truly,

Signed) L. M. EDDY, Chairman,  
Committee of General Chairmen.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13, 1918.

Mr. W. S. Carter,  
Director Division of Labor,  
U. S. Railroad Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the matters discussed this morning, and the submission of a request for interpretations of Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27 by committee of Railroad Telegraphers, I understand that in accordance with the provisions of Supplement No. 6-A, it is necessary for such request to have my approval as chief executive of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, therefore, in order to make it possible that such request may be received and acted upon, in accordance with Supplement No. 6-A, I herewith request that these matters be presented to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions.

Yours very truly,

H. B. PERHAM,  
President Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

#### REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATIONS OF SUPPLEMENT No. 10 TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.

##### PRAMBLE.

Define Telephone Operator.  
Define Train Director.  
Define Tower Director.

##### ARTICLE I.

(a) Does this guarantee to regularly assigned employees the protection of a full

working day month of eight (8) consecutive hours per day within each twenty-four (24) hour period?

(b) What are considered regularly assigned working days in 1918?

What is meant by the regularly assigned or established number of hours constituting a day's work?

What is meant by (exclusive of all compensation) for extra services?

(c) Why multiply by 52 weeks which equals 364 days and then divide by 365 days?

(d) Why use ten (10) hours as the divisor when the basic eight (8) hour day has been recognized by General Order No. 27?

##### MONTHLY.

Example:

1. When are 307 days used as divisor?
2. When are 312 days used as divisor?
3. When are 365 days used as divisor?

##### WEEKLY.

Example:

4. When are 312 days used as divisor?
5. When are 365 days used as divisor?
6. Why use any except 8 as divisor when basic day of eight (8) hours has been recognized?

##### ARTICLE III.

(a) Where a rate established herein is less than that established by General Order No. 27, what rate will apply?

(b) What classification and rate would an agent-telegrapher take in event telegraph or telephone wires are removed, or he is relieved of telegraph or telephone duties?

##### ARTICLE IV.

Where amounts less than \$30.00 per month are paid to individuals for special service, are such agencies to be considered as prepay stations and the individuals classed as caretakers?

##### ARTICLE V.

(a) What is the meaning of eight (8) consecutive hours exclusive of meal hour?

In case meal hour not granted, will overtime be paid for that hour?

What is the meaning of two or more shifts?

What are considered Sunday and holiday hours and what rate will be paid for such service?

(b) What is overtime?

(c) What is meant by, "When notified or called to work outside of established hours"?

How much service will be required at this minimum allowance?

(d) Can less than eight (8) hours be regularly assigned for Sunday and holiday service?

##### ARTICLE VI.

What is the meaning of "unduly burdensome"?

What is "interference with proper operation of trains"?

Who is to be the judge in settlement of such complaints?

**ARTICLE VII.**

(a) and (b) Can time limit be extended on request of the aggrieved employe or his representative?

(c) What is meant by duly accredited representatives?

**ARTICLE VIII.**

(a) What is outside commissions?

(Whereupon, at 4:45 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, the 11th day of December, 1918, the hearing in the above entitled matter was closed.)



# BRIEFS

Our motto for 1919—stay organized.

Through the efforts of their organization, the commercial telegraphers have received an increase in wages.

Two thousand three hundred and five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of December.

Our 1918 slogan has been placed in force and effect, but there are many matters of vital importance which can be improved upon and which can be corrected only by "Staying Organized."

*The attention of Mutual Benefit Department certificate holders is directed to the fact that all "war clauses" in connection with future certificates of membership and reinstatement in this department have been dispensed with.*

Railroad executives representing 125 roads and 92 per cent of the mileage of the country have issued a protest against the suggestion of Director General of Railroads McAdoo that the Government retain control of the railroads until 1924.

Ten new strikes and 23 industrial disputes were brought to the attention of the division of conciliation. Seven cases, including four of the strikes, were adjusted; 22 are pending, and four are reported unclassified. During the same period 26 cases previously reported were adjusted. These affected about 12,000 workmen.

The Court of Appeals, Baltimore, Md., has ruled that where a workman is injured through negligence or thoughtlessness on his part he is entitled to compensation under the State law which debars compensation where the worker sustained injury through "wilful misconduct." The Court distinguishes between these attitudes of mind.

Government supervision of public utilities rather than public ownership, which he characterized as "clumsy," was advocated by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, United States Fuel Administrator, in an address recently before the American academy of political and social science in Philadelphia. The Fuel Administrator said that a certain but not too pronounced deliberation in the shifting from Government control to private ownership is necessary.

At a reconstruction conference of business men, called by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Government ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones and cables were opposed.

The business men, however, urged Congress to pass legislation that would permit the elimination of wasteful competition, pooling of equipment, joint operation of terminals "and such other practices as will tend to economies without destroying competition in service."

The government at Washington is doing the sensible and timely thing by ordering that work on all public buildings shall be resumed. This is no time for haggling over small economies. The greater question involved in keeping labor employed during what might easily be a slack period, and in setting an example likely to be followed by private enterprise throughout the country, calls for consideration now. Nothing is saved, or can be saved, by postponing the return of normal conditions in industry, and these can be hastened by nothing better than by an exhibition, on all sides, of confidence in the future.

"What would be said of a world-leading democracy wherein 10 per cent of the adult population cannot read the laws which they are presumed to know?" asks Secretary of the Interior Lane in his annual report.

The cabinet official asks this question because the draft disclosed that of the

first 2,000,000 men conscripted there were 200,000 who could not read their orders or understand them when delivered or read the letters sent from home.

Secretary Lane declares that the nation spends in a year twice as much for chewing gum as it does for school books, more for automobiles than for all primary and secondary education and pays the average school teacher less than it pays the average day laborer.

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The United States Bureau of Education is trying to discourage the use of nicknames, especially designating certain classes of foreign-born Americans.

"Dago," "Kike," "Wop," "Greaser," "Mike," "Paddy" and similar names make no hit with the bureau, which maintains that such distinctions tends to promote lines of cleavage between American-born and Americanized foreign-born persons and groups.

The bureau is sending out a suggested form for a pledge to refrain from the use of such names. Schools and factories will be supplied with the proposed pledge, so that American children and adults may stop to think of the undesirability of making sport of anyone because he was not born in this country.

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Director General of Railroads McAdoo has announced the creation of Board of Adjustment No. 3 which will pass upon disputes over interpretations of wage awards between railroad executives and railroad telegraphers, switchmen, clerks and maintenance-of-way employees.

This board consists of four representatives appointed by the Railroad Administration and one each by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Shop Laborers and Switchmen's Union. Its functions are similar to Board No. 1, which includes the four railroad brotherhoods, and Board No. 2, which includes the organized railroad shop men.

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A concentrated, State-wide movement for the assimilation of returning soldiers, sailors, marines and former war plant

workers in peace time industries was formally launched at a conference of officials of the employment service of the United States Department of Labor and representatives of 15 welfare organizations.

It was declared that as soon as the holidays are over, an influx of more than 175,000 returning fighting men will begin in the State of New York. As against this number, reports received from 60 out of the 70 branch offices of the employment service in Pennsylvania indicate that, at present, there are only 31,000 places available in industrial plants. To create suitable opportunities for each and every one of the home coming men is the object of the campaign.

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The Government's policy of price-fixing during the war has received an indirect indorsement by the Federal Reserve Board, which states that "prices generally throughout the United States are showing a tendency toward a further upward movement," and that increases are particularly noticeable in commodity lines not affected by the Government's price-fixing program.

Rising prices and credit inflation, the board says, must be opposed by strictly personal economy. Despite war economy propaganda, it appears, says the board, "that many classes of the population are still spending their current incomes as freely as ever, notwithstanding prices to-day are at a record figure, because they have not yet embraced the national duty to save as a personal obligation."

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The National War Labor Board announces that since its inception last April it has made awards and otherwise disposed of 358 industrial disputes in war industries and industries essential to war production. On November 1 there were 315 cases awaiting settlement. In 69 cases hearings were had for the collection of evidence upon which awards were made. Fifty cases have been dropped or suspended, mainly for failure of complaints to urge their case. In 17 cases the board did not take jurisdiction. Thirty-three of the cases were settled between the con-

testants after one of the parties had sought the board's aid. Four cases were withdrawn and 177 were referred for settlement to other departments of the Government, under rules of the board. In all 673 cases were filed with the board between April 1 and November 1.

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At a meeting of presidents of life insurance companies one official stated that from a study of statistics he has reached a general impression that deaths resulting from the Spanish influenza epidemic in this country totaled in the neighborhood of 400,000, which, he said, meant an economic loss of 10,000,000 years.

The average age at death of all the cases submitted was 33 years. "This new form of influenza," it was stated, "has been taking the young and vigorous--those whom we expected to undertake much of the world's work. We may say that there is an average economic loss of about 25 years of active life in the case of each of the thousands of deaths from influenza. In the 1889-91 epidemic of influenza, the old and feeble seemed most liable to succumb. This condition does not seem to hold now and millions of the best years of life have been stolen by this scourge." From the Grand Division page in this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, it will be noted that the Mutual Benefit Department is in the midst of its "flu" toll.

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"If an industrial casualty list were printed daily, as the war casualty lists are printed, the public would be appalled," said Lieut. Col. Harry E. Mock, of the army medical corps, before a conference of industrial physicians and surgeons in Philadelphia.

"The casting of valuable workers on the scrap heap must cease," said Col. Mock. "With the cessation of immigration and the increased demands on our industrial resources America must conserve her man

power if she intends to maintain her economic supremacy.

"This conservation may be accomplished by the prevention of accidents, by industrial hygiene and sanitation, by adequate medical and surgical care of disabled employes, and by adequate compensation during periods of disability and better living and working conditions."

Lewis T. Bryant, Commissioner of Labor of New Jersey, said the problem of caring for industrial cripples is just as important as the problem of caring for disabled soldiers.

Prospective loss to the United States Government, through the operation of the railroads, and insuring fixed returns to the companies, has been reduced to about \$200,000,000 for nine months, ended October 1, from approximately \$500,000,000, the threatened loss several months ago. This is indicated by the Commerce Commission's report that the net sum the Government will receive from operations of leading railroads for nine months is \$518,656,000.

The share of the estimated \$950,000,000 guaranteed return for the year due railroads from the Government for this period is calculated at a little more than \$700,000,000. This does not take into consideration sums lent to railroads by the Railroad Administration for financing improvements, equipment purchases and for similar purposes.

Railroad Administration officials predict that by the end of the year the Government's loss will be reduced to less than \$100,000,000, and this will be recouped later in increased earnings from greatly increased freight and passenger rates.

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The armistice not only cripples Germany from a military standpoint, but has supplemented this condition by economic restrictions. In the east fertile agricultural lands, captured from Russia and Roumania, are restored to those countries, and German soldiers must retire from East Africa.

In western Europe Germany loses val-

uable industries, priceless mineral lands and fortified cities. The allies will hold the territory between the Rhine and Germany's western boundary until new boundaries are settled at the peace table. The evacuated section includes about 20,000 square miles in extent, with a population of 9,000,000.

Alsace-Lorraine, which was wrested from the French in 1871, is included in this territory and is one of the richest units of the empire. It contains great iron ore deposits, which is one of the principal sources of Germany's supply for the manufacture of war munitions. Its coal fields are extensive and its textile industries are among the most important in Germany. In this territory are the fortified cities of Metz, Strassburg and Mainz, which are among the principal fortresses of Germany.

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Some time ago it was said that more than 90 per cent of our soldiers had availed themselves of Government insurance. At that time the average fighting man's policy was written for \$8,000. Never before in the world's history have armies, so protected as America's, taken to the field.

There are really four separate, but correlated, acts in force. The first deals with a system of "allotments and allowances," by which the Government and the fighting man share responsibility for the care of dependents. The second bill involves the payment by the Government of compensation in the event a soldier is killed or disabled in the line of duty. The third measure is Government insurance, to the maximum extent of \$10,000, against death or total permanent disability. The fourth provision involves a program of re-education and rehabilitation of disabled men.

There is another important provision. The insurance may be kept in force after the expiration of the war and changed to ordinary forms, including ordinary life, 20-payment life, and endowment. The insurance will remain Government insurance and be non-subject to attachment by creditors.

Keep your insurance, is the advice Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo gives to soldiers and sailors holding Government insurance. These policies, he says, should be kept up by the fighters to protect their families and give them the right to convert them into other forms to be provided by the Government. The insurance may be continued for five years or converted within that time. If policies are allowed to lapse, the right of the soldiers and sailors to take other forms of Government insurance cannot be regained.

The law provides that not later than five years after the war this insurance shall be converted, without medical examination, into ordinary life, or 20-payment life, or endowment maturing at age 62, or into other usual forms of insurance, which will continue to be Government insurance. The various forms of policies which the Bureau of War Risk Insurance will write are now being prepared.

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"Every person in the military or naval service owes it to himself and to his family to hold on to Uncle Sam's insurance," says Secretary McAdoo. "It is the strongest, safest and cheapest life insurance ever written. When Government insurance is allowed to lapse the soldier cannot again obtain insurance except from private companies at a considerable increase in cost."

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Government clerks who are paid \$1,800 a year have had their wages cut in two during the past two years because of increased living costs, declared Secretary of Commerce Redfield in his annual report.

The cabinet official says it is absolutely necessary to raise wages, and impress upon Congress the need for such action.

"The cost of living bears cruelly upon those who fill the lower salaried positions," he said. "It is hardly too much to say that a clerk paid \$1,800 has had his salary cut in half within the last two years by the advance in prices. The facts are too well known to require argument. A spirit of humanity alone should lead to a radical readjustment of the entrance salaries."

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Marvin of Boone, Colo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. G. Esmay of McGregor, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. McLellan of Parsons, Kans., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Darr of Columbia City, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Jones of Ft. Wayne, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Fenstermacher of Sunbury, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Engle of Hendersdon, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Cloutier of Scotstown, Que., twin boys.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. Schwartz of Tarrytown, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. C. Bilton of New York, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ralph S. Tyson of Philadelphia, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. J. Hull of Pickering, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. C. Stewart of Clearmont, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. W. Bush of Houston, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. A. Power of Holmdel, N. J., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. H. Munzer of Voland, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Fred F. Biller of Beaufort, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. R. Hoisington of Ft. Dodge, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Frank Geiger of Bryn Mawr, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Herman Tipton of Shelby, Montana, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. A. Coincon of Maringouin, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Wilkinson, of Oregonia, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. White, of Whitefield, N. H., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Hausing, of Queens, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. S. Moorehouse, of Harvard, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jack McCoy, of Barrington, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Crawford, of Tellatobia, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Sheeley, of Salem, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Franson, of Kolze, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Clark Screws, of Anding, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Reynolds, of Black Wolf, Kan., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Patrick, of Bunker Hill, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Hermanson of Darling, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. Gygaard, of Cushing, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Ladoucour, of Howell, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Krapf, of Wapakoneta, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Farroh, of St. Thomas, Ont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Simpson, of Tunica, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. T. German, of Tipton, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. H. Parcels, of Hiawatha, Kan., twin boys.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Caswell, of Kanopolis, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. L. Thedaker, of Glendale, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Harmonson, of Tranquillity, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Doster, of Gibson, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. L. Beyer, of Quinlan, Okla., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. R. L. Hale of Div. 130, to Miss Cora Durbin.

Bro. E. L. Smith of Div. 54, to Miss Maude Brecoster.

At Philmont, N. Y., Bro. R. J. Studley of Div. 38, to Miss Alice B. Waltermire.

At Lousiville, Ky., Bro. C. S. Worham of Div. 18, to Miss Ada E. Berkeypile.

At LeRoy, Iowa, Bro. Harry E. Jennings of Div. 130, to Miss Noma C. Mitchell.

Bro. C. K. Ferguson of Div. 71, to Miss Hazel Rouse.

Bro. W. C. Ward of Div. 5, to Sister Ona Bates of Div. 5.

Bro. L. J. Bishop to Sister Hannah Olson, of Division 54.

Bro. J. G. Rawls, of Division 15, to Miss Caroll White.

Bro. J. E. Bell, of Division 37, to Miss May Furlong.

At Dover, Del., Bro. Phillip L. Wainwright, of Division 17, to Miss B. E. Moore.

At Cadiz, Ohio, Bro. C. F. Huffman, of Division 33, to Miss Etta Cox.

Bro. M. E. Anderson to Sister E. C. Olson, of Division 54.

At Menominie, Mich., Bro. A. J. Dzedzic, of Division 76, to Miss Alice Callahan.

Bro. C. K. Ferguson, of Division 71, to Miss Hazel Rouse.

Bro. C. F. Mason, of Division 130, to Miss Lula Durst.

At Parkwood, Pa., Bro. Walter G. Black, of Division 92, to Miss Ruth O. King.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. R. A. Lawrence of Div. 144.  
Son of Bro. John Roberts of Div. 76.  
Son of Bro. James E. Neeley of Div. 76.  
Sister of Bro. T. Schiel of Div. 76.  
Mother of Bro. D. F. Berry of Div. 130.  
At Echo, Minn., Bro. N. J. Berglund of Div. 71.

At Leola, So. Dak., Bro. A. C. Nelson of Div. 71.

At Mason City, Iowa, wife and son of Bro. R. A. Cummings of Div. 96.

Wife of Bro. W. G. Barnard of Div. 130.

At Port Costa, California, wife of Bro. F. V. Hill of Div. 153.

Son of Bro. O. D. Gorman of Div. 146.

Bro. Bryan B. Cofield of Div. 146.

At Fountain City, Wis., Bro. P. F. Faber of Div. 130.

At Ottumwa, Iowa, mother of Bro. D. D. Blake of Div. 130.

Father of Bro. C. H. Eaton of Div. 126.

Bro. R. M. Hanley of Div. 53.

Bro. W. E. Robinson of Div. 93.

Brother of Bro. George W. Manion of Div. 126.

At Kremlin, Mont., Bro. James Flynn of Div. 70.

Bro. Isham G. Gwin of Div. 126.

Wife of Bro. A. D. Morgan of Div. 126.

Brother of Bro. Geo. White of Div. 93.

Son of Bro. Chas. A. Head of Div. 93.

Wife of Bro. Jessie C. McGowan of Div. 93.

At Salem, S. D., mother-in-law of Bro. F. R. Lowe of Div. 76.

At Lamberton, Minn., Bro. E. H. Grundt of Div. 76.

At Plainview, Minn., son of Bro. C. L. Cady of Div. 76.

Bro. F. E. Jordan of Div. 76.

Brother of Bro. E. H. Dayton of Div. 55.

Father of Bro. C. E. Sell of Div. 55.

Sister and brother of Bro. Jas. Beldon of Div. 58.

Bro. Robert E. Denehy of Div. 53.

Brother of Bro. W. G. Harnley of Div. 45.

Sister Bessie P. Smith of Div. 43.

Sister B. E. Drake of Div. 44.

Bro. E. E. Thompson of Div. 44.

Bro. Chas. H. Sayer of Div. 42.

Bro. C. A. Wyant of Div. 42.

Bro. C. W. Decker of Div. 42.

Bro. C. S. Garner of Div. 31.

Mother of Bro. L. K. Wells of Div. 26.

Brother of Bro. Hugh Horan of Div. 26.

Wife of Bro. O. C. Olds of Div. 26.

At Birmingham, Ala., Bro. A. T. Cole of Div. 28.

- Bro. Geo. E. Bowen of Div. 30.  
 Bro. Herman H. Glade and wife of Div. 30.  
 Bro. J. H. McAllister of Div. 23.  
 Bro. A. A. Dwork of Div. 23.  
 Bro. Daniel Mowe of Div. 23.  
 Bro. Harry F. Hilgruber of Div. 19.  
 Mother of Bro. A. D. Kerwin of Div. 20.  
 Wife of Bro. R. L. Steenrod of Div. 20.  
 Mother of Bro. E. P. Babcock of Div. 20.  
 At Fife Lake, Mich., mother and brother of Bro. A. F. Bosse of Div. 17.  
 Bro. Wm. H. Hess of Div. 17.  
 Bro. E. A. Hubbard of Div. 17.  
 Bro. Geo. Cooney of Div. 17.  
 Bro. W. R. Wagner of Div. 17.  
 At Dennison, Ohio, Bro. S. F. Patterson of Div. 17.  
 At Moscow, West Va., Bro. H. E. Moulds of Div. 17.  
 Bro. G. T. Keyser of Div. 17.  
 At Mulberry Grove, Ill., mother of Bro. F. H. Matthews of Div. 17.  
 Bro. Geo. E. Danks of Div. 12.  
 Bro. J. Praskey of Div. 7.  
 Bro. J. Leslie Graves of Div. 7.  
 At Regina, Sask., Bro. V. J. Stubbings of Div. 7.  
 Wife of Bro. J. L. Boatright of Div. 6.  
 Bro. William Ross, son of Bro. W. J. Ross of Div. 4.  
 Bro. J. L. Gunter of Div. 160.  
 Bro. H. K. Belknap of Grand Division.  
 At West Dana, Ind., Bro. W. M. Westbrook of Div. 180.  
 At Gratiot, Ohio, mother of Bro. S. E. Gard of Div. 173.  
 Wife of Bro. W. A. Frost of Div. 173.  
 Bro. E. A. Grote of Div. 168.  
 Bro. F. H. Eggert of Div. 164.  
 Wife of Bro. C. L. Fisher of Div. 164.  
 Bro. Robert J. Kelly of Div. 161.  
 Bro. G. E. Rothwell of Div. 160.  
 Bro. H. W. Byam of Div. 1.  
 Daughter of Bro. W. C. Settemoir of Div. No. 3.  
 Bro. N. E. D. Cagle of Div. 53.  
 At Keddie, California, Bro. F. E. Wallace of Div. 153.  
 Wife of Bro. A. E. Smith of Div. 76.  
 At Biggsville, Ill., Bro. J. F. Brazelton, of Division 130.  
 At Chariton, Iowa, Bro. H. Johnson, of Division 130.  
 Bro. B. O. Smith, of Division 54.  
 Bro. C. H. Williams, of Division 54.  
 Bro. B. J. Swinehart, of Division 6.  
 At Caliente, Cal., wife of Bro. R. A. Greenwade, of Division 53.  
 At Bakersfield, Cal., wife of Bro. F. C. Weatherholt, of Division 53.  
 At Bakersfield, Cal., Bro. H. C. Winter, of Division 53.  
 At Flat Rock, Ky., Bro. J. A. Gastineau, of Division 62.  
 Bro. W. G. Frank, of Division 130.  
 At Blackfoot, Idaho, Bro. Guy S. Priest, of Division 172.  
 At Williard, Ohio, Bro. J. F. Walter, of Division 33.  
 At VanPort, Pa., Bro. Clarence P. Marquis, of Division 17.  
 At Big Rapids, Mich., wife of Bro. Byron Rudd, of Division 17.  
 At Java, N. D., Bro. George A. Stewart, of Division 23.  
 Bro. E. J. Mahoney, of Division 53.  
 At Graf, Iowa, Bro. R. J. Cole, of Division 96.  
 At Byron, Ill., wife of Bro. F. E. Anderson, of Division 96.  
 Bro. J. W. Hulette, of Division 53.  
 Wife of Bro. J. W. Letterman, of Division 173.  
 At Oneida, Kan., Bro. G. F. McKee, of Division 6.  
 Bro. J. H. Paterson, of Division 126.  
 At Shell Lake, Wis., Bro. B. G. Bergin, of Division 4.  
 Bro. O. L. Powell, of Division 5.  
 Daughter of Bro. C. H. Rose, of Division 3.  
 Bro. J. A. Rochon, of Division 7.  
 At Oviedo, Fla., wife of Bro. E. E. Dowling, of Division 15.  
 Wife of Bro. W. P. Mausell, of Division 8.  
 Bro. M. E. Wilcox, of Division 7.  
 Bro. A. J. Sparks, of Division 17.  
 Bro. Eph. Kay, of Division 17.  
 At Ravenna, Ohio, wife of Bro. D. A. Sutliff, of Division 17.

- Sister Stella B. McCormick, of Division 17.
- At Murfreesboro, Ark., wife of Bro. J. D. Freeman, of Division 31.
- Bro. H. F. Brown, of Division 31.
- Daughter of Bro. J. A. Pitman, of Division 31.
- Sister of Bro. W. O. McCoy, of Division 21.
- Wife of Bro. B. C. Kennedy, of Division 21.
- Wife of Bro. G. A. Perkins, of Division 21.
- Daughter and mother of Bro. W. H. Shreve, of Division 21.
- At Bristolville, O., Bro. W. A. Walling, of Division 17.
- At Jenny Lind, Ark., Bro. and Mrs. A. T. McMillan, of Division 31.
- At Stella, Neb., son of Bro. G. M. DeVilbliss, of Division 31.
- At New Haven, Conn., Bro. E. C. Terry, of Division 29.
- At Wayland, O., wife of Bro. M. P. Sloan, of Division 33.
- At Ravenna, O., wife of Bro. J. F. Titus, of Division 33.
- At East Greenwich, R. I., Bro. Philip E. Rivers, of Division 35.
- At Providence, R. I., Bro. U. J. Codere, of Division 35.
- Wife of Bro. W. A. Harron, of Division 43.
- Bro. C. H. Sayer, of Division 42.
- Son of Bro. Harry Wharton, of Division 37.
- Wife of Bro. G. R. Phillips, of Division 54.
- Bro. Claude H. Hooker, of Division 54.
- At Richmond, Ind., Bro. John P. Mungavin, of Division 17.
- Bro. Howard J. Fenton, of Division 54.
- Wife of Bro. H. S. Shafer, of Division 82.
- Wife of Bro. W. B. Shulenberger, of Division 82.
- Mother-in-law of Bro. C. F. Leatherman, of Division 76.
- Bro. A. C. Nelson, of Division 71.
- Bro. N. J. Berglund, of Division 71.
- Bro. C. H. Schroeder, of Division 70.
- Bro. R. A. Lawrence, of Division 144.
- Bro. E. C. Peters, of Division 130.
- At Beatrice, Neb., Bro. A. E. Parker, of Division 130.
- Bro. Howard R. Parmer, of Division 130.
- Bro. R. B. Carlson, of Division 126.
- Bro. J. A. McGovern, of Division 126.
- Bro. G. W. Frost, of Division 126.
- Sister Grace Sawyer, of Division 126.
- Bro. N. J. Yourd, of Division 119.
- Bro. I. T. Etta, of Division 119.
- Bro. G. A. Koerner, of Division 119.
- At Fillmore, N. D., Bro. Webster E. Nash, of Division 119.
- Bro. L. H. Bedard, of Division 119.
- At Centralia, Ill., wife of Bro. Walter W. Morris, of Division 93.
- At Holly Springs, Miss., Bro. K. Sommers, of Division 93.
- At Coldwater, Miss., Bro. L. D. Goolsby, of Division 93.
- Bro. J. R. Roux, of Division 7.
- At Havana, Minn., Bro. N. Randall, of Division 76.
- Mother of Bro. F. A. Fitzpatrick, of Division 93.
- Brother of Bro. F. N. Carriere, of Division 7.
- At Farnham, Que., son of Bro. J. E. Levesque, of Division 7.
- At Bethel, N. C., Bro. W. E. Harper, of Division 15.
- At St. Charles, Minn., wife of Bro. F. W. Miller, of Division 76.
- Bro. A. B. Couch, of Division 126.
- At Spring City, Tenn., Bro. H. C. Arnold, of Division 62.
- At Nemo, Tenn., Bro. John H. Vailes, of Division 62.
- At Onabrook, N. D., Bro. J. D. Robertson, of Division 70.
- Son of Bro. O. C. Matheny, of Division 54.
- Killed in action in France, Richard Rigney, son of Bro. T., and brother of Bro. and Sister Rigney, of Division 17.
- The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.
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- WANTED.
- Whereabouts of R. C. Granberry, last heard of working for the Cotton Belt in Ark. "RG," if you see this, drop me a card at Lucin, Utah. M. N. KNIGHT

Present address of Frank Hale, operator, last heard of at Chickasha, Okla. Eighteen years of age; tall, rather heavy build, blue eyes, black hair. Mother much worried about him.

B. B. HALE,  
Nordheim, Texas.

Anyone knowing whereabouts of Oler Cloud, operator, last heard of working for the Texas Midland. Wanted to settle an estate. Kindly confer with—

Mrs. BERTHA Ross,  
1509 Lincoln Way,  
LaPorte, Ind.

Information as to where I may procure a copy of John Swinton's work, "Striking for Life; or Labor's Side of the Labor Question," printed about the time of the great Pullman strike in 1894.

H. E. KEAS,  
421 3rd St., S. W.,  
Mason City, Iowa.

Present address of C. O. Lorenz, formerly of Green Valley, Ill., and Harry Regan, formerly of the Tucson Division, S. P. Important.

O. E. DUNCANSON,  
Wireless Operator,  
U. S. Naval Radio Sta.,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Present address of Opr. B. F. Kight who worked at Corsicana, Tex., in 1892.

E. E. DELAPLAINE,  
Room 813 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Opr. N. H. Walker, who worked at "CO" and "DI" offices, South Rocky Mount, N. C., during the year 1912, or any of his relatives, kindly confer with Postmaster, Rocky Mount, N. C., or the undersigned.

W. S. HALLFORD,  
524 Marigold St., Rocky Mount, S. C.

Present address of Hutto Manning, agent Little Rock, "SC EC" Division, Sal Railway in September, 1917, last heard of working for the A. C. L. Rail-

road at Robbins, S. C., in May, 1918. "Hutto, if you see this, write me at Johnsonville, S. C." H. T. CALE, JR.

Whereabouts of W. O. Parsons, last heard of working for C. of G. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

G. P. ALLISON,  
Brentwood, Tenn.

Address of L. C. Brown, telegrapher, formerly from South Carolina.

W. F. SILVA,  
12 Elm St., Middleboro, Mass.

Present address of R. H. Toler, who worked with me in Florida and at Palmer, Ga., in 1913-14. "Bob, drop me a line at New Market, Md."

R. B. SNYDER.

Present address of Alonzo H. May, who worked for K. C. S. about six or seven years ago. Anyone knowing his whereabouts, kindly communicate with

P. A. CLAPP,  
2741 Olive St., Kansas City, Mo.

Present address of F. P. or P. F. Maxler, operator. Last heard of working for L. E. & W. Ry. at "G" office, Lafayette, Ind.

A. HETRICK,  
Mulberry, Ind.

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# LADIES AUXILIARY

## SAVE THE BABIES—FOR WHAT?

(By KATE E. CARR, President.)

"It is six times safer to be a man in the trenches of France than a baby in the cradle of America." This startling statement which was made a few months ago by Dr. Josephine Baker, director, Bureau of Child Hygiene, is the slogan for the "Save the Baby Campaign" that is planned to be waged during the coming year.

America is awakening to the social value of its babies and children. And accordingly a call is going out to the women and men of the nation to save our babies—but for what?

Shall we save our babies only to have their health undermined from toiling in factories, stores, mines and fields, while minors, when they should be in school? Shall the youth of our babies be turned into poorly paid labor for the masses and undreamed-of wealth for two per cent of our people who already own and control fifty per cent of our total wealth? Shall we save the babies only to have them thrust into a life-long environment of poverty and ignorance, the results of which make it necessary for our government to spend six billion dollars annually to take care of the broken-down members of society who are increasing in such alarming numbers that our institutions for the insane, feeble-minded, criminals and physical and moral degenerates, are now overcrowded?

And having asked ourselves these questions another naturally presents itself in "How shall we save them?" According to statistics, the large percentage of deaths occurring in infancy is preventable and

is caused for the most part by unsanitary conditions in communities, the congestion of houses, ignorance on the part of the mothers and the inability of the bread-winner to buy proper food and clothing with the wages which he or she receives. Summing up these details we find the paramount cause of infant mortality to be poverty, and poverty of the brand which is fostered by the buying power of the pay envelopes being insufficient to procure the necessities of healthful living conditions for the children of our workers.

In the face of this condition, one of two things must be advocated and worked for religiously. We must either prepare to wage a thorough campaign for charity, or the wage question must be made to automatically adjust itself with the increasing cost of living.

Are the children of labor going to be reared in institutions maintained by benevolent societies — nourished on the crumbs of charity, and rocked to sleep by the music of pension funds for the one purpose of filling the coffers of the over-rich? Or are we, the mothers and fathers of these children, going to decide for all time that charity is degrading to the child and humiliates the self-respect of the parent. Suppose that we are the fathers and mothers who refuse to accept charity and, instead, act as one great unit in demanding a wage which will allow us to take proper care of our offspring.

The opportunity, it seems, will present itself only when we use our one weapon of defense—"complete organization." That time is now, so let us *save the babies for the welfare of the nation and the democracy that is to be.*

**NOTES FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER.**

In reviewing the year which has now closed, the loyalty and faithfulness of our members are most commendable. The demands of the war and the many calls made upon us for assistance in accomplishing and attaining the victory which is now ours, has, of course, had its effect upon our membership, but now that the stress is over, and we have our minds at rest on so many questions of grave concern, I hope that all delinquent members will reinstate and that we will initiate many new members during the coming year.

I desire to take this means of thanking the members for their thoughtful and kind letters received from time to time. I wish to extend to not only each and every Ladies' Auxiliary member, but to all non-members as well, my hearty wishes for a most Happy New Year.

The attention of members is called to the fact that many letters have been received in a torn condition. Please see

that the contents mailed me are securely sealed before leaving your hands.

Fraternally,  
FLORENCE P. PIERCE,  
Box 33, Halethorpe, Baltimore County,  
Maryland.

**TACOMA DIVISION No. 54.**

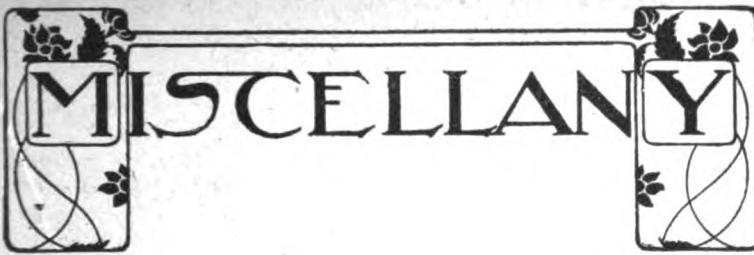
Tacoma Division of Fighting 54, Ladies' Auxiliary, held a special meeting at Centralia on the evening of November 30th, which wound up with a joint meeting of Division 54 of the O. R. T., at which Grand President Kate E. Carr addressed the gathering, explaining the advantages of the Auxiliary to the Order, and what the Auxiliary's part will be in the future.

We regret to announce the resignation of our Local President, Sister Sherwood, on account of being unable to devote the necessary time to Auxiliary work. Sister Long succeeds her in filling the unexpired term.

Owing to the vast amount of sickness prevailing, a great many members were unable to attend.

S. B.,  
Div. Cor.





# MISCELLANY

ON TIME.

"If he can only get into a natural sleep, he'll have a fighting chance," said the doctor, as he gazed meditatively through the window into the gathering twilight.

The girl, for she was scarcely more, turned a face wan and pale toward him with a look of mute appeal.

"You see," continued the physician, half to himself, "I am afraid of more opiates. He must have sleep, natural sleep. The brain is fairly tearing itself apart. Well," and he rose to go, "I will come in the morning," and he passed out the door.

The young wife gave a convulsive sob and threw herself upon the couch, burying her face in the pillows. In the adjoining room lay the young dispatcher, tossing in a fever, murmuring, ever murmuring of train numbers, sidings, extras, and sections.

Dispatcher now; operator when they were first thrown together in the offices of the B. Q. & D.; next assistant dispatcher; and one day he strode in and caught her in his arms.

"Girlie," said he, "I've got it. I'm a chief dispatcher at last, with a good salary, and I can take care of you. Get your bonnet on, for we're going to the best show in this old burg."

And now—was this to be the end? Were the hopes and ambitions for the future—but a few short weeks ago so rosy, so full 'of promise—to be dashed upon the rocks of life by the inexorable hand of death?

Noiselessly she arose and passed in to the bedside and stroked back the brown hair.

"What?" said the invalid, gazing over the foot of the bed, as though speaking to some one there. "I know I changed 'sixteen's' orders. I changed them so she'll make her time, something she has not done for a year and never could, giv-

ing the road to 'forty-seven' east of Oldport," and he half raised up in the excitement of the imaginary argument.

"She'll make her time, I tell you," he almost shrieked. "She'll make it, she'll make it. She'll have to make it. If she don't make it, I'll resign—yes, resign. U-m-m, wait and see. 'Sixteen' will make her time. Eight forty-seven she's due. You watch now—8:47 tonight. And 'sixteen' will be on the dot, or I'll resign."

"Oh," she thought, "if I could only get his watch away from him." But he held it almost continuously and consulted it every few minutes.

"Oh, God," murmured the invalid, "let 'sixteen' be on time tonight. It would break Girlie's heart, but I've got to resign, got to resign, unless old 'sixteen' blows in at 8:47. Oh, 'sixteen,' make your time tonight—for Girlie's sake—for our sake. Got to resign. I said it—got to resign."

Absently the girl gazed through the window, across the fields to the embankment where "sixteen" would pass. And she found herself echoing the incoherent words of the man she loved: "Oh, God, let 'sixteen' be on time tonight. Oh, let 'sixteen' be, be—"

"I wonder if she will be. Oh, if she only would; he might go to sleep, and then, then, the doctor said, he might have a chance, a fighting chance."

Suddenly the light of hope came to her face, and she stole from the room. Passing to the hall, she took up the telephone. What could the answer be? With a mute appeal to Providence, she called the dispatcher's office.

"Hello"—and she was startled at the hollowness of her own voice—"can you tell me how 'sixteen' is?"

"Why, she was two hours late at Oldport. Who is this?"

But the girl did not answer. She could not. She tremblingly hung up the receiver, and walked to a window and gazed

towards the embankment, now invisible in the darkness.

"Two hours late." Would it pass from his mind? No, she could hear him as he lay with his watch in his hand.

"Seven forty-five," he muttered. "An hour and two minutes, an hour and two minutes. We'll see—yes, we'll see whether she's on time or not. U-m-m, u-m-m—seven forty-six—an hour and one minute, an hour and one minute."

Plainly he was counting the minutes till "sixteen" should be due, and would continue to do so.

"Two hours late," she mused. "Oh, if it were only on time tonight, of all nights. Why couldn't it be on time! If only an east-bound train would come past at 8:47—an east-bound train—any east-bound train. But"—well, she knew the schedule. There was none due now until No. "sixteen."

"Seven fifty-one," came from the bed. "We'll see, we'll see."

Gradually the light of determination came in the girl's eye, and she passed through the hall and out the door. Stopping a moment at the house next door, she asked her neighbor to stay with the invalid, and then she hurried to the embankment and started in a westerly direction toward Beverly, where were roundhouse and siding. On she went, ever consulting her own little watch (his wedding gift) until she came to the yards. There was an east-bound local made up on the siding, which would pull out at nine-thirty.

Stealthily she crept up and satisfied herself that there was no one on the engine. An instant she hesitated. Ought she have asked the railroad to do it? No, they could not understand.

Noiselessly setting the cross-over, she climbed into the cab and waited. Eight forty-four—no, not yet. Eight forty-five—now—now. With lever way over, she tugged open the throttle as she had seen her father do on many a ride in his cab. His-s-s-s, his-s-s-s—chuh-chuh—his-s-s-s, his-s-s-s, chuh-chuh, and the empty local

began to glide out upon the main. As she shut off the drain cocks she heard excited voices along the track calling her to stop. She leaned from the window and shouted:

"Some of you close that crossover after me," and then the local began to thunder its way along in earnest when she picked up the lever.

Eight forty-seven and the train was flying past their little home at fast line speed. Right there was where "sixteen" always whistled for the city crossings, and the girl grasped the cord.

"Who-o-o-o, who-o-o-o, wh'who-o-o-o," and she longed to look toward the little house, but dared not take her eyes from the rails.

A few moments more and the local rolled to a stop at the station. As astonished officials ran up, the girl dropped from the cab.

"Take care of that train," she said, "and flag the rear, for there was nobody aboard but me," and she slipped away in the darkness and breathlessly hurried toward home.

What crime had she committed, and what did it matter? Perhaps, perhaps he was asleep. Perhaps he had a chance. The way, actually quiet a distance, seemed interminable. Finally she stumbled up the steps and into the house, and her heart almost stopped beating. What had she done? There was the doctor. Had the end—No, thank heaven, the doctor was smiling as he gazed at the invalid, whose eyes were closed and whose chest rose and fell with the rhythmic breathing of restful sleep.

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"The road," said President Johnson one day, "has forgiven you, Miss—er, excuse me—Mrs. Wilmot; and, while you did steal a train, you gave us back our dispatcher, whom we consider more valuable. Why, why, if 'sixteen' had been running under his system that night, she'd have sung him to sleep, on time, herself, Miss—er, excuse me—Mrs. Wilmot. And, now, if you don't run away, the first thing you know I shall be giving you some dictation."—By HENRY MAXWELL LUMMIS, in *Express Gazette*.

## A BRIEF INFATUATION.

I had never seen such a woman—I never hope to look upon her equal again. Seated opposite her, in a first-class compartment of the train that, leaving Berne rapidly behind us, puffed its way toward Bale, I could only gaze at her in silent rapture.

We had not exchanged a word; my unknown divinity had been absorbed in a novel, and had only raised her glorious velvet brown eyes once or twice to scan the uninteresting landscape. She, too, was a musician, a bond of unison between us that I had been charmed to observe, for she kept beside her, and guarded it with jealous care, a violin case. Mine reposed in the rack.

Suddenly my beautiful vis-a-vis dropped her book. Hastily I stooped and gave it to her, and she thanked me with a smile that revealed purest white, rather large teeth. "Shall we soon arrive at Bale?" she asked, and I thought what an exquisite contralto voice she possessed; "I am so tired." She pushed back the loose waves of ruddy golden hair that fell in profusion round her lovely face. I think it was the hair, which looked a mass of living gold when the June sunlight fell upon it, that had first attracted my attention.

"We have four hours before we reach Bale," I answered, determined, now that the ice was broken, not to let the flow of conversation freeze into silence. "You have had a long journey already?"

"Yes, and I have a weary time before me; I am going on to London."

"So," I said, eagerly, "have I. I am going to Rome. I—I am a musician—a professional. You play the violin, too?"

"Yes," she answered; "yes, I play. I love my instrument."

A strange smile parted the beautiful, though rather heavily molded lips, as she looked down at the violin case. I wished she would smile at me in such a manner, and I felt jealous of anything, even insensate wood, that took her attention from me. Doubtless I betrayed in my expression the admiration that I felt, for

she colored faintly beneath my ardent gaze, but, to my relief, she did not appear annoyed—in fact, she smiled almost too broadly to please me, and I began to fear that she was laughing at me. Perhaps I looked a little hurt, for she composed her features instantly, assuming her former expression of mournful sadness, and seemed inclined to resume her book.

"The scenery isn't much to boast about here," I observed quickly; "but that's a rather pretty chalet, isn't it?"

"Yes," she agreed; "I should rather like to live in a house of that description. So peaceful, so quiet; far removed from the roar of the world." She sighed deeply, and I instantly fell to conjecturing what shadow of sorrow had darkened that young life. I noticed that when we stopped at a station she betrayed some uneasiness, and seemed glad when the train started once more. I came, therefore, to the conclusion that she was afraid of being pursued, and I grew quite excited and determined to defend her at any cost.

"Madame," I said, rather losing my head, "pardon me if I tell you that I can see you are in trouble—that something is causing you uneasiness. Believe me when I say that I only long to help you; that you may command my services in any capacity." I spoke thus, for we were slowing down, and I saw the beautiful face opposite me pale, and a restless sigh escaped the rosy lips. She started at my words, and looked at me earnestly.

"Would you really help me?" she asked, in those low, rich tones that acted on my nervous system like music. "Ah! I need a friend."

"Then Geoffrey Wilmot is at your service," I cried, enthusiastically. "Command me to do anything and it shall be done."

"Thank you," she said, with a sigh, holding out her hand, which I took and kissed. "We are nearing ——, are we not?"

"Yes," I said, as the train steamed into an ugly little station.

"I wonder," she said, "if you would mind getting me a glass of water. I'm so thirsty."

Delighted to obey her slightest wish, I flew to the buffet, and was absent but a short time. When I returned my companion thanked me very sweetly, but barely touched the water.

"There's a commotion here," I said, cheerfully. "There are some policemen looking for a thief, I hear, who is supposed to be escaping."

At my words my companion sank back against the cushions.

"It is all over with me," she murmured. "Mr. Wilmot, you said you would be my friend. The time has come for you to prove it, if you meant what you said."

"What—what do you mean?" I asked, aghast. "Good heavens! you are not the thief?"

"Thief, no," she answered rapidly; "and it is no thief that is being searched for. I am a political refugee—I am escaping to England, the land of the free. If I am caught now, death—and worse—will be my portion. Oh, save me from a fate I dare not contemplate! Save me now, and I will bless you forevermore!"

Her agonized dark eyes gazed straight into mine, her hands clasped mine, as she poured forth the above confused tale. I felt at that moment that I would have faced a legion of Cossacks for her sake—aye, and fought them, too—deeming it gain to lose my life for her sweet sake.

I said something to that effect, and she smiled.

"But what is it I am to do?" I asked, anxiously. "Tell me and I will do it."

"You must only say when the men come that I am your sister," she said, quickly; "that will disarm all suspicion."

It was with feelings of mingled anxiety and excitement that I waited the advent of the gendarmes. They came—an official, awe-inspiring quartet—and thrust in feathered heads, looking at us with severe eyes.

"Your names," said the leader, authoritatively.

"Geoffrey and Margaret Wilmot, brother and sister." I answered, readily. "In-cognita" glanced at me gratefully. She had shaken the flowing golden locks about her face, and they permitted but a slight glimpse of its beauty.

"We must search the carriage," said the officials, and, accordingly, they did so most thoroughly, even going to the length of insisting on my Gladstone being opened and examined my collar-box, as though they imagined that the object of their pursuit would take refuge there.

"Evidently he is not here," said one of the policemen. "Come, we must go on."

"Did you hear," I asked excitedly, as the intruders laboriously descended to the platform, where an interested crowd watched their proceedings, "the man spoke of he?"

"Yes, yes, I heard," my companion answered, hastily. "Have you any brandy? I—I feel as though I should faint."

In great alarm I hunted for my flask and gave it to her. I must confess it was rather a shock to me when I saw the amount she poured out into the little cup and drank without demur.

"There," she said, with a sigh, "I feel better now, and, thank heaven, the train is moving on. I shall never forget your kindness, Mr. Wilmot—never."

She leaned toward me, so that her loose flowing hair almost brushed my face. Almost involuntarily I carried a curl to my lips and kissed it.

"Such lovely hair," I said, in apology, reddening. "Forgive me, Miss——"

"I will, perhaps, send you a little bit as a keepsake, as a memento of your great kindness to me," my companion said, bewitchingly. "No, I will not tell you my name now. Give me your address in Rome, and will write to you from London."

I complied with her request, inwardly resolved that I would not allow the friendship thus begun to lapse. "How," I said to her, with a sigh, as we steamed into Bale, "how I wish I were going to Calais. You will be quite safe, you think?"

"Quite, now," she answered, brightly. "Shall I ever forget you?"

"Shall I ever forget you?" I retorted, warmly; "never."

She was in the act of tenderly raising her violin case, but she turned and looked at me with an odd smile, a smile I could

not understand, that I scarcely liked, it seemed inclined to tremble into a sneer.

"I don't suppose," she said, slowly, "you ever will."

She said no more, but descended from the carriage, I following her, thinking how wonderfully she carried off her great height.

"We will part now," she said, pausing at the entrance to the waiting room. "Your train starts soon. Good-bye, Mr. Wilmot."

"You will not forget your promise," I said, entreatingly, "to—to write to me, to—to send me—"

I looked at her beautiful hair; she laughed, and nodded her head.

"You shall have it," she said, softly; "do not fear."

And thus we parted, and I suddenly felt that the world had grown very dark and drear.

I could scarcely wait for that promised letter from my beautiful unknown, of whose name even I was ignorant; but one day there came a parcel from London—rather a bulky one—addressed in a bold hand. I removed fold after fold of tissue paper, till at length the object of such careful packing lay before me, and I stared in utter stupid amazement and bewilderment at—a golden wig of the loveliest hair imaginable, and pinned to the scalp was a letter addressed to me. It read as follows:

You see I am keeping my word as regards sending you a lock of hair with great generosity, for I am sending you the whole blooming concern. You were a great service to me. I was afraid that I should be nabbed to a certainty, for my

violin case, I may as well tell you, contained jewels, the proceeds of a long and enjoyable tour among European hotels this winter, that were not exactly my property, though possession is, we know, nine points of the law. I may as well confess that while you were fetching me a glass of water I saw the policemen, and instantly changed violin cases with you, so that, had there been a search, the onus would have fallen on you.—JACK ALLANSON, in *The Traveler*.

#### No Use for a Hat.

The conversation in the lobby of a Washington hotel turned to the necessary qualifications of various kinds of work, when the following anecdote was related by Congressman Charles C. Kearnes of Ohio:

Sitting on the veranda of her suburban home one afternoon a woman chanced to notice that a young man who was digging post holes nearby was working bare-headed in the broiling sun. Immediately she rose and procured an old straw hat belonging to her husband.

"Young man," she said, going to where the youth was plying the spade, "you mustn't work without a hat. Take this one."

"Thank you very much, madam," responded the youth, "but, really, I don't need it."

"That's silly," responded the woman. "If you work bareheaded in a sun like this you will have your brains baked out."

"I haven't got any brains, madam," was the prompt rejoinder of the young man. "If I had I wouldn't be digging post holes."—*Philadelphia Telegraph*.



# FACETIOUS

## Lucky, Indeed!

"Do you think it's unlucky to have thirteen at table?"

"Not if the thirteenth is paying for the dinner."

## A Professional Opinion.

First M. D.—Has he any deep-seated trouble?

Second M. D.—Yes; a wife waiting for him in the subway station.

## From the Chestnut Tree.

"Tightwad says he's going to give up cigars."

"He'll have to show me. I've never seen him give up one yet."

## Hindsight.

Fortune Teller (examining lady's palm)—Beware of a strikingly handsome, tall, dark-haired man.

Fair Customer—Too late for that. I've married him.—*New Haven Register*.

## Where Money Counts.

"Darling," he said, "I have lost all my money."

"How careless of you," she replied. "The next thing you know you'll be losing me."—*Detroit Free Press*.

## Sure!

"Bobby," said the minister to a little fellow aged six, "I hear you are going to school now."

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"What part of it do you like best?"

"Comin' home," was the prompt answer.

—*Boys' Life*.

## How He Did It.

"Talking about getting help, I know a man who engaged a woman to cook, wash, iron, clean up and keep house for him, just for her board."

"How did he manage it?"

"He married her."—*Baltimore American*.

## Sure Thing.

Husband (the father of six daughters)—There's a gentleman in the drawing room who wants to marry one of our daughters. He is a wine merchant.

Wife—A wine merchant? Thank goodness! Then he will be sure to select one of the older brands.—*Paris L'Illustration*.

## Money Talks.

After listening to the charge made by the police officer, the judge turned to the prisoner and said:

"Did I understand you to say you had an alibi?"

"No, your honor," replied the prisoner, "I'm a poor man and my lawyer wanted \$25 extra to furnish one."

## Nothing Better in Sight.

In an Irish courthouse an old man was called into the witness box, and, being infirm and just a little near-sighted, he went too far in more than one sense. Instead of going up the stairs that led to the box he mounted those that led to the bench. The judge good-humoredly said:

"Is it a judge you want to be, my good man?"

"Ah, sure, yer worship," was the reply; "I'm an old man now, an' mebbe it's all I'm fit for."—*London Globe*.

## Advice With a String to It.

Two young men of short acquaintance were talking together when George, the older of the two, became suddenly very confidential.

"I am much bothered," he said. "I can marry a wealthy widow who I don't love or a poor girl that I do love intensely. What shall I do?"

"Listen to your heart," advised his

companion, "and marry the one you love." "You are right, my friend. I shall marry the girl."

"Then can you give me the widow's address?"

#### Prematurely Gray.

A New York dramatic writer tells of an actress of great popularity who is just beginning to be obsessed with the notion that the public holds her to be older than she really is.

The writer was assigned to interview this player. He wished to obtain her views with reference to the state of the drama, a topic whereon the actress did not seem particularly anxious to descant.

"It does not seem to me," gently suggested the interviewer, with a smile, "that I am really ascertaining your opinion. You ought to be frank, since your eyes are gray and"—

"Prematurely so, my dear boy, prematurely so," the actress hastened to assure him.

#### He Qualified.

"Tommy Atkins" pleaded exemption from church parade on the ground that he was an agnostic. The Sergeant-Major assumed an expression of innocent interest.

"Don't you believe in the Ten Commandments?" he mildly asked the bold freethinker.

"Not one, sir," was the reply.

"What! Not the rule about keeping the Sabbath?"

"No, sir."

"Ah, well, you're the very man I've been looking for to scrub out the canteen."—*London Tid-Bits*.

#### The Office Seeker..

"Secretary Tumulty said recently:

"It's astonishing how many thousands of requests for army commissions come to the White House with every mail. A good many men seem to think that an

army commission is a safe and highly paid sinecure.

"Yes, a good many men are like the chap who was after a consulship.

"So you're after the consulship to Tobago, eh?" a friend said to him.

"Yep, with both feet," the chap answered.

"Is a consulship hard work?"

"Not after you get it."—*Washington Star*.

#### A Tactful Friend.

Raymond Hitchcock says that while he was lying in a Philadelphia hospital, convalescing from an operation for appendicitis, one of those fool friends who always say the wrong thing in the wrong place, called on him and told him the following story to cheer him up:

Philadelphia's most famous appendicitis expert had a dog of which he thought a great deal, which had a lopsided walk. A friend asked the doctor on one occasion the cause of this.

"Why," was the reply, "he's got appendicitis."

"Then why don't you operate on him?" queried the caller.

"What! Operate on that dog! Why, that dog's worth a hundred dollars!"—*Pharmaceutical Era*.

#### Cause for Thanksgiving.

An Irish farmer, waking up in the night, saw an apparition at the foot of the bed. He reached out for a gun and perforated the ghost with a bullet. In the morning he discovered that he had made a target of his own shirt.

"What did you do then?" inquired the friend to whom he told the story.

"I knelt down and thanked God that I hadn't been inside it," said the farmer piously.—*Youth's Companion*.

# POETICAL

## A New Year's Psalm.

If there isn't any pleasure  
Waits for you beside the way,  
If there's not a thing to grin at  
In your journey day by day,  
If you've got excuse for kicking  
And for stirring up a row,  
Don't you do it! Don't you do it!  
Just be happy, anyhow.

Just be happy, just be happy:  
Take the fiddle and the bow,  
Snuggle it against your shoulder,  
Limer up, and let her go,  
Till the world is full of music,  
And there's joy in every string;  
Till you get all outdoors laughing,  
And you make the echoes ring.

It's a duty you are owing  
To the world to shake your feet,  
And to lift your voice in singing,  
Till the music fills the street;  
If the world is dark and gloomy,  
And you haven't got a friend,  
It is your duty to dissemble,  
It's your duty to pretend.

If you meet the world a-grinning,  
Then the world will grin at you.  
You can laugh the clouds to flinders,  
Till the blue sky glimmers through;  
If you just pretend you're happy,  
With your whole heart in the bluff,  
Then, almost before you know it,  
You'll be happy, sure enough!

—*Tid Bits.*

## The Spice of Life.

I do not envy him who ne'er  
Has borne the bruises of defeat,  
Whose pathways have been smooth and fair,  
Whom chance has never learned to cheat;  
For he has never claimed the sweet  
Reward that comes to those that dare  
To be triumphant, to possess  
The splendid solace of success  
Won after failure and despair.

I do not envy lovers who  
Have never found their love betrayed,  
Who love but one and journey through  
Life by one little passion swayed;  
For they have never gladly laid  
Aside the false love for the true,  
And they have missed this splendid thrill  
Who, having loved in vain, can still  
Forget the ache and love anew.

I do not envy him whose days  
Have all been peaceful days and bright,  
Who has not looked with envious gaze  
On luckier men who scorned his plight;  
For he has never won the right  
To listen proudly to the praise  
Which is reserved for those who gain  
Their honors after bitter pain  
And many storms and long delays.

## R. S. V. P.

I sometimes wonder where they are,  
The boys I used to know.  
Old Jack Burke, he was a star;  
And Joe Dancey wasn't slow.

Johnny Green from Tipton;  
Cox and O'Mara, too,  
Huddelson, Clapper and Scudder,  
I wonder where they blew.

I would love to get on old No. 5,  
And say Hello to "SM" and "V",  
Old friends of the days of old,  
Why don't you write to me?

The army don't compare with signals,  
Of Blue, White and Green.  
I am in A Co., Signal Corps,  
Battalion One Hundred Thirteen.

I would love to set in on "40"  
And say Hello to Scott,  
And talk to House and Kelly,  
It sure would mean a lot.

My wireless, it won't reach you, boys,  
So why don't you write?  
I have plenty of time to answer,  
For I'm loafing every night.

So think of us boys in Camp Shelby,  
We came to do our bit,  
And have taught those German devils,  
Some real old Yankee wit.

We are coming back some day, I'm sure,  
When we have settled up this jam,  
Then I'll be once more a boomer op.  
A lonesome railroad man.

PRIVATE C. M. HERR,  
A. Co., Signal Corps,  
Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Cert. 7625, Grand Div.



# FRATERNAL

New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.  
New Haven Division.

With sad hearts we stood before the casket containing the remains of our benefactor, friend and brother, E. C. Terry, to take our last farewell.

The mortal body has been consigned to mother earth.

Grief and sorrow now prevail.

But outlasting all this, of him there is bequeathed an immortal and imperishable memory that will live to be cherished and to inspire long after we cease to remember the last sad rites.

We would rededicate to the memory of him who has departed, that which in sincerity and truth it was his privilege to receive during the fullness of his life.

From our notes of March, 1916:

"It was learned at the meeting that Bro. E. C. Terry has announced his engagement. There will be no lack of congratulations offered and memories recalled. Memories of good fellowship, stirring oratory, economic wisdom, and tenacity of purpose. Handicapped, he worked his way through Yale by his work at the key. Selfishness being the first fundamental in economic success (but not the last), he did not follow its dictates, persistently sacrificing himself in the application of his talents, not to where his interests but to where his sympathies dwelt—his organization."

And of June, 1916:

"Brother Terry returned home on June 7th from his honeymoon, wearing a happy smile. And why not? A new home, some acres of land, an automobile purchased before leaving, and then, to share them, a handsome bride."

"In his happiness and prosperity he has the best wishes and 'well done' of a large circle of friends in all walks of life."

"From log cabin to the White House has immortalized a spirit of achievement, any emulation of which always calls forth admiration in unselfish hearts, especially when in affluence it holds fast to, and honors, all that is worthy in the humble environment from which it came."

"From telegraphy to law is not a gift, but an achievement."

"Devotion of time and talent to lodge and legislative halls in the interest of a former craft, betokens unbiased sympathies and ideals. A more mercenary ego would certainly have worshipped at a far different shrine."

"By a unanimous standing vote, Division 29 sent a message of congratulations to Bro. Terry and his bride."

For those closely associated with his continuous career no elaboration of the above is needed to transcribe the few words and phrases into his truly exceptional life, throbbing with energy, honor and purpose.

After a normal school education he took up the study of telegraphy. Eventually coming to New Haven to work, he perfected himself as an expert "mill telegrapher" despite the fact that his right hand and arm had been practically useless since birth. It was here, while working the key, that he took up the study of law and put himself through Yale, as previously noted.

Having early allied himself with the organization of his craft, he carried an up-to-date card to the day of his death.

A lawyer's predominating self interest being where the money lay, which means to steer a course parallel to the financial and corporate world's desire, he, however, with detriment to himself, continued to be organized labor's staunchest advocate, and for some time attended the sessions at the state capitol in the interest of labor legislation, accepting no more than his actual expense. In frequent visits thereafter to the lodge room he left with us inspiration and advice.

Stepping into a more profound and remunerative vocation in life, he erected no barrier to efface the path from which he came, but remained sociable, democratic and companionable; in counsel, a generous friend in the time of need.

In his new sphere of life he became a hard worker in public and patriotic undertakings. His spirit of justice and intensity of purpose continued to hold sway, and he was soon brought into civic and professional prominence.

He was called to final rest in the prime of life. But as has been said, "Life depends on its attitude rather than its length." His attitude was: service to his fellow men.

May his life work thus have been fulfilled.

Midst the sweet perfume of flowers banked on either side—the last token of love from many friends—there was exemplified the impressive ceremony of the Elks. Each deposited in the casket a spray of ivy and amaranth, symbolical of brotherly love and immortality.

And so may it be. He was also a member of the K. of P.

Bro. Terry died Monday, December 16, of pneumonia, after an illness of less than a week. Funeral services were held in New Haven on Wednesday evening and the body taken to Willimantic on Thursday for in-

terment. He was born about 38 years ago at Lebanon, Conn. His first telegraphic position was in "JN" Columbia, on the old New England, after which he came to "KY" New Haven, leaving the service there to take up the practice of law about 1911. In Division 29, O. R. T., he served as chief and as a delegate to the convention. He is survived by an aged father and brother, who still reside on the old Terry homestead in Lebanon; a brother and sister in Willimantic, and a widow in West Haven.

Superintendent of Telegraph N. E. Smith, who died of influenza on November 11, was one of the best loved officials in the company's employ. The body was taken for burial to his old home in Southbridge, Mass.

Chief Train Dispatcher Dodan, who lay at the point of death for some time with double pneumonia, is now slowly improving, although it will be some time before he regains his normal strength.

Bro. E. I. Phillips, dispatcher in "BS," has resumed duty after a severe struggle with the influenza.

Bro. Dunbar, local chairman on the Highland, has the best wishes of many friends in his new field of action, he having accepted a call to the dispatcher's chair.

Bro. Matty Golden of Saybrook Jct. recently returned from a three weeks' vacation spent in the vicinity of his old love, Louisville, Ky., where he had worked the key on the race horse circuit.

The many friends of Bro. J. W. McCormack have been glad to welcome him back to New England after an absence of nearly 20 years.

Bro. DeWar of Boston was a welcome visitor at the last night meeting of Division 29. His remarks were not only interesting but contagious of that lively, wide-aware spirit that we have heard about and envied in our sister lodge. Come again, Bro. DeWar, and bring more of the brothers over.

W. B. SHALKOP, Div. Cor.

#### *Hartford Division, N. Y., N. H. & H.—*

This being the banner division of the New Haven System, we should be well represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. I will appreciate it if the brothers along the road will lend me a little assistance.

Supplements 10 and 11 of General Order No. 27 practically put all jobs on the same rate of pay, 48 cents an hour; the minimum formerly being 35 cents. All jobs have also been given the 8-hour day and time and a half overtime. Your general committee went to Washington with over one hundred other general committees and will, no doubt, secure better rates of pay and overtime for Sunday work. We should all pay our dues promptly and support our general committee.

Since the rearrangements of divisions and the west end going to the Waterbury Divi-

sion, we are unable to get any news from there.

Dispatcher Bro. J. A. Brooks was displaced at Hartford and is now dispatching at Danbury. We are sorry to lose him from this division. Bro. Haynor, first trick dispatcher, Old Highland side, displaced by Bro. O. E. Hunt, took second there, but expects to take second Shore Line side. Bro. Larson, bumped from spare dispatcher by Bro. Brennan, returns to Middletown. Bro. Andre, relief agent and operator, went to Suffield agency.

The Spanish influenza caused quite a shortage of extras, some of the boys having to double and some positions were closed.

Bro. Blanchette relieved Bro. Casey, first Willimantic, several days; Bro. Andre relieved Sister Zulche, Rockville, two weeks, and Bro. Condon, Tower 214 Hartford, is now relieving Bro. Stoughton at East Hartford yard, all three owing to illness.

Bro. C. A. Faulkner recently purchased a new Indian motorcycle, as he is judge at Andover. No doubt the fines for speeding will be light, as he will probably be burning up the roads himself shortly. He and Bro. Millburn, third Steeles, are proposing to enter in the Vernon sweepstakes.

R. G. H., Cert. 767.

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#### **Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.**

Those whose hourly rate did not come up to the 48c minimum, were so advanced by Supplement No. 10, December 6th, placed on an 8-hour basis and now receive overtime at time and one-half. The Wage Board has taken up for readjustment the vacation question and other unsatisfactory matters.

Bro. Benj. Farrow goes to second Olive St., Attleboro, vice Bro. J. J. Dykeman to second Northrup Ave., vice Bro. Cuthbertson to Adamsdale Jct.; and H. Winslow to split trick lever job Northrup Ave., vice Bro. John Farland to third there, vice Bro. Tammins, resigned to enter the grocery business in Providence. We hope he will retain his membership and meet with us regularly to benefit us with his counsel.

Bro. U. J. Codere, second Brayton Ave., Providence, recently passed to the Great Beyond, a victim of the influenza, and Bro. Philip E. Rivers, first trick towerman East Greenwich, R. I., died Dec. 9th, after a few days' illness. Both leaving a wife and three children who have our heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss.

Bro. C. J. Sheehan, East Providence second, threatened with pneumonia, is improving. Bro. Jackson, relieving him, was relieved on second Northrup Ave. yard office, by Bro. Heroux.

There are a few nons on our division, mostly newcomers from the Western Union,

Postal, etc., whom we should endeavor to enroll in our ranks at an early day.

The season's greetings are extended to the fraternity at large. May the New Year hold in store for us greater blessings than we have yet enjoyed.

Div. COR.

### New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

The December meeting was one of the most interesting in a long time, about 45 members being present.

Brother J. E. Shields acted in place of Bro. Wood as Chief Telegrapher, and Bro. French as First Vice, owing to the absence of Bro. Tiffany.

Brothers Johnnie English, Branchville; Mike Carroll, Cannondale; F. G. Hopkins, Wilton, and J. Wood, Winnepaug, from the Danbury branch, deserve great credit for their presence, as it means being up all night to attend, with an expense of about \$6.00 each for a special conveyance, there being no train service on the D. & N. at night. If these brothers can do this, then the brothers nearby should be able to attend regularly.

Bro. T. O. Tiger rendered a splendid report of his activities and progress. His untiring efforts in behalf of the members is greatly appreciated. Many questions of interest and importance were acted upon.

We were all pleased to meet Bro. Bell just returned from four years and two months in the trenches, serving as a machine gunner in the English Army, carrying an up-to-date during all that time in this division. His address, which was all too modest for one who had seen such service, was nevertheless very interesting. We all hope Bro. Bell will soon be back with us on his old job.

The sympathy of the entire division is extended to Bro. Harry Wharton, third trick dispatcher, Harlem River, and his wife in the death of their only son, a bright lad of nine years, who was his fathers' chum and constant companion. Bro. Wharton was relieved during his absence by Bro. Carroll E. Manley, and he as second Harlem River dispatcher by S. G. Wilks.

Bro. Ben Breitigan relieved Night Chief Kling fifteen days owing to the illness and death of his wife, who left him and five small children to mourn her loss.

Brother Harry Morris, now dispatcher on Harlem River Branch, was relieved as car distributor by Bro. Dick Canfield and he on first 'HY'. Harlem River by H. J. Kirby from the D. & H.

Bro. Dan McDonald is now qualified as dispatcher on the N. Y. Division, A, B and C. sheets, and on all tricks. That's going some!

Bro. Joe Sheridan has returned to the service and is now on Rye first; Bro. J. Finelli is operator and clerk at Harrison, and R. D. Marten is on Bungay Street second, where R. E. Rodney is posting. M. M. Street

is posting at Oak Point. Bro. M. J. McGuire goes to the latter and R. E. Enright to Woodside Ave.

Bro. J. Bell, third "GC", and his charming bride, nee Miss May Furlong, are receiving the congratulations of their host of friends on their recent marriage. We all wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Brothers Coyle and Donaher doubled several days recently, owing to the illness of Bro. T. H. German, who is now improving.

Bro. Chapin, South Norwalk, was relieved by Bro. Brophy several days on account of sickness and Bro. Al. Langdon, New Rochelle, was relieved for the same reason recently by Relief Operator Haniquet. By the way, not many years ago Mister (then Bro.) Haniquet wanted a resolution passed that "*no operators be employed on the New Haven System who did not have at all times an up-to-date card.*" Wonder where he would be now if his resolution had become a law of the O. R. T.?

Bro. Larry Woolley relieved Bro. Morris at "MD", Stamford, and Operator Sinclair relieved Bro. J. Gibbons at "PF", Bridgeport, a few days.

CERT. 187.

*His last press notice.* Bro. E. C. Terry, past chief telegrapher of Division 29, is dead.

Brother Terry was well and favorably known to every operator on the New Haven Railroad. He was a tireless worker in the cause of organized labor and the struggle of all classes of labor for better things. He gave his time and his talents and missed no opportunity to "do his bit."

Notwithstanding the fact that at the time of his death he was one of the ablest as well as most successful lawyers in the State of Connecticut, and much of his time taken up with the affairs of his office, there was no hour too late, nor no road too long for Bro. Terry to travel to attend an O. R. T. meeting and do all that he could to make it a success by his presence and wise counsel.

The writer has lost a very dear personal friend, union labor one of its staunchest members and advocates, the Connecticut Bar one of its brightest members, New Haven one of its best citizens, and the world is now just a little bit better because Ezra Terry lived in it.

J. E. SHIELDS, Cert. 187.

### New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

*Long Island R. R.—*

Brothers, let us make this division one of the strongest in the East. Everybody get busy on those you know are still out. "No card, no favors."

*How to Kill Your Division:*

Don't come to the meetings. If you do, come late.

If it is too wet, too dry, too hot, or too cold, stay at home.

When you do come, be sure to find fault. Don't do anything to help.

Don't encourage the officers. They don't need it.

Believe everything you hear; never investigate.

*Don't pay your dues.*

If you have a friend who is not a member, don't ask him to join.

If everything is running smoothly, start something.

Above all, don't send any notes to the division correspondent.

We were pleased to see Bro. Halleck, agent Aquebogue, at our December meeting. Come again, and bring some of the brothers from the East End with you.

We are glad to welcome to membership Bros. Wendell, "MJ" Tower; Sinderlof, "NU" cabin; Todd, Belrose; Holderer, first "HQ"; K. C. Noon, "FY"; Agent Combs, Woodmire; Assistant Agent Kammerer, Floral Park; Hawkins, Central Park; Smith and Keiselman, Farmingdale; Walker, "HX"; Velsor, "RW"; and Sisters Brush, agent Hillside; Oliver, Wyandanch; and Truitt, local platform, Jamaica.

Election will soon be here. Let us select our very best material, as a division is largely judged by the personnel of its officers.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Sister Nolan, at Babylon; also Bro. Small, assistant agent Hollis (latter off with the "flu"), and that Bro. Linderhoff is still on the sick list. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Glad to see Bro. Curiale back again after two months' illness.

Bro. W. J. Lambert, "somewhere in France," is reported wounded in the late casualty list. We hope for the best.

Changes in signal stations: Bro. Apgar, first Cabin to third "SP" tower; Bro. Holderer, second to first "HQ"; Bro. Bartowitch, third "HX" to second "PW" cabin; Bro. Holden, third "VA" to first, and Bro. Sanborn to third "HC."

Bro. Huy Wagner has received his honorable discharge from the army and is now on second "C" cabin. We were all glad to see him back.

Bro. T. Shanley is on third Cabin 10 extra; Bro. Gus Hoss on temporary relief; Bro. F. V. Kelly, A to first "NU" cabin.

Bro. E. Van Nostrand, second "IS" tower, relieved while moving by Extra Hynes.

CERT. 332.

#### Tring Jct., Que., Div. No. 131.

Quebec Central Railway—

We regret to learn that Bro. J. E. Bourget, Scotts "PQ" days, died last October of Spanish influenza. His many friends on the Q. C. R. extend their sympathy to his relatives. Bro. J. Letowineau is filling the vacancy there.

A large number of the brothers, off with the influenza several weeks, are all back at work again.

Bro. J. O. Cloutier relieved Bro. J. A. Savoie, who relieved at "CR" several days.

Bro. Giguere, out recently prospecting on his newly found asbestos mine, was relieved by Bro. Deveau, now relieving Bro. Gosselin, on holidays.

Bro. Vallee, who relieved Bro. Fortier while off with the "flu," later relieved Bro. Doyon, on holidays, and also relieved Brousseau of "BM."

Bro. Pouliot, on holidays, relieved by young Veilleux.

Bro. J. O. Gagne, Coleraine, to "RF" nights; Mr. Tardif of the N. T. R. to "H" days, vice Bro. D. Goulet to "KY" days, and relieving dispatcher. Bro. E. Lafontaine, "NA," appointed relieving dispatcher at "K."

Engines 3424 and 3426 from the C. P. R. are now on this road, numbered 52 and 53. We now have eight C. P. engines.

R. E. RHEAULT, Cert. 52.

#### Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.

Winnipeg to Watrous & Regina Division—

Bro. Brewer, Atwater, on schedule negotiations, relieved by Bro. McMinn, returned from overseas.

Bro. Bradley, Quinton, is back on duty after a very serious illness, and Dispatcher Hooper after a lengthy absence through his own illness and that of his family. Bro. Smith, Nokomes, is also able for duty again.

Bro. Jack Carson, after helping out all the "flu" patients, contracted it and is now in hospital Melville, but progressing nicely. The epidemic hit this division pretty hard, and the many serious cases kept the brothers remaining on duty very anxious. Everybody is much relieved that it is now abating.

Bro. Palmer, a new man, is on third Watrous; Bro. Price is back at Waldron, and Bro. Borden is relieving on the Regina Branch; Bro. McKibbon is on third Melville, and Bro. Kurwin in "V" office; Bro. Lytle, "BF," is working a dispatcher's trick in "A" Regina, vice Pollard, resigned, and Bro. White from the C. P. R. is now at Semans agency.

Will some kind brother on the Regina Branch kindly furnish me with the news from that particular locality? Bro. "HN," please take the hint, as we are not acquainted over there. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

DIV. COR.

#### McBride to Prince Rupert, B. C., G. T. P.

Division—

Our seventy-thousand-dollar depot will be finished about January 15th—a first-class place for all employees to work, also quite an addition to the city of Smithers.

Brothers, use some of your back pay to buy an annual card and save the head office

at St. Louis fifty per cent in labor, to say nothing of your own protection.

Our committee has been called to Winnipeg to put the finishing touches on our schedule.

Bro. Feren has returned to Prince George from the East. He has the sympathy of all in his sad bereavement.

Now that the war is over, we hope to get more space in the Journal, also be able to get our O. R. T. buttons from the States.

Local Chairman Walsh assisted Bro. Noonan at Vanderhoof while the latter acted as nurse during the "flu" epidemic. Bro. Sparks, Kitwanga, had a few weeks' tussle with it.

Keep up to date by reading in regard to the different schedules and all news in THE TELEGRAPHER, and then forward it to some one if you can find any on this division. Ask your local chairman for a list of the nons, then write them personally and keep after them until you secure their applications.

Someone at Prince George please send me a few notes, also someone from Prince George to McBride. Operator "RA" seems quite obliging; let's have some notes from him each month. I haven't had a line from anyone in the last three months. It will only take five minutes to jot them down. Let me hear from you.

W. E. PEARL,  
Smithers, B. C.

#### "Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 3.

##### Cleveland Division—

Bro. Sloan, on committee work, relieved several days by Bro. Schriner, second "YD" Shriner, relieved by Bro. Clutter, St. James yard, relieved by Sister Miss Norman, who worked at second Leonardsburg several weeks and also relieved Bro. Gallagher while he relieved Bro. Scott, Edison first, a few days.

Bro. Schriner, relieved on "YD" second by Extra Case, relieved Bro. McCartney, Gallon second, off sick; Bro. Quay relieved Bro. Tripplet and Mr. Cook relieved Bro. Crayley, Turner third, both being off with the "flu."

Bro. Beardsley, Rochester, was relieved two weeks by Curtis; Bro. Bogan, Rush second, by Mrs. Cappie, and Bro. Dodds, Leonardsburg third, by Miss Woods a few days.

Bro. Akins goes to Turner first; Bro. Bill Dutton to first, and Sister Miss Corwin to third Rush; Bro. Dazzle, first Shelby, to fourth "DY"; Bro. Ashwell to Gallon yard; Bro. Meeks to third Hiles; Burkey, third Crestline, to Columbia third; Withrow to third Shelby; McDonnell to third Longville, and Moore to Walsh first.

Let's all get busy and line up the few nons left.

CERT. 1499.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank those who contributed to the floral wreath on the occasion of the

death of my wife. The brotherly spirit shown was very gratifying in the time of my sorrow.

LAWRENCE HINES.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the brothers of Division No. 3, O. R. T., for the sympathy expressed in the beautiful flowers sent us on the occasion of the death of our daughter and sister.

C. H. ROSE,  
Cert. 1881, and Family.

#### C. U. D. Division—

Upon the completion of hearings with Government officials at Washington, the various system representatives will be assembled for adjustments with the division superintendents of the roads concerned. All crafts represented by the Order will be covered simultaneously, and everything done in a systematic order. Correct information, when this work has been concluded, will come in printed form, and any other given out by "someone else" who heard it from "someone else" should be given no credence. If anyone can procure a copy of the bulletin a certain company officer claims, stating what union "this and that" belonged to, they should send it to President Perham.

The membership contributed to a very nice floral piece for the funeral of Mrs. Hines. Bro. Hines has our sympathy in his great loss.

Div. Cor.

#### C., St. P., M. & O. R. R., Div. No. 4.

##### Northern Division—

The past year has been an eventful one. The great World War has been brought to a close, due to the gallant efforts of our brave lads who so nobly responded to the nation's call. Many gave their all so that we and those yet unborn might enjoy liberty and freedom upon the earth, and the dear old starry banner, which has never known defeat might still proudly wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

We are now enjoying working conditions which was a godsend to us all. Our organization has grown from fifty to nearly sixty-five thousand through the individual efforts of our membership. Let us make this new year another record-breaker and not let a stone be unturned until we are all solidly united the country over.

We have a record to feel proud of. A year ago we had nearly fifty non-members, today not one nor even a delinquent on the entire division, owing to the co-operation and support of our members. When you elected me a little over a year ago I told you that with the support which your representative deserved we could "go over the top." I am glad to say that every member responded nobly. This shows what can be accomplished by united effort. Let everyone

do his part this year and close 1919 with the same splendid record we closed the year just gone by.

There is considerable speculation as to whether the railroads will revert to private ownership again, and we cannot afford to take any chances. Therefore, it behooves each one of us to fight as we have never fought before and keep our membership in the same splendid shape which it now is.

We were grieved, on November 27th, to learn that Bro. B. Bergin, Shell Lake, had passed away after a few days' illness with influenza. "Mum" was liked by all who were fortunate enough to know him. He had been a member for many years and was one of the most gallant workers for our cause. He leaves a wife and little daughter to mourn his loss, and each of us share with them this great sorrow. Division No. 4 donated a floral wreath for his funeral.

This makes three of the brothers on our division taken the past few months, and many more have been ill for weeks with this terrible malady. Brothers McDonald, Cantley, Kozlik, Bales, Jenkins, Morratto, Walsh, Molner and several others are still off sick.

We also extend our sympathy to Sister Lund, Eau Claire, owing to the death of her mother.

Bro. Hinman, Birchwood, also lost his wife the latter part of November, after a siege with the influenza, leaving him with several little ones to mourn her loss. He has our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

We are glad to see Bro. Kinglem back on the job with us in his U. S. uniform. He was about ready to sail when the armistice was signed November 11th, but has been mustered out of service.

Superior West End, a non-telegraph office for many years, has been opened again, the Omaha consolidating with the "Soo Line" at that point; our old friend, Bro. J. J. Mortality taking first, and Bro. Wright from the "Soo", second pending bulletin.

Sister Svodosby, second Rockmont, was relieved a few days by C. A. Nelson, a new man, and Sister Larson visited friends in Minneapolis several days recently. Sister Amans passed through Itasca a few days ago enroute to Duluth.

Bro. Block writes from France that he is working a wire between headquarters and Paris. He is well and expects to be back with us again before many months. Bro. McCulla also writes from France that he is well and sends all his "73", and that of Brothers Thorpe and Kozlik, who are in the same battalion. Bro. C. F. Strausberg writes from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., that he is well and will be back as soon as he is mustered out. Former Bro. Lee Judge also writes of the beauty of Paris and other cities he has had the opportunity to visit.

Bro. Shawl, Interlocker Newton Ave., Supe-

rior, has resigned, succeeded by Bro. Warn.

Bro. Hansche, Clayton, was off a few days recently, also Sister Kringle, Deer Park, relieved by Sister Larson.

Bro. Stahl, Ashland; Dispatcher Brewer, Spooner, and Bro. McDonald, Turtle Lake, were out deer hunting recently. The latter was the only one fortunate enough to get one.

I am indebted to Bros. Imusland and McDonald for notes this month, and they are surely appreciated. If some of the rest would do likewise we could present a more respectable write-up each month.

Remember our watchword, "No card, no favors," and let's make this year as successful as the last.

"X", Cert. 330.

#### Kansas City Southern Ry., Div. No. 5.

Bro. T. J. Howell, agent Frierson, La., would like to trade with some one on the Northern Division.

Trigg Street reopened as a telegraph office by Bros. Young, Craig and Croyle, pending bids. The dispatchers are back in the General Office Building uptown where they were prior to the move to Trigg Street in 1914.

Sister T. M. Merchant took third Panama, no bidders; Cashier Roy Miller succeeded at Mena agency by Bro. C. E. Wells, succeeded by Bro. J. S. Newell at Westville agency, relieved at Marble City by Bro. B. C. Austin of Bunch, and he by Bro. Shadell, who later relieved Sister Ward, Page third, on sick list several days.

Others relieved on sick list were: Bro. R. E. Daly, agent Hatfield, by Bro. G. M. McEntire; Bro. H. S. Foote, nights Heavener, by Bros. Wolf, Townsend and Preddy doubling, and Bro. Sallee, agent Heavener, in K. C. hospital, all having the "flu." Dispatcher Farrel is back again after a tussle with it.

Bro. T. H. Ligon, taken to St. Edwards Hospital by Bro. Townsend recently with appendicitis, is back on the job as good as new, without being obliged to submit to an operation.

Corporal Bro. Joe Wilson writes from France that he is in the hospital wounded, but would soon be out again.

We all regret Chief Dispatcher Stevens leaving Heavener and wish him success.

Write the General Secretary and Treasurer at Heavener and win one of those prizes offered for 1918 for the names of the few nons on the divisions. Get in these dead-heads.

CERT. 652.

#### Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6. Kansas Division—

New members: J. M. Henderson, Ogdensburg; H. R. Presgrove, Lillis; Clyde Hinkle, Marietta; D. A. Lay, Holmesville; W. S. Markle, Codell; Jerome Dreiling, F. S. Sullivan and C. N. Langley, extra, and C. F. Diehl, lineman Junction City.

The following were the subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan by local divisions: Kansas, \$58,350; Central, \$34,250; Colorado, \$32,350; Nebraska, \$27,050; Western, \$26,000; Wyoming, \$22,100; total, \$200,100.

Bro. Milton H. Smith, of Plainville, holds the place of honor with \$2,450; next is Bro. Wm. Stepp of Fort Riley, with \$1,300; Bro. Dan Sewell, of Menoken, following with his usual \$1,000. The number of subscriptions running three, four and five hundred are too numerous to mention under the editor's space restrictions. Among the station forces, Miss L. Cronican, of Camp Funston, is first with \$1,200.

Everyone was sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Bro. Rymer at Rock Island Junction first, who had a number of years of faithful service to his credit and has always been an up-to-date and worthy member of the Order. He was taken suddenly ill with influenza and only lived a few days. He is survived by a wife and two sons who desire to express their thanks to the members for their kindness during Bro. Rymer's illness and the beautiful floral offering. We also regret to learn of the death of Bro. Swinehart after two days' illness at Rossville from the same cause, leaving a wife and baby and an invalid father. There are still some twenty of the boys down with the malady of the Kansas and Central divisions. Bro. J. L. Donley, second wire chief K. C. "GN", being in the University Hospital.

Bro. W. O. Horne, who recently passed the examination for train dispatcher at Kansas City, is relieving at Salina during Mr. Broyles' illness. Success to Bro. Horne.

Bro. Shamblin, of Menoken second, has been kept busy the past two months reliving at different stations on account of sickness; Bro. Sewell's wife working at "MX" extra.

Bro. Henry Heynen, Manhattan, down in Florida the past month owing to the severe illness of his son, is being relieved by Bro. Hooks.

C.R.R. 1103.

#### To Agents, Telegraphers and Station Forces:

I am indeed proud of the record-breaking subscriptions you turned in on this division and that it was my good fortune through your hearty and willing co-operation to be credited with them. My especial thanks are due those who held their subscriptions for me and the co-operation and assistance rendered me by the agents at the larger stations in lining up their forces and putting the Kansas Division at the top of the list.

It is also pleasing to note that the Central Division, composed largely of Kansas Division men, should take second place. There is not a slacker among the bunch; we are always 100 per cent.

I hope we shall always lead and be able to

say to the other divisions: "They shall not pass."

Fraternally,

Z. R. HOOK.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to the telegraphers of Division No. 6 for their kindness and beautiful floral offering during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

S. S. CHANDLEY AND FAMILY.

#### *Central Division, St. J. & G. I. Ry.*

New members: H. C. Vancleef, Fairfield, and Thos. J. Anderson, Marysville, making Marysville Relay and Fairfield solid.

Moray, Kan., depot was destroyed by fire recently and nothing saved but the U. S. mail pouches. Bro. Monroe will likely spend the balance of the winter in a box car.

Bro. Porter and Agent Nichols, Seneca, doubled ten hours on and two off when Moore was temporarily at Oneida.

The farmers' Union will begin work shortly on its new elevator.

At Hamlin Bro. Blauvelt, with his 30 years' experience there, comes down each frosty morning at 6:15 a. m. like a 19-year-old boy.

The "flu" was almost epidemic on this division.

At Hiawatha Agent LeMoine went back to work too soon and had several days' relapse, and Bro. Hart had a week's siege with it.

Local Chairman Tomkins, in addition to his four weeks' layoff on account of an accident while on the Fourth Liberty Loan drive, also had a week's tussle with the "flu." Sister Perry, agent Aleda, while battling with the disease, was relieved by Division Agent Bro. Wilson, who also relieved Bro. Elliott while off sick, and Emmett nights had to be closed nights while Bro. Graham relieved Bro. Collender at Onaga suffering with the malady. Relief Agent Bro. Anderson had to go to Concordia a few days on account of sickness and Bro. Nolan relieved Beason at "MS." Delia had to be closed while the agent, Bro. Vaughn, was undergoing an operation in Kansas City Hospital for appendicitis. We regret to learn of the death December 8th of our Bro. G. F. McKee, agent Oneida, the only fatality owing to the disease so far. He was sick only a few days and his wife and little boy were quite ill with it, at last account. Mrs. McKee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anderton, of Edgar, Neb., arrived a few days before his death and Mr. McKee's parents the following day, taking the body to Edgar for burial. We extend our sympathy to this family in their sad bereavement.

Bro. Rigney visited his folks in Missouri recently.

Bro. Noland was relieved on ten days'

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vacation by Bro. Spence and Chief Dispatcher Scott two weeks by Night Chief Harris.

Bro. Walker, Onaga, transferred to Colorado Division on account of Mrs. Walker's health, relieved by Extra Robertson from Fairfield.

Bro. C. C. Moore, with the Santa Fe at Miltonvale since the consolidation, takes Cleville agency.

We wish to thank the boys' and girls who so liberally donated to the floral fund made up to buy flowers for Bro. McKee's funeral. Of the \$18.25 received, \$5 was spent, leaving a balance of \$13.25 in the treasury for similar occasions in the future. Let the good work continue.

CERT. 1538.

**Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.  
Saskatchewan Division, Third District—**

Members seem to be very slack in sending the correspondent any news, which makes it hard to get out the monthly write-up.

We all regret very much the deaths of our two beloved brothers, Jack Weber of Dysart, and Bro. Roux of Kinley, during the "flu" epidemic. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to those bereaved.

Bro. J. Wharrington bid in Dafoe agency. Strassburg has been granted an operator. Bro. A. Embury is relieving at Dysart.

Our committee has been in Montreal negotiating with the company since July, and we expect to soon get our increase. Understand the eight-hour day has been agreed to.

Brothers, we have always overlooked in our negotiation with the company the style of living rooms in the stations. A good many now have only one room downstairs, and no arrangements to the rooms upstairs. Three living rooms could be arranged downstairs with very little expense and no harm to the building. The construction of these living rooms has a degrading effect upon the agent's family and also causes discontent among the employes and a longing to get into some kind of employment to enable them to enjoy life better. The local officials, we find, are helpless to remedy the situation. Let's get together and have this remedied as soon as possible. Better contented employes would take more interest in making the station grounds and gardens more beautiful as well as taking a greater interest in life. Let's hear your view on this matter.

Fraternally,

A. J. DYER, Cert. 2929,  
Bulyea, Sask.

**Regina Division—**

Division 7 lost a valuable member in the death of Bro. Victor J. Stubbings, 30 years of age, at his home, 1635 Osler St., Regina, Saskatchewan, from Spanish influenza. He was local chairman of this division for six years. His work in that capacity was highly

satisfactory to the members and officials of the Order, whom he assisted in every way possible and he resigned the position in 1917, simply because he needed to take a well-earned rest. He was also a delegate to the St. Louis 1915 and Seattle 1917 conventions.

Bro. Stubbings worked continuously for the C. P. R., beginning as a messenger after finishing his education in the public schools, learning telegraphy in his spare moments. He was employed successively at Regina, where he was born, at Port Arthur, Ignace and Fort William, Ont., where he was married in 1911, when he was promoted to train dispatcher at Moosejaw and later at Regina.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, three children, mother, father, a sister, and a brother, all of Regina, who have the sympathy of all the telegraphers, who will always remember "Vic" as a true friend and brother.

W. J. BARRY, Cert. 693,

Local Chairman.

**Trenton Division—**

Regular meeting opened in St. James Hall, West Toronto, 8:45 p. m., November 9th; Bro. Anderson in the chair. About forty-nine brothers present, including Bro. Chapman, chairman Eastern Lines, and Bro. A. Houston, of the Schedule Committee, also several brothers from the London District.

Interesting discussions were had on different questions, one being "the best means of getting non-members into line."

Moved by Bro. Douglas, seconded by Bro. Scott, that Bro. E. S. Robinson be given his standing when he returns from overseas service same as before enlistment. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Mawson, seconded by Bro. Cameron, that the standing of Bro. Easterbrook be protected during leave of absence on account of sickness. Carried.

Bro. Chapman explained fully the action of the General Committee while in Montreal, and stated that the delay in negotiations was due to awaiting amendments to the McAdoo award from Washington.

Moved by Bro. Hill, seconded by Bro. Worth that a vote of thanks be tendered our General Committee on the policy that was pursued by it while in Montreal, and that a copy of same be sent to the chairman of the Schedule Committee at Montreal. Carried.

CERT. 69.

**Eastern Division—**

**CARD OF THANKS.**

C. B. Rawlins, G. S. & T., O. R. T., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir: Permit me to express my appreciation for your prompt payment of the insurance of my late husband, Albert C. Behnke, which I received November 25th. I also extend my sincere appreciation to brother members who were so kind during the illness and sudden death of my beloved

husband, also for the numerous floral offerings received.

Yours very truly,  
MRS. HENRIETTA J. BEHNKE,  
812 Carlan Ave., Toronto, Ont.

*Laurentian Division—*

The death of Bro. J. A. Rochon, agent Pointe Au Chene, on November 25th, after a short illness, came as a very painful surprise to all the brothers of this division. A beautiful wreath was sent and the balance of the collection used for High Masses to be said later. Your local chairman, accompanied by Bro. P. A. Trotier, attended the funeral at Lachute, November 27th. The following telegram was received from Mrs. Rochon at Pointe Au Chene, November 28th:

"J. N. Potvin, Chairman O. R. T."

*Montreal:*

"Je viens vous remercier sincèrement pour les marques de sympathies que vous m'avez témoignées à l'occasion de la mort de mon époux et veuillez présenter mes remerciements aux Confrères de la O. R. T."

J. N. POTVIN,  
Chairman of Local Board.

*Farnham Division—*

Peace having been declared, the influenza epidemic wiped out and the prospects of a new schedule in the very near future, naturally filled our hearts with joy at the Yuletide season.

On holidays: Bros. W. H. Wood, agent Roxton Falls, and U. Guillemette, agent Lacadie, relieved by Bro. Poitras, relieving agent. As relief work was pretty well cleaned up, both relief agent positions were abolished November 11th, Bro. Poitras going to Rock Forest days, and Bro. Gibb to West Shefford nights.

It is now Brothers: Agents—E. R. Shepard, Mansonville; S. J. Kendall, Lawrenceville; G. E. Webb, Sutton; A. Bolduc and H. L. Blanchet, assistants at Delson; A. O. Guertin, days Johnville; E. H. Contois, third Richford, and Albert Perrault, nights Delaire. A total of thirty-three new members for our division in 1918. A dispatcher, two agents and an operator, the only regular men out, we expect to get into line soon. Any brother knowing of a non close to him will deserve our thanks by getting his application and it will not be long before this division will make as good a showing as any on the System.

We regret to announce the recent deaths of Bro. M. E. Wilcox, Cowansville, and that of Chief Dispatcher Gough, a brother of Bro. R. J. Gough, of Influenza, also that of the infant son of local chairman, Bro. Levesque, and of Bro. Z. Carriere, agent G. T. R. at Vaudreuil, who at one time worked on this district, a brother of Bro. F. N. Carriere, agent West Shefford. Families of the

deceased have our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Bro. Corbiere, who is off with pneumonia, will probably not be able to resume duty before next April.

Every member of dispatching staff at "F" had the "flu" or had it in their family, including Bro. Pepin, chief dispatcher, except Bro. Gosselin, four being off at one time, necessitating bringing in Bro. Mercure, agent St. Guillaume, former dispatcher, and Bro. R. J. Gibbons from Smiths Falls, to help out. Bro. Pepin was off five and Bro. Geo. Smith two weeks. Bro. Beaumier also helped out during this spell.

Bro. J. E. Levesque, appointed night chief dispatcher at Smiths Falls, will remain with us until spring. We are glad of his promotion, but will be sorry to lose our hard-working local chairman.

Bro. R. J. Gough has been appointed night chief at Farnham.

Through the death of Bro. Brilhart and other changes here, additional relief dispatchers were needed, and Brothers O. Beauchemin, Iberville Jct., E. Beaumier, Cowansville, and F. A. Poliot, Farnham, have been appointed.

Bro. Reynolds, relief dispatcher, has moved his family from Megantic to Abercorn. Bro. S. A. Michaud goes to Megantic days and Bro. A. O. Rousseau nights.

Bro. R. H. Fenton, at Madrid Springs, N. Y., with rheumatism since October, expects to resume shortly.

Bro. S. W. Yates, nights Cowansville, who had severe attack of "flu", has been back since December 1st.

The wife of Bro. J. C. Willard, at Foster, is seriously ill. Best wishes for a prompt recovery.

Delson is now joint with the N. J. Ry., Bro. C. H. Bockus in charge, Bro. J. E. Payer on days, Bro. Hebert nights, and Bro. S. A. Bedard to Cowansville days.

Bro. Beaudry is back at Missisquoi agency after five weeks' illness, relieved by Brown, a new man.

Brother agents off sick: Fregeau, St. Rosalie Jct.; Carriere, West Shefford; Proctor, Knowlton, relieved respectively by Brothers Bourdon, Poitras and Jannelle.

Bro. Cloutier, Scotstown, is being congratulated on the arrival of twin boys.

Assistant Superintendent H. J. Main, Smith's Falls, still carries an up-to-date.

Bro. Dauphin, from the Laurentian, is again with us this winter at Glen River nights, and Bro. E. Perrault days. Among the other new men are five or six returned soldiers. Give them every show, boys. Remember what they did for us "over there" in France.

Brothers N. Beauchemin, N. Durocher and P. Z. Ducharme, released from the Army.

first named back at Iberville Jct. nights, other two to Missisquoi.

Brothers O. Guertin and K. M. Taylor when last heard of were at Bedford, Eng.

Sherbrooke yard opened December 1st, Bro. R. L. Wilson days and Bro. J. R. Palardy nights. Bro. Courville again at Belaire days.

Bro. Smith, Brookport, relieved several weeks by Bro. A. J. Perrault.

Our committee has presented a new schedule to the company and next meeting will be held when negotiations are concluded.

When will we discuss the question of creating a flower fund on the Farnham Division? We should have had one during the recent epidemic.

The article by Bro. Doyle in the October TELEGRAPHER in regard to the pension system is worth studying up and taking advantage of.

Brothers, pay your dues promptly, sending remittance slip to local chairman, saving unnecessary checking up and letter writing. Let there be no delinquents next period.

Some good brother let us know through the columns of the journal what is doing on each division. F. A. P., Secretary.

#### New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8. Syracuse Division—

It is with deepest regret that we chronicle the death of Local Chairman Mansell's wife. The brother and the five children, the eldest only eleven, have the sincere sympathy of the entire membership.

W. E. Mastin succeeds H. G. Farnham as chief signalman, promoted to trainmaster at Lyons.

The two recent meetings held in Rochester were well attended. I regret that it was impossible for me to be present at either meeting.

Quite a number on this division have been down with the "flu". Bro. DeBergen, agent Churchville, was relieved while off with it by B. H. House, a new man, to whom I handed a set of blanks, as I always keep an extra set in my pocket. C. P. Brown, another new man, is relieving Luke Ratigan on the afternoon trick at Churchville.

Bro. Farnsworth and I were obliged to double on three tricks, owing to the scarcity of extra men, while the day man at Churchville Jct. had the "flu".

Bro. Beaman relieved Pearson, S. S. 30, on vacation, and Sister Minnie Radunz relieved me at East Berger.

It is now Bro. A. H. DeBerger. He is quite a white Wyandotte chicken raiser.

Bro. "Bill" Messer, after six years on a split trick, now has an eight-hour day job at Churchville Jct.

New electric towers are going up in Rochester yard at S. S. 25, Culver St. and S. S.

25-A, and Levermen Miller and Carr put on at the latter.

A new tower is also going up at Newark "WS" to be manned by P. R. R. men, which will do away with "AW", causing the sisters there to do some "bumping." Bill Ratnaur, "AW" days, has quit and gone in some other business.

C. F. Mosley, agent nearly fifty-three years at Bergen, N. Y., has been pensioned, succeeded by our new brother, J. Henry Kelly.

Clarence, Bowmansville, Akron, Alabama, Oakfield, Elba, Byron, Churchville Jct., Waynepoint Station, Port Gibson, Old S. S. 11 west of Savannah, Weedsport, Montezuma and Memphis on the West Shore have been made three-trick offices. At the stations having agents the two tricks were advertised as nine hours except Sundays and holidays, which are then eight hours.

We are using the new block system here now, but it was partly by putting block phones on old wire No. 11. Someone is always taking the joy out of life!

There are quite a number of new operators in the stations just opened up and we must all do our best to line them up.

Sister Vera Tilton, Pittsford, has gone to "WN" and Miss Rose Tilton to Memphis, relieved at "PI" by Miss Murphy.

Among the recent new members not heretofore noted, whom we are glad to welcome, are: Esther Hassenthaler, Alvira A. Cole, Florence Cowell, Alida A. Lewis, Victor E. Trick, A. H. DeBerger and Art. Mable. Keep after the nons, brothers and sisters, and we will soon make our divisions 100 per cent. Everyone working in an office with nons should give them no rest until they line-up and remember our motto: "No card, no favors." Our duty does not end by simply paying your dues and carrying a card. We must keep right after the nons nearest us until we land them.

Watch for the meeting dates, and everyone who can possibly get there, do so.

I have just been appointed correspondent and have not had much time to look around. I thank Brothers Fess, Beaman and Mable and Sister Cole for their items. Send me all the news you can. "HO", Cert. 1949.

#### Electric Division—

Brother McGinnaghahan was relieved on vacation by H. D. Lawson.

Bro. Bell, who attended our morning meeting December 11th, expected to be home in time for dinner, but it was long after that time when he reached there. He claims the cold, rainy day and warm seat on train 77 is responsible for his going to sleep and not awakening until he reached Montrose, many miles from home.

The vacation schedule is going on fine.

We are pleased to say that there are no

sick members in our division just now. The sick benefit fund is progressing very satisfactorily and we will soon be able to announce a record result.

CERT. 1097.

**Phila. & Reading Ry., Div. No. 10.**  
**Shamokin Division—**

Meetings were held by Local Chairman Maroney, December 16, 17 and 18, at Shamokin, Tamaqua, Williamsport and Catawissa where the schedule submitted to the P. & R. management was read and explained so that those concerned could get an idea what the general committee was trying to get for them.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the traitorous gang who only a few months ago obligated themselves as members of the O. R. T., now claiming that their "Order" is still in existence, and trying to arrange a conference with the management to get up a new set of rules.

Since the armistice has been signed some things have changed, and it may be that democracy and self-determination does not mean the same now as during the war. If this is so, then in the language of the immortal Patrick Henry, if not exactly in his words, we will have to exclaim, "Forbid it, ye O. R. T. men. We do not care what others may do, but as to us, give us the O. R. T. committee on the P. & R. or the reason why not."

Meetings were also held at Williamsport, Tamaqua, Shamokin and Catawissa November 25, 26 and 27. General Chairman M. A. McNeil attended the meetings at Tamaqua and Shamokin and gave the boys an idea just what Supplement No. 10 meant as he interpreted it. Resolutions were adopted at all meetings, requesting President Perham to stand for his original request made before the Board of Wages and Working Conditions in August, and a rehearing has been granted. Was in hopes of celebrating the new award with a turkey dinner at Christmas, but will have to wait until Easter and make it ham and eggs.

Send your division dues to O. L. Farlow, general secretary and treasurer Division 10, O. R. T., 2513 N. Bancroft St., Philadelphia, Pa., and your Mutual Benefit assessment (Insurance dues) to C. B. Rawlins, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, O. R. T., Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Brothers C. W. Reber, Tamaqua; J. P. Brown, Girard Manor, and W. J. Ryne Excelsior, have been appointed members of the Local Board of Adjustment for Shamokin Division.

Bro. "Shorty" Rissell visited Danville, and Bro. "Clif" Warg, West Milton, and wife, and Bro. S. F. Fry's wife visited Philadelphia recently.

Bro. Frank Erb is in the bee business. We are sorry to hear that Bro. Stahl, "SB"

second, had the misfortune to break his arm.

We are glad Bro. "Hickory" Johnson is back on old "79" at second "UR" again.

Bro. "Red" Lundy, Williamsport, had very poor luck hunting recently, having missed 17 bunnies.

Nominations for delegates and alternates to the Grand Division and also a local chairman are in order not later than January 25, 1919. Brothers, read Article 4 of Constitution regarding their qualifications and sections 69 and 70 of System Division Statutes for information regarding nominations and election.

The thanks of the members of the division are given to Bro. C. W. Reber, who arranged for free meeting rooms at Tamaqua, also to M. J. Berman, proprietor Exchange Hotel, Shamokin, Pa., who furnished us with a room free of charge to hold meetings. Brothers visiting Shamokin needing hotel accommodations, do not pass by the union man's friend.

Catawissa Branch and Shamokin boys, wake up and send me some notes. Pay your dues and attend meetings. "No cards, no favors."

H. R. C. Cert. 257.

**Wayne Jct., Philadelphia Division—**

We are proud of the election of Brother Farlow as local chairman, and will do everything in our power to assist him.

The transfer of its membership to the O. R. T. by practically a unanimous vote, of "The Independent Order of Railway Employees," a local organization originated several years ago on this road, as noted in the August issue of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, page 1022, third paragraph, second column, means success for the O. R. T. in a very short time, and the fulfillment of the dreams of the old-time telegraphers here. We should now stand for our rights and see that every man on this division carries an up-to-date card.

Brothers, study our Constitution so you will be able to combat the employer who denies you the right to co-operate with your co-workers to protect your interest and theirs. Many members of the O. R. T. have had sons who fought and died on the fields of Flanders for the great principle of democracy, and we must see that the autocrats of this country do not forget that the boys who come back were among the telegraphers who fought autocracy that democracy might live and that this must prevail on the railways of America.

CERT. 529.

**Philadelphia Division Notes—**

Now that our division is well under way for 100 per cent strong let us keep it that way, by paying our dues promptly, and keeping after the nons until there are no more of them to line up. Let us strive to impress the officials of the road and the

public generally with our importance, by our promptness, courtesy, efficiency, refinement and consideration. This will do more than anything else to convince all concerned, when they come to realize our responsibility, that we are *more* than "Well worthy of our hire" and assist us in the future to secure still better working conditions and a higher rate of pay.

I have just returned from my vacation visiting friends on the New Haven road, and was very much gratified to note the interest they and the brothers on other roads are taking in our organization work.

Superintendent Peters has advised that hereafter all yardmasters would be made from the ranks of the towermen, so it behooves us to speed up and be ready to accept these \$210.00 jobs when vacancies occur. The Signal Department for Maintainers now pays 68 cents an hour for eight hours' work. It might be well for us to study this line.

Former Chief Train Dispatcher Considine, of the Shore Line, located at New Haven, is now with the Hog Island Ship Building Co.

Bro. E. L. Golden is now chief train dispatcher of the N. Y. C., electric division, with offices in the Grand Central terminal, and understand can use a few good towermen.

Signalman Stover, who went to the N. Y. C., electric, is now with the wireless at one of the recruiting stations in lower Broadway, New York, and "Boomer" Bergen, Belmont second, is now on the Oyster Bay Branch of the Long Island R. R.

West Falls Tower No. 1, is to be reconstructed and all switches and signals east of the river are to be worked electrically, connection with Nicetown tower and the extra track to be put into service, between Nicetown Junction (where six extra levers are to be put into service), and "FS"; with Bros. Brobst, Byler and Farlow on first, second and third, respectively, and Bro. Ring at the table.

Signalman Tregea bid in Race street; Bro. Eckert, second, and Bro. Dan Comer, third "WV"; McCusker, third 16th st., Bro. Wm. Klauser, third Wayne Jct., and Bro. Cruice, second Middle Wayne Jct.

The two new towers at Erie ave., are well under way. They are to be electrical-mechanical cabins with pay on second class rate.

Bro. Clemmer is relieving Bro. Kreasky, who had his hand crushed in a coach door, while getting off a train, recently at East Falls station.

Bro. Rabbi Fishman is back at Belmont, and has a cousin from Afghanistan working with him. We hope the brother won't forget that we take all newcomers into the

O. R. T., and have plenty of application blanks at "NI."

I will be glad to send in a monthly write-up if the brothers along the line will send me the news from their different stations. "No card, no favors." BYLER.

#### New York Division—

The recent meeting held in Philadelphia was attended by two hundred of our men and presided over by Local Chairman Landis in the absence of General Chairman O'Neil, who was holding a similar meeting at Reading. Bro. Schroeder read and explained General Order No. 10, and Bro. Weinrich also gave us a little talk, and Bro. Gurley released his pentup emotions to such extent that we decided as long as Bro. "Bill" was with us we did not care who was against us. Bro. McGuire of "PC" illustrated by a few examples the best way to compute the new rates of pay.

Bro. Harry Hiney selected Bustleton first for the winter, after relieving the signalmen for vacations. He has the thanks of all the brothers for the way he has been rounding up the nons.

"GS" first, second and third and operator and relief dispatcher created, with John Myres on the latter. This abolishes the side-wire jobs. Thos. Kershaw, on first for years, goes to the Philadelphia Division.

Bro. Samuel Little has carried a card since 1893. Some of the younger brothers should take note and give the nons near or with them no rest until they line-up. "Sam" waited a long time for what his clear perception told him would eventually come. Let us rejoice with him.

Bro. Paxson is on the Ewing job.

Bro. Guisinger reports that his wife, who has been in the hospital, is doing nicely and he expects to bring her home soon.

Now that we have elected Bro. Landis our local chairman, let us give him the support and encouragement he deserves. As an individual he can do very little, but if every brother will help him, we can soon carry the banner over the top. He is sacrificing a great deal to carry on the work; spending his time away from home and family, and suffering personal inconvenience in many ways. This is no small work, but the biggest project men have ever promoted. It means on the one hand, SUCCESS—liberty and justice, a true DEMOCRACY; and on the other, FAILURE, a return to the dark days of COERCION and intimidation, irregular practices and the PORK BARREL. The people always get what they want. The vote brings home the bacon. IT'S UP TO YOU. I feel that with Bro. Landis at the helm our ship can weather any gale—that the New York Division is ably represented.

CERT. 429.

**Canadian Gov't. Rys., Div. No. 11.****Second District—.**

Brothers, when you hear anything of interest to the members, send it to your correspondent and he will do the rest. We need the co-operation of all concerned. We are as nearly one hundred per cent O. R. T. as can be found anywhere in the railroad realm, but it is impossible for your correspondent, situated at an isolated point on the district to send in a good write-up from month to month without your assistance. Unless we get your hearty co-operation in the future, we shall give some other ambitious brother a chance to make a reputation for himself.

We have been absorbed by the C. N. R. from Winnipeg to O'Brien, all Government lines in Canada having been placed under the management of the commission appointed recently by the Dominion Government to manage that road, two new members having been added to the commission for this purpose, and we come under the jurisdiction of the C. N. R. official situated in Winnipeg. General Chairman Trainor, of Division No. 11, and General Chairman Muncey, of Division No. 43, issued a joint circular letter approved by Deputy President Mein, dated Montreal, December 10, 1918, copies of which were mailed to all members, naming the general managers of the two divisions heretofore mentioned in the territory affected owing to the changes noted, also giving the readjustment of committees for the purpose of schedule negotiation. Members failing to receive a copy should request one from their local chairmen. Members will continue to pay dues as at present and necessary steps will probably be taken at an early date for the amalgamation of System Divisions 11 and 43 along lines similar to that of Division 7 covering C. P. R. Lines.

Our general committee met in Montreal on Monday, December 2, publishing the result thereof to all members System Division 11, under date Montreal, December 12, 1918, and adjourned until after the holidays season.

Local Chairman Walker returned from Montreal, Sunday, December 15, accompanied by General Chairman Trainor, who came west as far as Hearst to say good-bye to the boys. Bro. Trainor's jurisdiction will end at O'Brien when the committees are readjusted to meet the new conditions. It is with a feeling of keen regret that we part company with Bro. Trainor, who has always been an able and painstaking official. The O'Brien subdivision members, Bros. Kearns, Pepin, Carriere and Gallup, came to Cochrane; Bros. DeChamplain, Henshaw and Chapman came as far as Hearst, and Bros. Taylor, Guy Smith, Perry, Cordingly, Adair and W. D. Smith went down as far as Jacksonboro, and Bros. Trainor and Walker held

informal meetings aboard train, returning from Hearst the following morning to Charlottetown, P. E. I., and Jacksonboro, respectively.

Bro. Guy A. Smith, first trick dispatcher at Grant, is the only candidate so far nominated for local chairman next term.

Bros. Kearns, Pepin, Gallup, Wilson, Smith, McKelvie and Perry, we are glad to say, have all recovered from an attack of the "flu".

Bro. Ronald Chisholm recently returned from visiting his family in Winnipeg, is relieving Local Chairman Walker at Jacksonboro.

Bro. McKelvie, C. P. R. dispatcher Medicine Hat, has been appointed relieving dispatcher at Grant. C. R. McKenzie, chief clerk to General Manager Brady, has been appointed General Manager Canadian Government Railways eastern lines and has taken up his duties at Montreal.

Bros. J. A. Perry, G. A. and W. D. Smith, J. C. Cordingley and Adair tendered Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and son an informal banquet on the dining car en route in order to bid farewell to Mr. McKenzie, who leaves a host of friends on western lines.

Conductors Webb and Quirt, Dispatcher Guy A. Smith and Agent Adair spent a very enjoyable outing recently up the Ombabika River and Summit Lake on a duck and goose hunt. They experienced many thrilling adventures and hairbreadth escapes, which will probably be published in an exclusive article in some of the sporting magazines at an early date.      BULL Moose, Cert. 587.

**Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 15.****Columbia District—**

I was glad to see so many of the boys from this district at the meeting in the Y. M. C. A., December 7th, for I know what it means to come to Florence for a meeting, the way our trains run, the Charleston and Fayetteville district members disappointed me, however, as they have trains on which they could come and go. There were none from the former. Those present from the latter were: Bros. A. T. and H. B. Hasellton, "FY" tower, and Bro. O. G. Phillips from Latta. Those present from our district, including the two new members taken in, were: M. C. Belk, St. Charles; W. D. McLeod, Oswego; J. D. White, Darlington; E. E. Smith, Bishopville; W. P. Mooneyhan, Elliott; A. W. Shaw, Syracuse; W. H. Medlin and J. D. Hinson, Bennettsville; T. A. Boone, assistant local chairman, Sumter; S. C. H. Manning, Lynchburg; L. W. Whitaker, Orangeburg; A. F. Ragan, Remini; C. B. Kolb, Pinewood; W. H. Pearce, Lumber; J. Y. Crosswell, and Boyd Wilson, Timmonsville, and H. H. Heard and "Me" from Florence.

I hope to have our regular banquet some

time in January or first of February; getting our increase straightened out has caused the delay. Will let each man know the exact date and price later.

Every man who makes a move, be kind enough to advise Bro. Boone, our correspondent, or myself, and don't forget to vote next month. It is more important this time than ever in the history of the organization, especially for the delegate to the convention. I hope I will have the great pleasure of representing the Columbia District for the third time next year.

The total paid-up membership for our district is about 111, and we have about 117 positions. You can see how our non list stands. Let's clean up our district before the end of next term. C. BOLICK, L. C.

#### Columbia District Notes—

Bro. E. L. Glover, Florence yard, has resigned and gone into business with his father. Bro. Sheahy, Gibson agency, and Bro. Rentz, at Robbins, have also resigned. We wish them all success.

Glad to hear Bro. Davis is back at Robbins, after several weeks' illness in his family.

New members: Ervine, Tatum; Graham, Marlboro; Shaw, Syracuse; McLeod, Osgood; Wilson and Powers, Timmonsville; J. R. Schipman and W. C. Lloyd, Florence.

Bro. Bell, Florence yard, attending U. S. court at Charleston a few days, Bros. Graham and Schipman doubling.

"TAB", Div. Cor.

#### Savannah District—

##### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank those who were so very kind to me in my bereavement in the loss of my dear husband. Also the members of Division 15 for the beautiful floral offering.

MRS. E. A. BAINBRIDGE,  
Savannah, Ga.

#### Norfolk District—

There was no write-up last month as I was in the hospital.

Whaley second and third closed owing to shortage of men; Bro. Matthews, second there, relieving Hicks, at Boone, sick. Quite a number are sick, including Bro. Shumaker, Yard tower, who has the "flu", but none are seriously ill.

Bro. Hall, agent Kelford, was off several days recently. A little bird tells me it may be a honeymoon.

Bro. Hale, agent Plymouth, has resigned to enter other business. We wish him success.

Bro. Cowan, first Norfolk, relieved the dispatchers eight days.

Local Chairman Parker attended the recent meeting of the General Committee in Jack-

sonville, to discuss our last award and frame a new set of demands.

Bro. R. C. Pender, Greenville, goes to Tarboro.

The entire district was distressed to learn of the death of Bro. W. E. Harper at his home in Bethel, N. C., December 2nd, caused by "flu" complications. Bro. Harper was a splendid and well-liked young man who will be greatly missed by a host of friends, being only recently promoted to extra train dispatcher at Tarboro. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his family in this great loss. Two beautiful floral offerings were sent, one by the employees of the freight, ticket and dispatchers' offices and some of the trainmen at Tarboro, and one by the balance of the members of the Order on the Norfolk District, and in memoriam resolutions forwarded to his parents.

The ticket, superintendent, chief and trick dispatchers and operators' office will soon be in the nice, new station nearing completion at the foot of York Street, Norfolk. It is a lovely building and the change is much desired.

Brothers on the branch, send your notes to our local chairman and he will forward them to me to be incorporated with mine.

Here's wishing every member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers a Happy New Year.

CERT. 422.

##### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of Norfolk District for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved brother and son; also for the beautiful floral offerings. It will always be remembered by us.

BRO. D. S. HARPER, JR. Cert. 1811,  
FATHER, MOTHER AND SISTER,  
Bethel, N. C.

#### Jacksonville District—

Bro. J. R. Wadsworth goes to Eustis agency, succeeded at Sebring agency by Bro. VanMeter, succeeded by Bro. C. H. Piilar as dispatcher. Hinsdale, Lakeland District, also goes to "DO" as dispatcher.

Tampa yard business now being handled by "QD" terminal, "PG" Tampa abolished, one man going on extra board, the other to "QD".

Bro. E. E. Dowling has our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his wife from an operation and influenza. Mrs. Dowling leaves beside her husband a host of friends at Oviedo and relatives in other parts of the State to mourn her loss.

Bro. Rawles, of Bostwick, was relieved by E. C. Carter while on his honeymoon. The brothers extend to the happy couple their congratulations and all good wishes.

I recently went over about all of this district and am greatly pleased with conditions

as I found them. The few nons have not been here very long. We must line them up as soon as possible. Get the few delinquents to pay up and make this district solid. Get the habit of showing your card and asking the other fellow for his. Some of the nons have promised to come in the first of the year and I am going to hold them to it.

It is time now to nominate candidates for local chairman for the next two years, and you should give it some thought and consideration. I am indeed grateful to the brothers who supported me in the special election to fill the unexpired term of Bro. W. W. Tedder. The better I get acquainted with the work and each individual member, the greater is my personal interest in you. Should I not do just as you think I should, I hope you will feel perfectly free to let me hear from you. There are many things to be done and some things I really wanted to do, I have not yet had a chance to accomplish, but I hope to be able to do so soon.

J. D. MILES, Cert. 481.  
Local Chairman.

#### *Second Division, Montgomery District—*

While we have sixty days in which to pay our dues for the first half of 1919, it is important that this be done at once.

Send your dues to Bro. J. H. Williams, Wilson, N. C., and your M. B. D. fees to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo.

It is more important that we should be a hundred per cent strong now than ever before in our history in order to retain the concessions we have fought for for years.

Our general chairman, with those of other roads, has gone to Washington for the third time, and we are expecting another and a more favorable award in lieu of Supplements 10 and 11.

Several good men have resigned recently owing to the delay in these negotiations.

On account of so much sickness and the scarcity of operators, very few of us could be relieved for our holiday vacations.

Glad to say that those who were down with the "flu" are now doing nicely.

We had several rousing good meetings on this district last month and those who did not attend missed a great treat. Bro. Stokes informed us of the progress made by our committees and what they proposed to do. Our case was discussed from every angle. These meetings are very beneficial to all and we should have a meeting about once a month at Dothan. Let's hear from you on this. Other roads have meetings and we can do the same if we will all try and attend.

CERT. 120.

#### **Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16. "F", Detroit—**

The dispatchers' office here has been moved from the fourth to the first floor. It was

decided that four floors was too high up for an ordinary railroad man.

Bro. Hanlan is back in the dispatchers' office again after several days' siege with the "flu", and Bro. Doc. Sall has returned after a month's absence.

#### *Bay City Division—*

Bro. Rossow, third Utica, relieving Bro. Hanlan on third Ann Arbor, and Bro. Bishop relieved Bro. Miller while he relieved the dispatchers in Detroit.

Bro. Bar, second Oxford, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Blemer.

Bro. Wright, Denmark Jct., spent Christmas with his parents.

Otter Lake is now solid, with Bros. Dressler, Hill and Cypher.

The brothers at Vassar expect to be transferred to the tower shortly.

It is now Bro. Perley, Buena Vista.

Bro. Brotherton, agent Colling, relieved by his wife, is relieving Bro. Bettis at Bach, who is very sick with pneumonia.

Bro. Larson, Caro, was off a few days with the "flu", relieved by Bro. Rossow.

Bro. Price is back at Reese after being down a week with the malady, his wife and baby being sick at the same time. Bro. Light, the agent there, was also off a week on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. L. L. Findlay, who has been honorably discharged from the Army, expects to be with us soon.

L. L. WRIGHT, Cert. 1165.

#### *Northern Division—*

Bro. Trumble, who resigned Mackinaw City third, succeeded by Bro. Sutherland from second Sheboygan, came back to help out when the latter was taken sick, and also doubled twelve hours with Bro. Reaume when Bro. Ball, first, was off on account of the illness of his father. Mason third closed while Bro. Kinsey of first off with "flu", Bros. Campbell and Hill working first and second. Bros. Willow and Bamford worked twelve hours at Gaylord while Bro. G. H. Wagner, first, was sick.

Roscommon exclusive agency abolished, Bro. Rose taking the agent telegrapher job; Bro. Stewart, first to third, vice Preston; later Bro. J. A. Green, back from Army, relieved Bro. Stewart, sick with the "flu". J. A. Bartlett, lately returned from the Army, goes to second, and G. A. Hildreth to third West Branch, when Bro. W. A. G. Flynn was called to Decatur, Ill., on account of his daughter being seriously injured in an auto accident.

Bro. McCalpin, who relieved Bro. J. D. McIntosh, agent Standish, down with the "flu" two weeks, also relieved Bro. Chris Lauber, agent West Branch, a few days.

Bro. Doc. Gilbert, third Bay City W. S.

was off several days owing to the serious illness of his wife and children.

Bros. June and Van Scoter, off with "flu", relieved by Miss Haas and E. B. Yerger. Bro. Geo. Needham, extra dispatcher, is also ill at his home in Detroit; also Bro. Porter, third Saginaw, relieved by Bro. Wolf.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Joseph Parlette, first Mershon, with the P. M. Division 39 since 1904, who died of influenza-pneumonia at Saginaw December 12th. Bro. Parlette was well known by a great many of the M. C. boys. He leaves a wife and little son, who have the sympathy of all the members.

Bro. A. T. McMillan, our first local chairman on Saginaw-Mackinaw Divisions, died at Jenny Lind, Ark., of pneumonia recently, and his wife died just two days before he passed away of the same disease. Bro. McMillan, agent at Roscommon and Wolverine left here about twelve years ago and has since been employed by the M. P.

Bro. Pettet, second Saginaw, away on account of the death of his brother-in-law, Sister Butterfield and Bro. Wolf working twelve hours until another operator could be located.

Bro. W. J. Shaw, second Salzburg, relieving in "DI", Bay City, relieved by Sister F. A. Hines; Bro. Ueberhorst relieving dispatchers.

Wisconsin second closed, account shortage of men. Miss Haas to Waters Street Jct. second.

Our general chairman has returned from Washington where he has been for some time with other general chairmen before the Wage Committee.

CERT. 63.

#### Pennsylvania R. R. Div. No. 17.

##### Elmira Division—

About 250 attended the joint meeting of the P. R. R., L. & W., and Erie in Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 27th, in an all-day session, General Chairman Hesser, of the latter road, presiding. Things of interest were discussed by everyone present, including Supplement 10 to General Order 27. The presence of the gentler sex added zest to the occasion as they expressed themselves as being with the boys in everything that is right.

It was voted to rent a hall and have these joint meetings monthly, holding all-day sessions in order that every operator can attend.

Bro. Dunning is back on "QC" first, Bro. Mallory going to first Glenora.

The boys on this division who bought Liberty Bonds to the extent of 100 per cent, in many cases, could hardly afford it on their small salaries, but their loyalty overcame that difficulty.

Bro. Quick bid in first at Pine Valley, relieved on relief No. 6 by Bro. Ebersole.

Bro. Philips, Horse Heads, enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Williamsport.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Gernet and the wife of Bro. Hateman from an attack of the "flu." The others afflicted with the disease have recovered. Several tricks had to be closed during the epidemic.

Bro. Duffy relieved Bro. Shumacher 30 days while he harvested his crops.

Bros. Ebersole, Duffy and Shumacher are now preparing for their annual bear hunt. The bears are expected to be plentiful owing to the good apply crop. CERT. 1257.

##### Trenton Division—

Our local chairman is watching the assignments closely and any of the brothers not placed in the positions they have won should advise him of the particulars at once.

It is now Bro. Anderson on "HD" second.

We are glad to report that Bro. Deering has recovered from the influenza and pneumonia.

The bunnies and birds are scarce this year down this way.

New members are being added daily. Keep them coming. "HAPPY JACK," Cert. 1135.

##### Trenton Division, Lower End—

The white buttons are now being worn on all parts of the division, on which we now have over 250 members, and we will soon have in the few nons left.

Everyone do your best to line up the one working with you. Don't leave it to a few, as you will all share in the reward. Remember, "No card, no favors."

JOHN A. VILLINGER,  
Assistant Local Chairman.

##### West Jersey and Seashore Division—

Remit dues promptly to W. M. Skinner, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, 71 Gunther Building, Baltimore, Md., and save the work and expense of a second notice. Bro. Skinner has over 6,000 members to look after now. If you write him and don't get a prompt reply you will understand that it is because he is busy, so be patient. All who are not paid up by February 28th will be delinquent and their beneficiaries will not get anything in case of their death.

Some have not yet received their M. B. D. certificates, the delay being occasioned owing to the large number of applications in that department and illness among the clerical force on account of the "flu" epidemic. Each application must take its regular order. The assessments are not in effect until you have been passed upon and notified what you owe. You should then return the slip with your remittance promptly and you will receive your certificate immediately.

Every man has received enough increase this pay day to take out an application and we should see that the few nons left join at once.

**Local Chairman Nightingale has resigned and we should all send the name of the brother we wish to succeed him to Bro. J. F. Miller, 72 Gunther Building, Baltimore, Md. When he sends out the nominating ballots they should be filled out and returned to him promptly. When the selection is made we should then support him to the limit. The brother nominated must promise that he will accept if elected. The nominating ballot must bear the assent of the man you nominate. The February elections will be based on the paid up membership Dec. 31st, 1918, and our delegate to the convention next May will be elected at the same time as the local chairman. We are sorry to lose Bro. Nightingale as local chairman. He has served us long and faithfully and we owe him our thanks for the splendid work he has done.**

Div. Cor., Cert. 74.

#### *Delaware (Southern) Division—*

When drawing your increased salary, do not forget to renew your card for 1919, remitting \$5.00 to W. M. Skinner, General Secretary and Treasurer, 71 Gunther Building, Baltimore, Md., which pays your dues up to June 30, and don't neglect to remit your insurance assessment to C. B. Rawlins, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo. These are very important matters and the least you can do, in view of the benefits you are now enjoying as a result of the O. R. T.'s efforts, is to attend to them without delay. It is now more important than ever before to be, and stay, thoroughly organized.

Bro. W. F. Allen's auto back-fired while cranking it at his home in Seaford, breaking his right arm. Bro. R. C. Robinson relieved him at "RS."

W. C. Weaver, Jr., was thrown into fifteen feet of water on his way home from "SJ," Dec. 13, while crossing the railroad bridge over the river when his bicycle skidded. Quick work by the bridge tender saved him from drowning. His wheel was found three days later.

Bros. S. L. Richards and F. D. Bradley, and H. S. Taylor and J. E. Owens, Greenwood, are all down with the "flu."

Bro. Phillip L. Wainwright of Seaford and bride, Miss Besley E. Moore, of Dover, spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

#### *"W" Office Notes—*

Bro. Cyrus Hatfield and wife, of Georgetown, visited Philadelphia several days; Bros. S. J. Messick, Frankford; J. W. Lewis, Selbyville; Arthur H. Walls, Stockley, and J. O. Willis, Lincoln City, visited Wilmington, and Sister Myra Johnson, Snow Hill, visited Philadelphia and Wilmington recently.

Bro. Warren B. Ennis, operator Houston, attended the Great Council of the Impd. O.

R. M. in Wilmington on Dec. 11 and 12 as representative of his home tribe.

It is now Bros. Taylor and Sharpley at Hursley. D. M. Donovan and assistant, Miss Edna Veasey, at Ellendale, refuse to join, but willingly accept the extra money the Order secured for them. With a few exceptions they are the only ones out yet on the D., M. & V. branch.

Bro. H. M. Morgan spent his vacation in Buffalo and Chicago, Bro. H. S. Atkinson two weeks in New York and on the eastern shore of Maryland, and Bro. Rob. Windsor two weeks at the latter point hunting jack rabbits and birds, which are very plentiful there.

Bro. Harvey Dabson spent his relief days near Greensboro on a gunning trip; Bro. C. M. Cubbage with his parents at Felton; Bro. Hastings with his at Delmar; Bro. Shockley with his at Goldsboro, Md., and Bro. C. R. Megee spent two days at Broadkill recently. Bro. Arthur G. Smith and wife were the guests of the latter's parents at Owens, Md., recently.

Bro. J. D. Wothers bid in second "DA" block.

Boys, I can't fix up a writeup without notes. Send me your items not later than the night of the 20th.

ROBT. D. PRETTYMAN, Div. Cor.

#### *New York Division—*

The November meeting, held at Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, New York City, for the benefit of the boys in Manhattan, was attended by Messrs. Carson, Burk and Dwyer, who seemed very much interested in our meeting on account of being on what is called "Sacred Ground" of the O. R. T. D. A. & L. and in the same hall room where they meet. Understand Mr. Carson is a T. director and stockholder and Mr. Burk is manager of the "NC," New York office, hence the interest. Mr. Carson disclaimed any intention of himself or the other two gentlemen attending the meeting for the purpose of intimidating us, so we can take him at his word. Should this be attempted later, however, write me full particulars at once, as Order No. 8 covers such cases thoroughly. Keep the good work going. We are doing nicely now, having "slipped one over" on the "old guard" while they were asleep. Our committee will be received just the same as the Trenton and other division committees are being received. New members are joining daily because they know that the O. R. T. is the only real bona fide organization that can represent them before the War and Labor Boards and get results. That is why Mr. Mair and Mr. Enoch at Philadelphia are so much interested in Martin Kelly at present.

**Schuylkill Division—**

Brothers and Sisters: Let us again appeal to the few non members of this division in the spirit of good fellowship and brotherhood, laying the facts before them, and on their own principle and honor solicit their membership and support.

I have secured a list of them from our local chairman and will be very glad to send a copy of it to any of you who will agree to assist in lining them up.

Let each one of us get after the nearest one and tell him we must adopt the policy of "No card, no favors," and bring his report along to the next meeting, which will be for members only. We must get down to business now.

If we all resolve that 1919 shall be the year never to be forgotten on the "Pennsy," it will be so.

Remit your dues promptly and get your new card. Mine is a beauty.

Yours for success,

CERT. No. 41.

**Pittsburgh Division, East End—**

The eastern slope is solid, "SF" to "Gy," and the way applications are coming in from "UN" and "AR," they will soon be solid. "MO" has five members and the other one will join soon.

Everyone at "AO" received application blanks and will not stop with less than 100 per cent. A new message wire will be built from "LY" to "MS" and the former is now on the map with five members. We expect to soon have "NY" solid and hope to stop the student business there. We have two members at "W." The other man will join when "NY" stops turning out students. "SO" shows up pretty good, but not quite 100 per cent yet.

Bro. H. D. Border, "NY," on the sick list, has gone West.

**Pittsburgh District, West End—**

Richard Rigney, formerly a telegrapher on this division, son of Will T. Rigney, of Manor, Pa., was killed in action in France, Sept. 26. He was with the New York Central Lines in Ohio when he joined the Army and was sent from Camp Lee, Va., early last May. We extend our sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. Rigney. His brother and sister are members employed on this division. He leaves one son, who lives in Manor, Pa.

We are glad to welcome Sister Anna J. Dolan back after a prolonged illness.

It is now Bro. Carothers, making "BU," with Sister Weimer and Meisinger, 100 per cent.

"UF" block, all girls, is now solid. They are putting some of the men to shame.

Bro. R. S. Stewart took second "VI," vice Bro. Swartz, now in the dispatcher's office. Bennett, from the Tyrone Division, is on third "VI."

Bro. Bill Tanner is now regular at "GH," and Bros. Selders, Cole and Pool are at "SZ."

Sister Cox, extra, joined before working a month.

Several meetings were held in Pittsburgh recently to protest against the former award, but we received the new rate of pay for December and there is now no excuse for anybody to stay out.

The local chairman wishes all a Happy New Year and hopes time will come when he will be of more use to them than merely putting in new members. I wish to thank Bros. McGrail, Rigney and others who have assisted me in bringing this division up to its present standard. Get all you can to join. Make a New Year's resolution to get at least one member.

**Od. Office—**

Bro. A. J. Sparks, taken suddenly ill the afternoon of Nov. 26, was removed to Allegheny General Hospital and died at 8 o'clock, never regaining consciousness. His body was taken to Sandersville, Ga. The O. R. T. sent a beautiful floral tribute to his family and the Od. boys also sent money for a floral tribute. His family thanks all who were so kind to them in their trouble for their thoughtfulness. Bro. Sparks' father comes into \$1,000 insurance, although he was in the organization only a year.

This shows the necessity of keeping up-to-date. We never know when death will overtake us. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The new wire will soon be installed and girls take charge of it.

The brother in the "GO" November writeup certainly "handed it" to the "Professor" there. We hope there are none of those "Profs" in this office. Let's get in the girls and the rest of the "outs" and have a writeup every month.

**Pittsburgh Yard Terminal—**

This is the first time we have broken into print, but intend to have a writeup every month. Bros. Pentecost and Dinges have been working hard and we will soon show up with a solid front. The former, who is assistant local chairman, is looking for a scribe for this job. Help him all you can.

CERT. 1526.

**Cincinnati and C. L. & N. Division—**

Well-attended meetings were held Dec. 2nd at Xenia, Ohio, and morning and evening sessions the same date at Cincinnati. At the former, Local Chairman Stone explained our "reserve fund," which we trust will soon be going nicely. The meetings at Cincinnati were joint. The writer attended the one at 10 a. m. and heard some interesting talks, Local Chairman Marsh explaining the situation well. We hope arrangements can be made to have these meetings frequently.

**"Q" Relay, West End—**

Bro. Rowland, from the C. L. & N., is helping out here.

Sister Stemmer, monitor operator, was off some time with the influenza.

Bro. Powers, on his vacation, was relieved by Bro. Stone.

Bro. Hughes is now regular dispatcher, succeeded by Bro. O'Neal as second trick copier and extra dispatcher.

It is now Bro. Cozad, making us 99 per cent.

You boys along the line, don't depend on the telephone entirely. Please answer promptly on the telegraph.

Bro. Moran, first trick dispatcher, was off several days owing to the serious illness of his daughter, and Bro. Newman, extra dispatcher, on account of sickness in his family.

The boys in "Q" and "DI" extend their sympathy to Bro. Cooper, seriously injured by an explosion on Dec. 11th at his home. He just recently lost his daughter. Sister Worth is relieving him.

**D. & W.—**

Trotwood third closed while Bro. Stephens relieved extra McGriff, third "MA," on sick list. Bro. Harrison had to double until Bro. Stephens' arrival as Bro. Sommers had to be home with his wife, who had the "flu," and his children, who had the whooping cough.

Brothers, let's have some news.

**East End—**

Bros. Marshall and Ferris are back at work again after a tussle with the "flu."

Returned from vacations: Bro. Nebb, Bro. Payne, Bro. Sink, Bro. Cypher, who were relieved by Bro. Tierney, and Bro. Lambert, who took in the sights at Washington and Baltimore.

Brothers, let's have some news.

**West End—**

Relieved on vacations: Local Chairman Stone, who visited the Grand Division at St. Louis; Bros. Heslin, Black and Stultz, by Bro. Daly, and Bro. Drake, by Bro. Gordon.

Bro. Patroff has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Greely was a recent Cincinnati visitor.

Bro. Leroy Sink has resigned, relieved by Midkiff, a new man.

Brothers, help the scribe, who is also local organizer, to line up these new men and make the division solid.

Bro. Hill fell down the office steps, Dec. 9th, and broke his ankle. Sister Worth proved to be a "good nurse."

Brothers, remit your \$5.00 dues promptly for first half of 1919, or \$10.00 for an annual card if possible, to Bro. W. M. Skinner, General Secretary and Treasurer, 71 Gunther Building, Baltimore, Md., and your M. B. D. assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, Grand

Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo. Also send me all the news you can so we can have a good monthly writeup. EVANS, Cert. 973.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

I wish to thank the brothers of the Cincinnati Division for the generous financial aid they extended to me during my illness. It is certainly appreciated. H. P. SMITH.

**C. & P. Division—**

Let us pay our dues for the term ending June 30, 1919, promptly and line up the few nons. This is the only way we can retain the privileges we now enjoy and secure others.

We regret to report the death of the wife of Bro. D. A. Sutliff of Revenna, after a brief illness of peritonitis. The bereaved husband and son "Billy," aged four years, have our heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Sutliff was relieved by Bro. Porterfield from Brady, relieved by Bro. Martin. Bro. Summers relieved Bro. Heck at Hudson, on sick list.

We are glad to note the return to duty of Bro. H. O. M., our Division correspondent, after a protracted illness. Let us show our appreciation by furnishing him plenty of notes for the next writeup.

There was considerable doubling on this division owing to the "flu" epidemic. Bro. Rudy was among those reported ill with it. We hope we will soon know how to figure our overtime.

W. L. P., Cert. 793.

**E. & A. Division—**

Bro. Walter Walling, who has been employed at Bristolville for ten years, died there Nov. 30th, after a brief illness from bronchial pneumonia. He entered the service of the P. R. R. when 17 years old at Warren. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at West Mecca and the Masonic Lodge of Farmington, the latter conducting the burial services at Green, where he was laid to rest. The services at his home on Dec. 3rd were conducted by Rev. J. P. Wiseman, pastor of the M. E. church. In the death of Bro. Walling we lost a faithful member, always thoughtful for the comfort of others, especially devoted to his widowed mother, whom he leaves, with one sister, two nieces and four nephews to mourn his loss, two sisters dying the past year at Warren.

Among those who resumed duty recently who had been on the sick list were Bro. Allen, relieved by Bro. McCullough; Bro. Johnson, by Miss Flitch; Bro. Hilles, by Mrs. Obrien; Bro. Eckis, Bro. Post Detour, Bros. Collins and Gray doubling three days, then relieved by Bro. Kistler. Daily and Bro. Willman Boanna also doubling three days, then relieved by Bro. Wilson, second Mosier, relieved by Miss Luther. Nearly all were down with an attack of the "flu."

Brothers, get after the nons and give them no rest until they sign up.

Thanks to the brothers for their items and trust they will furnish us with all the news current in the future so that we may have a good writeup each month. CERT. 62.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Erie and Ashtabula Division of Division No. 17 for the kindness shown us in our sad bereavement in the loss of our dear son and brother, W. A. Walling. Also for the beautiful floral offering.

MRS. MARY BAILEY,  
MRS. ALTA CHAMBERY,  
Bristolville, Ohio.

#### *Columbia Division—*

Brothers, pay your dues at once and keep up the good standing of our division. We have so few nons now that we have a right to feel proud to be members of this division. We now have a substantial increase in wages and improved working conditions such as we never have enjoyed heretofore. To show that you appreciate this, stand by the organization that was directly the cause of your receiving them. You now see some of the advantages of collective bargaining. We appreciate this and want every man to have what is coming to him. And that is just what the new schedule will do for every one as soon as it goes into effect. There are some things in it you have never had, which by rights were yours; things nearly every road of any consequence at all has had for years. Now we have the chance to enjoy them, so let us all keep our membership up-to-date and get our "honor" cards promptly.

Keep after the few nons. I will gladly furnish you their names if you will help line them up. Find out if the man next to you has his card. If not, keep after him until he gets one. He owes it to us to help stand the bill, as he reaps the benefits as well as we do. Give him no rest. He has no plausible excuse at all to refuse or get angry. He is in debt to us, an honor debt which should be so considered by him if he has any such thing as honor.

Thanking you all for the support accorded me in the past, and hoping you will continue lending me the same during 1919, I assure you that I will continue serving you as I have in the past, striving for a 100 per cent division until I get it, or someone else as your choice succeeds me.

I remain, fraternally yours for a 100 per cent division,

P. L. MARTIN, Local Chairman.

#### *Columbus Division Notes—*

Local Chairman Martin was off several days recently, also Bro. Ottawa, and Bro.

Jenkins was relieved 15 days by Bro. Friend.

On vacations: Bro. Stewart, two weeks; Bro. J. B. Schoen and Bro. T. C. McCaslin. Bro. J. H. Robertson is back again after working six weeks in the yards.

Miss Corbett is now ready for extra work, having passed the required "exam."

Some ten or a dozen of our members on this division were down with the "flu" and other ailments incidental to this time of the year, the only fatality being that of Bro. U. Morris, who died very suddenly on Friday, Nov. 27, of pneumonia. This division furnished a beautiful floral emblem for the funeral. The employes of this division also furnished a beautiful floral wreath for the funeral of D. C. Barr, who died at his home in Piqua, Dec. 15th, after a week's sickness of heart trouble.

"WR" was closed to relieve Bros. H. E. and G. C. Bayless, owing to the death of their father. J. C. ROBERTSON, Div. Cor.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the telegraphers of Columbus Division, P. R. R., for their beautiful flowers sent in the sad hour of my bereavement.

MRS. D. C. BARR.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to the operators of the Columbus Division for their sympathy and beautiful floral offering in the sad hour of our bereavement in the loss of our son and daughter, brother and sister.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK SMUCKER,  
C. SMUCKER AND BROTHER.

#### *Marietta Division—*

Bro. Johnson from Bethel relieved Bro. E. S. Gray at Kimbolton, who relieved Bro. W. C. Boyle at "GR" Cabin, taken ill last November with Brights disease and cardiac trouble, and passed to the great beyond the middle of December. He had just been married to Miss Catherine Ackison, of Newcomerstown, last July, who has our heartfelt sympathy in her great bereavement. The members of this division purchased a beautiful floral design for his funeral.

Quite a number of our members were off with the "flu" at different times during last month, among them were Bros. Johnson and W. P. Lease, of Bethel, the former about a month and the latter ten days; also Bro. Robinson, of Dover, for two weeks, relieved by Bro. Carpenter, who went back on third "CX" after Bro. Robinson resumed work; Miller going to Stone Creek third. Miss Z. M. Lease, extra at Bethel, was off several days with tonsillitis. Bro. Wilmuth, Stone Creek, off several weeks on account of a fistula, was relieved on second by Bro. Arbogast, and he on third there by Bro. Miller.

Supt. Wright has established a "Safety" Bulletin at several points on the division,

on which to have "safety suggestions" posted from time to time. A safety committee has also been appointed and anyone having suggestions of this character to make should apply to the chairman of that committee for a regular form that has been prepared for that purpose.

Brothers, please send me your notes to Bethel, and let us have a writeup every month. E. M. LEASE, First Trick "B,"

Cert. 802.

**Zanesville—O. R. & W. Division—**

This division is solid with the exception of the agent at Zanesville, and three operator-agents on the O. R. & W. Let's all keep after them. Pay our dues promptly and keep after our linemen until we get them in.

Bro. Foster, Wilmington, off sick, relieved by Bro. Spung, and Bro. Sears, first "BV," by Mrs. Bennett, helping out during the scarcity of operators.

Bro. Barks, third dispatcher, joined "the benedicts," and went honeymooning South two weeks, relieved by Bro. Brown, copy operator "X," relieved by Bro. Wallace, second "FA," relieved by Bro. Jones.

Bro. Austin is back in the trainmaster's office, after spending his vacation "Somewhere in America."

Bro. Shaefier, second Junction City, is being relieved by Mr. Hall as a favor, being employed at other work.

Bro. Synan, second dispatcher "DS," is back in the telephone "harness," after being off a week with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Edgar, who then relieved Bro. Thompson, first dispatcher "DS," on vacation by Bro. Edgar.

Bro. Hopper, third Goston, is being congratulated on the recent arrival of a baby girl.

Bros. J. M. and D. R. Harbaugh were off a few days attending the funeral of their brother, John, who recently left the telegraph service here. Our entire sympathy is extended.

Brothers try and send me a few notes, especially the O. R. & W., as I cannot get it all.

**Again, DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR NEW CARD.**

Happy New Year to all.

L. C. YAHN, Local Chairman.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

In behalf of our mother and wife of our brother John, we wish to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to the brothers of Zanesville Division No. 17, for the beautiful floral offering in deep sympathy of the loss of our dear brother John.

J. M. HARBAUGH,  
D. R. HARBAUGH,  
and Relatives.

**Akron Division—**

Twenty-four members attended the meeting at the home of Bro. and Sister Williams, in Barberton, November 22. The Erie and B. & O., as well as our own division was well represented. A resolution adopted, rejecting Supplement No. 10 as unfair and unjust was forwarded to the General Chairman of the three divisions represented. Temporary officers for the proposed Akron O. R. T. Club which will be permanently organized directly after the first of the new year.

The following Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock a meeting was held in the Central Labor Union Hall at Akron, and the action of the Barberton meeting ratified. Nineteen brothers present, several being from Divisions 33 and 42. We hope to have these joint meetings going in full force as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Bros. J. W. Flory, C. Walters, C. C. Schaub, G. R. Kail, of Orrville, and Bro. E. U. Scheetz, of Millersburg, who attended the Alliance meeting, reports the Eastern Division brothers as right up and doing business. Bro. J. J. Dunn was present at this meeting and gave a short talk on organization work.

Bros. Kail and Flory also attended the Canton meeting November 25, at which the E. & A., W. & L. E., B. & O. and the Eastern and Akron Divisions were represented.

November 26 a meeting was held in this part of the state, was held in K. of P. hall, Gambier, attended by twenty-seven members of this division.

"No cards, no favors," was given prominent consideration.

Bro. John Bailey of "MV" tower, was appointed correspondent for this division. Every member should see that he gets all the items of interest possible for the write-up.

Bro. Huston spent Thanksgiving at home in Trumbull County, and Bro. Walters with his parents near New Comerstown.

It is now Bro. Thos. Whitt, relief agent. Brothers, keep after Mr. Burchard and Mr. Church at Brink Haven.

Bro. S. Nowels, agent Holmesville, has joined "the benedicts." The membership wish him a happy and prosperous life.

Brothers, pay your dues promptly, do not put it off a day, it may result costly. Remember how our deceased brother Fred Rottman neglected paying his. The hand of death will not wait. Bros. Rawlins and Skinner will be glad to take care of your wants at any time.

Bro. Geiselman, our lineman at Akron, is up-to-date. Keep after the ones at Millersburg and Mt. Vernon.

Bro. Harry Forney is back at "NS" Cabin after a siege with the "flu" over a month. Several offices had to be closed temporarily

owing to the spread of the disease on this division.

We are sorry to announce the death of Bro. Guenther's daughter at Glenmont, and Bro. Schaffner's wife of Bangs, these brothers have the sympathy of the division.

Bro. J. G. Salster, local chairman, now on first Columbus yard office, will not serve as local chairman after the first of the year. He has sent Chairman Hindmarch his resignation. He will still serve on the Reduced Committee representing the central system and help us in every way possible. He wishes all a Happy New Year.

We hope in the near future to have a meeting at which we can have our wives, sweethearts and sisters present, and all get acquainted.

This is my "first attempt" and wish to thank those who contributed notes, come again. "DK." Cert. 2901.

#### Toledo Division—

Stearns block and telegraph office closed and a telegraph office opened in Delaware depot from 6 o'clock a. m. until 10 o'clock p. m.

Those of our members who are recovering or have recovered from recent attacks of the "flu" are: Bro. Cook, second Carrothers, off several weeks, relieved by Bro. Beittner; Bro. Smith, Bloomville, relieved by Bro. Ward and family; Sister Ruth Wilson, third Waldo, after ten days' sickness, and Bro. W. A. Wake, agent, and Bro. Williams, first Chatfield.

Bro. Loucher worked twelve hours during the absence of Bro. J. A. Hurst, second Lynn, attending the funeral of his sister at Bloomington, Ill.

Bro. Welch at Waldo is being congratulated on the recent arrival of a boy at his home.

Bro. Tudor, agent Helena, is on vacation.

Brothers, answer the dispatcher and long distance telephone calls promptly, and avoid unfavorable comment from the dispatcher, and Bro. May at Carrothers.

It is now Bro. Barto on Carrothers second.

Bro. and Sister Irvine at Grogan; Bros. C. H. Fisher, "NW" Tower; W. A. Schutt, Gibsonburg, and J. E. Siefert, agent New Washington, the latter having 35 years' experience on this road.

Our schedule committee convened at Pittsburgh, Dec. 9 and expects to soon have a signed-up contract. Show that you are willing to support it by paying your dues promptly and saving your local chairman lots of work. Don't wait just because you are given until Feb. 28 to get into the clear. Help to weed out the few nons. Remember, "No card, no favors," and don't fail to send me your news items as we want to have a

good write-up every month and I only received one item this time.

A. E. M., Cert. 1632.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our appreciation to the brothers for the kindness shown us during our sad hour of bereavement.

BRO. AND MRS. A. M. HAWKINS,  
Harvey First.

#### Louisville Division—

It is now Bro. Glendale Scott, agent Jeffersonville, Ind., making the agents on this division now 100 per cent strong.

Bro. F. A. White spent his vacation nursing his family through an attack of the "flu," the nurses all being engaged in the hospitals where a number of persons were down with the malady. Bro. White was taken ill later with the disease, but is back at work again. Bro. C. L. Stader relieved Bro. Whitehouse on third Ohio Falls while he was relieving Bro. White on second there.

Others on the sick list: Bro. Herman Williams, of Christel, and his father, former relieved by Sister C. M. Heck; the wife of Bro. U. G. Sweet, first and W. E. Rodenberg, second "GU" tower; latter relieved by Bro. Talkington. We are glad that were no fatalities and that all the sick ones are on the road to recovery.

We welcome Private Bro. L. R. Valls back with us again.

Brothers, pay your dues promptly for the next six months and avoid unnecessary communication. U. G. SWEET, Cert. 1555.

#### Western Division—

We are grateful to Bro. Clark for procuring the hall for the Upper Sandusky meeting which was well attended, as was also the meeting at the Barr Hotel at Lima. The West End bunch made up for the poor turnout at Valpo by going to the big one at Chicago.

We welcome Bro. Stark, our new lineman at Crestline, also Bros. F. M. Clark and Sponseller.

Bro. Miner is back again, his wife and little daughter having recovered from an attack of the "flu." Bro. Mumaugh is improving and Bros. Zeitner and Davis have recovered. Bro. Obreigner is back at "WN," Bro. Baker on extra list, and Bro. Frank Kinney is back after a scrap with the "flu," Bro. W. J. Limecooly, from two weeks vacation; Bro. "Kernel" Buscher, on second "SG," and Bro. May on second Richey. Bro. J. R. Crooks goes to Columbia City agency, vice Cullen to Crestline; Bro. Alfonas to third "BN" and Bro. Young to third "VA." Bro. C. C. Aker, who relieved Bro. Harold, is back at "CU."

Bro. Stemen of Lima has wasted considerable ammunition on the elusive cotton tails in the marsh near Dola. Now let him try some O. R. T. gas shells on our old friend Wherry, who is back at Lima extra.

Bro. Bill Brayton's voice sounds strained through a "flu mask."

Bro. Walter Lindner, lineman at Chestline, passed away recently after a few weeks' illness of typhoid fever. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all the boys on the East End who will surely miss him. Other deaths reported are: The father of Bro. J. H. Bruhn, Valpo, Ind.; the daughter of Bro. F. H. Harrold, Columbia City, Ind., and the father of Bro. C. H. Jonas, Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The relatives of these dear ones have the sympathy of the membership of Division No. 17.

Bro. Wilcox, who recently turned over in the ditch with a flivver, fortunately escaped injury.

It is now dues-paying time for the first half of 1919. Send your \$5.00 dues to Bro. W. M. Skinner, 71 Gunther Building, Baltimore, Md., and your M. B. D. assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, G. S. & T., Star Building, St. Louis, or send your money and slips into the local chairman and he will take care of it for you. We have a fine line-up at the present time; let's keep it so. This is what we have been after for the last twenty years and now we have it accomplished.

Send your items to Bro. C. W. Miller, second "AU," division correspondent, or 1317 Fletcher Avenue, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

CERT. NO. 2558.

#### Logan Division—

Bro. E. T. Pearson and several more have been off on account of sickness, causing some of the boys to double.

Brothers, send any changes that take place on the North End, Muncie Branch and Elkhorn Branch on or before the 20th to D. V. Cammack, Marion, Ind.

Bro. E. J. C., "CW," has a "bug" for sale cheap which he bought of Mr. Snyder at an enormous price. "A." CERT. 3226.

#### Vincennes Division—

Bro. W. W. Jones is sleeping on the floor since he got his foot caught in the folding bed and tore off a nail.

Bro. S. O. Ramsey, Swiss City, and Bro. B. B. Walters, Sandborn, were off a few days with the "flu," latter relieved by Bro. Fulk.

With regret we report the death of Bro. Eph. Kay of influenza.

Bro. R. D. Patrick, from the C. P. R. in Canada, relieved Bro. Oscar Lee while he relieved the agent at Edwardsport on vacation. Bro. Jones, agent Marco, returned

from ten days' vacation, relieved Bro. E. I. Gerrett, second.

B. B. WALTERS.

#### Richmond Division—

##### CARD OF THANKS.

Members of the O. R. T., Richmond Division,

P. R. R.:

I acknowledge with grateful appreciation your many kind expressions of sympathy in my bereavement, the loss of my husband, J. P. Mungavin, who was also your fraternal brother in the O. R. T.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. JOHN P. MUNGAVIN,  
Richmond, Ind.

#### Indianapolis Division—

##### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to members of Local Division 17 for their sympathy extended and the beautiful floral tribute furnished at the death of our beloved son and brother. Although he was a young member of your honored fraternity, your kindness was of brotherly love and affection, and shall ever remain fresh in our memory.

THEODORE AND JOSEPHINE MORRIS,  
Brothers and Sisters.

#### Members G. R. & I., Northern Division :

Beginning January 1, 1919, I have a balance of \$5.00 on hand for the flower fund. I make an appeal to you for 25 cents per member to cover the six months' period ending June 30, 1919. I will make a report through the Journal at that time. This fund is to be used for buying flowers in case of sickness or death of our brothers and sisters.

W. P. HOFFMAN,  
Secy. and Treas. Flower Fund.

#### G. R. & I. Northern Division Notes—

Bro. Rudd, 28 years first Big Rapids, took ticket agency at Bridge Street, Grand Rapids, relieved by Bro. Runk, relieved by Bro. Campbell on second and he on third by Bro. McPhee; Bro. Judge, who was staff clerk in the shoe store in France, is back on third "UD"; Bro. Irvine from North yards on third Petoskey, Bro. Cross taking Falmouth agency. Bro. Lowell, third "KS" tower, is now at Conception Junction, Mo., with the C. G. W., and Bro. Lemaux is with the Pennsylvania Lines at Crosathers, Ohio

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Trainmaster Eddy, the little son of Bro. Frymire of Alba, and Bro. I. J. Carey of Sand Lake, with the "flu." Others sick with it who recovered are: Bro. Shue at Manvelona; Bro. Bosse, Fife Lake, relieved by Bro. Strahan, and your correspondent, relieved ten days by Bro. McPhee and Avery.

Munyon, Alkaska; McGovern and Judkins

at Walton Junction; Smith at Manton, and Agents Lane, Morey and Clark are the only nons on the division. Keep after them and remember: "No card, no favors."

Bro. Sanford, South Boardman, having his eyes treated, relieved by Bro. Cross. Bro. Kirsch, agent Alanson, on ten days' vacation, by Bro. McPhee, later relieving Bro. Weidner at Levering; Bro. Lowell, "NY," by Bro. Avery a few days.

We are now 99 per cent. I thank you all for the good work done and wish you all a happy new year. F. A. G., Cert. 1855.

#### *Peoria Division—*

It is now twenty years since I had my say in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and it seems good to come back to my "first love."

In the year 1886, when the O. R. T. was young and inexperienced in the way of fighting its own battles, I threw my hat into the ring while drawing the handsome salary of 40 per!, and it remained there for eleven years, then I got "mulish" and kicked it out myself.

I was one of many others who cast their lot with the O. R. T., with a firm belief that a "strikeless" organization was just the proper thing; something quite out of the ordinary, and that the principles originally embodied in its constitution and by-laws would touch a tender and sympathetic spot just under the left side of the vest of every railroad official in the land. We were foolish and innocent enough to assume that the Golden Rule might be observed by our superiors, and all that was necessary to swell a payroll was to read the Bible and give them a little Sunday-school talk now and then.

Several years rolled by while we continued to quote to our superiors beautiful passages from Psalms and Proverbs and sing the songs of David, but the officials were obstinate and the payrolls, on most roads, remained at the same old time-worn notches.

It then became evident that in dealing with great railroad corporations it would be necessary to have a strong protective organization to secure for the wage-earners their just and reasonable demands and THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER invited a thorough discussion of the strike question. And some of the lively "stunts" pulled off showed that the O. R. T. possessed some fiery orators whom even "Uncle Joe" Cannon might have envied. The matter was warmly but intelligently discussed, pro and con, for several months prior to that memorable grand convention held in St. Louis, in 1891, when the O. R. T. became a protective organization. That the Order exercised wisdom in making the change, has been proven by old "Father Time," and the surging tide of events in the labor world.

However, strike or no strike, conditions on the Peoria Division of the Vandalia at that time, so far as organizing was concerned, were the next thing to being absolutely impossible. There were a number of telegraphers on this division at that time who were so hopelessly weak in the knees that I often wondered how they ever got to and from the stations. A few who carried up-to-date cards wore their O. R. T. buttons to Sunday-school and when they called on their "best girl," but would jerk them off and chuck them into their vest pocket while officials were passing over the road. It was utterly impossible to get a solid line-up, stem the tide of opposition and get a schedule of wages and better working conditions.

But they are coming to the front now. Organized labor is rapidly and permanently coming into its own and the O. R. T. will be found in the very foremost ranks. Although my age bars me now from the benefits in the Order, I am glad to be in it solely for the good of the cause. My hat (a much better one) is again in the ring and, by the eternal, it will stick there like an adhesive plaster the balance of my days.

One of these days, when I feel the inspiration coming on, I'll preach a sermon to all the "nons." And, believe me, I'll put some Billy Sunday "pep" into it, too. In the meantime maybe some of them will take the hint, see the error of their ways, repent and come rejoicing into the fold.

ED. S. COYLE.

Second Trick, Decatur Junction, Ill.

#### *Peoria Division Notes—*

We should remit our dues for the first half of 1919 (or the whole year, if possible) to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Skinner at Baltimore promptly. Get our up-to-date cards and, as General Chairman Miller says, stand squarely behind our general committee in its efforts to secure us more pay and better working conditions.

The Reduced Committee met the management of the P. R. R. lines on Dec. 9th and we will soon have a good schedule signed up.

The writer made a trip over the division recently, doing some committee work for Local Chairman Hoelscher and all the boys seemed to be ready to do anything for the good of our cause.

The 8977 came along one night recently with a new electric headlight. All the engines will have them shortly.

Bro. Wright and wife of Morton are recovering from a severe attack of "flu." We are glad "Billy" is able to be at work again.

Some influential brother try to land Mr. Humphrey as he is "almost persuaded." With him in, "Uncle Ollie" at "MC" will be the only one left as the prodigal son.

Send me some notes for next write-up.  
Thanks to Bro. Dolson for his contribution.

CERT. 2810.

*St. Louis Division, East End—*

I am very much indebted to Bro. Stevens for this month's write-up.

Bro. Orrel, agent Amo, relieved ten days by Bro. Geo. Stevens, first Almeda, relieved by Miss Ross.

Bro. W. A. Vaughan, Greencastle, just recovering from a "flu" attack, now stricken with gall stones. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Bro. Lutey, Ben Davis, owing to sickness in his family, relieved by Bro. Grossman, relieved by Bro. Hildebrand at Hobbs; Bro. Colburn, first Harmony tower, on account of sickness in his family, relieved 10 days by Bro. Freeman of Jewett; Bro. Farris, Hamrick, and Bro. Henderson, Sealyville, down with the "flu," former relieved by Bro. Varvil, latter by Bro. J. E. Barr.

Bro. L. E. Frost has taken second Harmony, succeeded by Bro. R. L. Williams on first Pocahontas.

Those who failed to attend the meetings at Greencastle missed, among other good things, a fine address by Assistant General Chairman Hindmarch and Bro. H. Hopkins of Summit.

Our recent experience with wild rumors in regard to recent wage decisions should teach us that it is "*safety first*" for ourselves not to countenance them, but patiently await authentic facts from our officers who will always advise us as soon as they have the correct information from the proper authority on such important matters.

Remember, it is dues-paying time and now above all others is when we want to present a solid front. Our committee has been recognized the first time in the history of the Pennsylvania Lines. An organized effort means a schedule within a short time.

It may seem cold-natured and hard-hearted, but what has that non ever done to help himself or others? There is but one way to bring it home to him—"No card, no favors."

CERT. 2809.

*CARD OF THANKS.*

We desire to express our appreciation to the brothers and friends of Division 17 for the beautiful floral offering, the mute token of their sympathy extended to us in the sad hour of bereavement by the death of our mother and wife.

F. H. MATTHEWS AND FATHER,  
St. Elmo, Ill.

*Nickel Plate R. R., Div. No. 18.  
Buffalo Division—*

General Secretary and Treasurer Crispenberry presided at our Dunkirk meetings November 30th. 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.,

and gave us some helpful information. All present were benefited and we urge every member who can possibly do so to attend every meeting.

Among those relieved recently on account of sickness were: Sister M. Fickel; Bro. Fred Nigh, "MX", and Bro. Wink Scott, "XD" Conneaut; Bro. Dick Cornwall, Wallace Jct., latter relieved by Bro. Smith, Cascade, closed meanwhile. Miss Bristol now at Lake View; Bro. C. H. Pfeffer, Thornton Jct., a few days by Bro. F. W. Goss; Bro. Smith, Angola, by Sister Hartshorn, and she on second there, by Miss Elliott. Who says: the "No card, no favors slogan is terrible." Bro. Emerling, "BM" Brooton, by Bro. Bramen, just returned from a sick spell.

Bro. Donald Roach was one of the telegraphers held at Camp Sevier on government order, and may be sent to France for telegraph service.

Bro. Sobetzer bid in first Lake View; Bro. Mulligan, first "MW" Block, and Sister Bassett, second Westfield.

C. A. DONART, Div. Cor.

*Cleveland Division—*

Bro. A. M. Slee, agent at Willoughby for years, who, owing to poor health, took a light telegraph position at that point, died there recently, leaving a wife and two sons, both in the army.

Bro. R. C. Cooper, Bellevue, is off on account of his wife and son being sick with the "flu." Owing to the ravages of this malady temporary changes have been made on this division, too numerous to enumerate. Bro. P. L. McGuerty, East Lorain, and his wife both had it, and his brother died with it. Bro. Koch relieving him, relieved by Sister Bertha Houghton, who also relieved him at Lorain on vacation.

M. J. Tracey, a conductor, is working second Wickliffe, on account of poor health.

If the sister operators have not been properly assigned to the tricks they bid in, they should communicate with their local or general chairman. That is what they are paying their money out for.

ALERT.

*Chicago District—*

Bro. C. O. Crisenberry, first Knox, represented South Whitley, I. O. O. F., at the Grand Lodge in Indianapolis, during the week of November 18th.

Bro. J. F. Ridenoar bid in second Hammond, relieved at second Knox by Bro. W. E. Teeters. Sister Eva Burkett, who copied on second at Stony Island a few days, relieved Bro. T. Shantz several days on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Proehl, first South Wanatah, recalled from his vacation, relieved Bro. Mack several days, then relieved Bro. Wise a few

days on sick list, and concluded his vacation later, relieved by Sister Thelma Campbell. Bro. Weldy later relieved Bro. Day, agent Hibbard, on sick list.

Sister Cecil Morris, third Dunfee, on vacation visiting friends in Chicago, was relieved by Miss Davis, who later relieved Bro. Thompson, third Valparaiso, on vacation.

Bro. Meloy, second, and Bro. Thompson, third Valparaiso, traded tricks for awhile.

Bro. Morrison relieved Bro. Grace, third Hibbard, a few days.

Bro. Newby, second Sidney, relieved Bro. E. B. Williamson, agent Burkett, on account of sickness several days.

It is now Bro. Denny on first, and Bro. Beamer on second, copying at Stony Island. Bro. Morrison is on second, and Bro. Robinson is directing trains on third there.

"RX."

#### N. Y. C. R. R., Lines West, Div. No. 19. Atc Line, Detroit Branch and "XD" Relay—

The meeting of the Golden Rule Telegraph Club held at Crow Hall, Toledo, was attended by Bros. Beattie, Blackman, Boocher, Cunningham, Davis, McDormitt, Doherty, Dudley, Dunlap, Eberline, Egbert, Felt, Fernow, Fogel, Garlick, Garn, Gangwer, Highthorn, Horton, Hudson, Krauss, Lewis, Meyers, Powless, Ream, Roebuck, Simmons, G. R. Smith, and Smith from Ligonier, Snyder, Trattles, Wanamaker, Ward, H. D. White, W. Walker and Zollner.

The speakers were Bros. Simons, Meyers, Blackman, Zollner, Krauss, Cunningham, Garn, and Glen Smith.

It makes us all feel good to have such a large attendance, get together and tell what should be done. The above list included a few members from the Hocking Valley and T. & O. C. We are very glad to have our brothers visit us. Brothers, don't forget to attend the next meeting, and bring someone with you. Help to put more "PEP" in the meetings, and get better acquainted. Watch every new man and as soon as he lands, see if he has the up-to-date. If not, go after him. We have captured the "Hun" now we must get the "non." Make it your business to see that he is lined up before he gets away from you, I am working on one apparently hopeless, but it gives me something to do to keep after him.

Bro. Boocher, "KY" nights, bid in second Bronson, relieved by Bro. Hudson.

Yours truly has been put back in "BR" Union Station, on third, after a year in "XD," on account of reducing one man.

Bro. Wanamaker is relieving Bro. Sallade, third Goshen, on leave of absence.

Bro. L. M. Rohm bumped by Sister B. Latshaw from Wentworth; Bro. Belligraph to third and Bro. Lauder second Holland.

Bro. Knight, acting chairman on account

of Bro. Stevenson's illness, attended the recent Elkhart meeting.

Bro. Aldrich is on third Kendallville, and Bro. Weitz is now working "XD" relief job.

Bro. Gebhart, third trick dispatcher Detroit branch, relieved on vacation by Bro. Gleason, Len Jct.

Bro. Shea, third Air Line, has just recovered from an attack of the "flu."

Have been urged to print a list of the "nons" next month. Try to get them in, boys. They don't want their names to appear.

Bro. G. R. Smith is in Washington looking after our interest.

Boys, come on with a few items, mail them to H. D. White, "BR" office, Toledo. "RN," CERT. 1918.

#### Alliance Division—

Davis Station closed, Bro. Allen to Deerfield, and Bro. Barnett to Piney Fork agency.

New message wire being installed and eight hours is now in effect on this division.

Bro. Dickenson is exerting every effort to make the division solid, and has lined up about twelve since he became local chairman. The least we can do is to get behind him and help to get in the few "nons." If there is one working with you give him no rest until he is made to bear his share of the burden.

L. L. ALLEN, Cor.

#### Illinois Division, Danville Line—

Bro. Connors relieving the dispatchers at Gibson, was relieved by Bro. White, at Kentland, who also relieved Bro. Lowe at Ade agency two days recently, while "Crummy" tried out his new Saxon roadster.

Bro. McVey and Tracey, agent No. Hayden and Cook, attended the recent Chicago meeting.

Bro. Schuey, agent Enos, Bro. Theil and Harvey, Schneider tower, have had quite a siege of the "flu."

Bro. O'Connor, second Sherf tower, relieved recently, by Bro. Will Jacobs on account of sickness in his family.

CERT. 1019.

#### N. Y., Ont. & Western Ry., Div. No. 20.

##### Southern Division—

General Chairman Conner, on his return from Washington, D. C., December 11th, was laid up several days with the "flu." Bro. Connor was in Washington taking part in the special hearings before the Board of Railroad Wages, and Working Conditions, which was considering the protests filed by the officers of our order against supplements 10 and 11 to general order No. 27. These hearings were published in the December TELEGRAPHER, pages 1536 to 1562, and continued in this January issue.

Bro. Hoffman, second Walton, relieved on

a week's vacation, by Bro. Baxter, and Bro. Cudney. Later Bro. Baxter on thirty days' leave, went with a party from Middletown by auto to Jacksonville, Fla. Bro. Lindsey, third Walton, relieved on vacation by Bro. Clifford.

Bros. Kerwin, second, and Fish, first Wheeler Tower, were relieved several days by E. R. Sherman, a new man.

DEGRAW, Div. Cor.

#### M., K. & T. Ry., Div. No. 22.

##### W. F. & N. W. Division—

Boys, there are several "nons" on this division. I will be glad to give you their names and location, if you will try and help me to land them and put our division over the top 100 per cent strong.

O. T. GERMAN,  
Local Chairman.

#### C. M. & St. P. R. R., Div. No. 23.

##### S. C. & D. Division—

There has been quite a number of cases of "flu" among the agents and operators of this division. We regret to note the death of the wife of Bro. O. B. Akers, agent at Akron, from the disease. Relief agent Peterson relieved Bro. Akers while he was away on account of his wife's sickness and death. The employees of this division made up a small purse and purchased flowers, as a slight token of our respect for the departed one.

Mrs. Fletcher, who relieved her husband, Bro. C. R., agent at Delmont, while he was down with the disease, later relieved Bro. McKinnon, agent at Armour a few days. Buck Grove, Charteroak, Kenwood and Rodney station, were closed several days on account of the malady. I was also down with it. Bro. Stobel, the agent, doing the telegraphing as well as his own work. This accounts for the absence of a write-up last month.

Bro. C. P. Kinser, agent at Meckling, relieved by his wife, relieved Bro. A. D. Ringquist, third Yankton, a few days, on account of sickness.

Bro. D. E. Sullivan goes to Vermillion, A. E. Morrell, to first Yankton, and Bro. E. O. Hoke to Platte, N. Willmus relieving him at Jefferson, pending bulletin.

C. B. DIEHL.

#### Wabash R. R., Div. No. 26.

The friends of Bro. P. L. Havener were very much shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Havener, November 3rd, leaving besides her husband, three small children, a father, mother, brother and sister to mourn her loss.

M. E. FAHY.

##### Peru Division—

An interesting meeting was held at Lafayette, December 4th, and Peru, December 5th.

They were quite well attended, but not as well as they should have been. Every brother should arrange to attend these meetings, as they are for your interest.

Bro. Rusk's death brought out the fact there is no money in the floral fund. If each member will remit 50 cents to Bro. W. E. Spencer, Peru, Ind., a sufficient sum will be on hand for future needs. The amount received will be published in this column next month. "Now altogether."

Our pay for last half of December was more than most of us ever before received as telegraphers. Let us all show our appreciation by sending in current dues at once.

Bro. Bennett, from New Waverly, helping out in "Z" while the boys there are having their turn with the flu. Bro. Cameron, a new man, who later relieved "Non" Siren, third Peru Jct. Someone on East End please look after the two nons at this point.

Bro. Scott relieved Bro. Masters, New Waverly, he relieving Bro. Keller, Rich Valley, sick with flu, later relieved by Bro. Corns, who also relieved Bro. Lidgard, who relieved Bro. Chase, Tilton, relieving dispatchers off with flu.

Bro. Harris, on second Peru Jct., relieved Bro. Hicks, off few days with flu.

Bro. Scott, third West Peru, on second there, relieved Bro. Rison. Bro. Dancy, an old-timer from W. U., worked few days West Peru.

Mr. Wiles, late of the U. S. Navy, working third at West Lebanon, will line up soon.

Bro. Wheatley, second Tilton, goes to Florida to spend the winter as soon as he can get relieved.

Brothers on East End, please send your notes to Bro. Keiff at Roanoke, so he can get them to me in time to arrange and mail to St. Louis before the 25th. "Lid."

##### Springfield, Ill., Division—

Seems as there is some misunderstanding about Supplement 10 to Order No. 27 as to the rate of pay. Eight hours constitutes a day's work; overtime will be paid at rate of time and a half. Most positions pay 48 cents. This would make overtime 72 cents. Several believe they are working nine hours. This is a mistake. You only work eight hours, providing you are given one hour for meal; when not a full hour you are then entitled to one hour overtime at 72 cents. Article 5 (c)—Calls outside of established hours will be paid at two hours overtime rate.

Regret to announce the death of Bro. A. M. Zimmerman's father, at Perry, Ill., recently; Bro. H. C. Savage relieving while Bro. Zimmerman was at the bedside, also sorry to learn of the death of Elmer Carrel, of Griggsville, brother of R. M. Carrel, of pneumonia.

Bro. J. V. Tolle is back on third "NY"

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after eight weeks' sickness, relieving Bro. D. E. Leeper.

Bro. H. P. Flint, down with the flu, Niantic agency closed until the arrival of Carl Smith, a new man. Others down with the malady: Bro. A. A. Curry; Bro. C. J. Ryan, agent Arnold, off few days, relieved by a new man, Binz; Bros. Driscoll and Ross; Night Chief Little and Bro. T. J. Quigleyon, and Bro. C. C. Klinefelter, agent Maysville, and Bro. R. M. Carrell.

Congratulations and best wishes to Bro. H. L. Smith and bride.

Bro. Frank Hancock is back on third "KH." Bro. Ryan, agent Arnold, relieved a few days by Binz, a new man.

Practice "*No card, no favors,*" until it hurts and don't forget that your dues and insurance are now due and don't be a delinquent. "E."

#### *Moberly Division—*

The operators on this division sure lost a friend in the death of Second Trick Dispatcher E. Horan on November 9th, and I am expressing the sentiments of everyone on the division, when I say that we learned the sad news with the deepest regret of the passing of such a pleasant man to work with, and all tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. The operators on this district sent a nice flower spray as their remembrance from Mexico.

Bro. Marion, after several weeks' tussle with the "flu", has bid in a trick at "GM". 10:00 to 6:00 p. m. Others who have been on the sick list were: Bro. Orwing several days, and Bro. Hardin, third Montgomery, ten days, latter relieved by Bros. Seymour and Sheets three nights, then relieved by Operator Williamis doubling several days; Sister Shatts and Bro. Cushman also doubled several days at Ferguson.

I again appeal to any who have not paid their dues for the last half of 1918, to remit Bro. Fohey at once.

Thanks to Bros. Southern and Coon for items. Come again. C. A., L. C.

#### *Moberly Division Notes—*

Wabash and "Q" depots at Moulton consolidated, with Irvin Jackson as cashier at \$90 per; Bro. L. E. Buckles, "Q" agent Moulton, and local chairman going to Centerville, Iowa, as operator. Interlocking plant at Clark being taken out, will be out of service severa months while new plant is being put in.

Bro. Southern was relieved two weeks while down with the flu by Bro. Williams from Macon, and he later by Bro. Wm. Sinn, an old Wabash man.

Bro. Richards relieved Bro. Powell, third Mexico, while off sick, and while he relieved Edwards on second Ferguson, who went to Luther third. Later Bro. Richards relieved

Bro. Williams on second Mexico, who went to "DS" Moberly a few days.

Wellsville second had to be closed while Schaeffer was off sick, owing to scarcity of operators.

Cushman has been reinstated and is back on Ferguson second.

Bros. Coon and Hulett doubled two nights, when Bro. O'Neill, second Clark, was called to Kansas City on account of sickness.

We regret to learn of the deaths from influenza of Bro. J. S. Saunders, third Moberly yard, and J. Shaines. Burial at Montgomery, Mo. "HW".

#### *St. Louis So. Western Ry., Div. No. 27.*

##### *Northern Division—*

With deep regret we chronicle the death of our brother, R. J. Dailey, agent Parma, Mo., on December 1st, of pneumonia, one of our best men who always done his full duty both as agent and member of the O. R. T. His loved ones have our deepest fraternal sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Those who contributed to the very beautiful wreath for Bro. Dailey have already received the list showing the names and amount of each donor.

Bro. H. Schroff goes to Birds Point; Bro. A. L. Webb, Jr., Paragould second; Bro. J. A. McConeghey, Dexter Jct. third; Bro. S. L. Greathouse to Rector second pending bids, and Sister Miss Chrismen to Ardeola agency until regular man returns from the Army

Bro. J. B. Morgan, of St. Francis, made a trip to Illinois during the holidays, relieved by his daughter.

Sister Goolsby, from the Texas Division, relieved Bro. Geo. C. Reed, Fornfet first, who relieved Bro. Chas. Fink on car job at "SO".

Bros. C. B. Welch and W. A. Bennett, St. Francis, Ark., spent the Christmas holidays in St. Louis.

Bro. Tucker is back at Avert nights.

CERT. 149.

#### *CARD OF THANKS.*

Division No. 27, Order of Railway Telegraphers:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers you sent on the occasion of the death of my husband.

Gratefully,

MRS. R. J. DAILEY,  
Parma, Mo.

#### *Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28.*

##### *Members East Carolina Division—*

I have just been appointed assistant local chairman by Bro. J. E. Doster of Gibson, N. C., and am ready to serve to the best of my ability. Anyone wishing any information, who cannot get in direct touch with Bro. Doster can call me at "MC" and I will

get it for you. We are going to try and have regular meetings every month, and liven things up. If I can do anything for any brother at any time, command me.

Yours fraternally,  
J. M. RICHARDSON.

*East Caroline Division Notes—*

Bro. Cumming was with us recently and lined up most of the nons. Things look brighter for us in the future. Also had a meeting at Andrews Sunday night. On account of sickness in the family, myself and Bro. Doster were unable to attend.

The boys were very well pleased as usual when Bro. Cumming is around. We should all be very thankful to him, as we could not find a better man.

Bro. Ackerman, agent Little Rock, relieved a few days on account of sickness by Lee from Rains, S. C.

Clio agency transferred from Parkman (sailor) to W. J. Bolger, former agent there.

Bro. Hall, from Georgetown, bid in second Poston; Lytton to the C. & S. at Sheraw; Sister Tucker to first Gibson, relieving a sailor recalled to the Navy, second there closed until we get more men; Bro. Smith checked in as agent Dillon; Ramsey to second, Muarry to third; Bro. Richardson relieved Bro. Wilson, McColl, two days while he was at court; understand Boggs from Gibson is going back to McColl to open up third again; Henry, S. C., agency on bulletin, salary \$84.60.

CERT. 1713.

*Alabama Division—*

Account being sick, there was no write-up last month.

It is now Bros. S. D. Surrency, third "SA" office, Savannah, and F. Johnson, extra train dispatcher. We are glad to have them with us.

Bro. H. H. Williams, agent Sasser, has resigned to take up farming, succeeded by Bro. J. E. Rogers, and Bro. H. J. Ramsey bid in Hannon, which closed later and he relieved Bro. Fuller, Ft. Davis, while latter was on sick list.

Bro. McDaniel, second Abbeville, while off account sickness in famiy, relieved by Bro. C. N. Rountree, of Division 46, who also relieved Bro. Jones, second Vidalia, on sick list several days; later going to Groveland pending bids.

Bro. H. L. Carter bid in Fitzgerald agency, but decided not to accept it; went on extra, bid in second "SA", Savannah and later bid in second Vidalia.

Bro. J. G. Hamilton bid in first Vidalia and Bro. C. C. Dinkins, Vidalia ticket agency; Bro. A. M. Jones going to Lyons as clerk-operator pending bids. Bro. Stanford, third Vidalia, went to Savannah recently on business. Bro. Fanning, freight agent Vidalia, attended the recent safety meeting held in the superintendent's office at Savannah.

With the exception of Agent Goodman, Lumpkin, and Bedgood, second Richland, this division is solid and we hope they will line up with us soon.

I hope the members will co-operate with me and let me know of all changes and news so we can have a nice write-up each month.

H. L. CARTER, Cert. 1423, Vidalia, Ga.

*Georgia Division—*

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of Division No. 28, Georgia Division, and others for their liberal donation to me in my hour of need; also for the beautiful flowers and kindness shown me in my loss in death of my husband. I can only say that I am truly grateful.

MRS. A. T. COLE.

*Missouri Pacific R. R. Div. No. 31.*

*Joplin Division—*

The boys on this division were pained to receive the sad news of the death, at Fort Snelling, Minn., December 14th, 1918, of our beloved brother, Fred M. Brown, formerly second trick operator at Lamar, Mo., who unhesitatingly answered the call to arms and enlisted last May in the service of his country. He was a victim of influenza-pneumonia and his body was sent home and buried in the family plot at Jasper, Mo.

Bro. Brown leaves a young wife, to whom he was married at Polk, Neb., about two years ago. He was a son of our respected brother, J. M. Brown, agent at Boston, and a brother to our brother, Leroy Brown, agent at Jasper, Mo.

A beautiful wreath, suitably inscribed with O. S. T. memorials, the gift of the Joplin Divisions brothers and sisters, was sent to Jasper to be placed on the casket at the funeral.

Bro. Brown, a true blue, consistent member, always carried an up-to-date card and stood for the highest ideals of the organization. In his death the order loses a staunch supporter and his family a kind and loving husband, son and brother, and the sympathy of the entire division go out to them in this their sad bereavement.

The writer considers it his great and good fortune to have been counted as one among the many good friends of our departed brother, and keenly feels his absence from among us.

The "flu" caused several short leaves of absence recently, among them being Bro. Dick Malone, agent Archie; Bro. T. W. Wolfe, first Butler, and several in other branches of the service, with a few fatalities.

New members are Bro. H. D. Stratton, second Pittsburg, and Sister Opal Kunkler, Ore, nights, the latter making us 100 per cent strong on union girls again. Wish some of the men had the backbone and progressiveness of our young ladies.

Bro. E. C. Hawkins, among the first from

this division to take service with "Uncle Sam," formerly at Cornell, Pittsburg and other points, writes inquiring about his old friends and the chances of getting back at the key. He took several courses in wireless telegraphy at Camp Dick, Texas, later joining the 4th Squadron Aero Service, had just completed a course in night bombing plane service and was ready to sail when the armistice was signed. He was very much disappointed in not getting to go but no doubt the Huns were lucky. When all these radio brothers get back among us we will have to learn their language or we will not be able to tell what they are saying about us to each other.

The North End boys will miss Sister Desmond from Adrian third, but still have Sisters Burge and Kunkler to pass away the time with.

Bro. M. L. Brown, Madison, received notice recently from the War Department that his son, Lieutenant Dwight L. Brown, was severely wounded in action in France, suffering the loss of one leg. He went through the famous Argonne Forest battles without a scratch, capturing twenty-three Germans single-handed, with only his side-arms, later falling before a withering machine gun fire. Bro. Brown has the sympathy of the division membership.

Bro. Dowling, third Carthage, has been relief dispatcher at Cotter recently.

Bro. Honey, returning from military service, gave up his right to Joplin third, going on extra. Bro. Rolla Holmes hopes to land it. C. V. ROWE, Local Chairman.

#### Notes—

Bro. Walz, first Carthage, while visiting in Kansas City, relieved by Bro. Jones, of second there; Bro. Corwin, from the "Frisco," filling in on third, while Bro. Dowling relieved Bro. Jones.

Bro. Compton, extra Carthage third, to Adrian third, vice Sister Margureite Desmond, temporary to Lamar second, vice Bro. Brown, deceased; Mr. Thompson to Richards agency and Clyde Rouse to Liberal agency. Someone see that they get a card. Accept no excuses from any of the nons. Remember our slogan, "No card, no favors."

Mr. Johnson went to Athol nights and finding an application blank there filled it out and sent it in to Local Chairman Rowe. That's the kind of men we are glad to welcome to our division. Moral, leave the blanks were the nons can see them, if you "haven't time" to hand them one. Remember, none of our lady operators are slackers. They did not wait for a regular job before sending in their applications either.

We are glad to learn that Sister Ruth Barge Horton, second, has recovered from an attack of the "flu," but sorry she was so ill several days around Thanksgiving time that

she could not enjoy her dinner on that memorable day. Bros. Greenlee and Harris, Rich Hill, also down with the same disease several days, were relieved by Bro. Honey, Joplin third, just discharged from the service of "Uncle Sam," and Bros. Lane and Anthony doubling part of the time.

Don't forget that union label when making purchases. You will come nearer getting your money's worth and will be helping our brothers and sisters in the other industries if you buy union made goods.

Come, boys, wake up! Let's start some interest in our grand old Order.

CERTS. 612 and 1932.

#### Central Kansas Division—

The following nons are holding some of the best paying jobs on the road: C. R. Horton, Osawatomie; F. C. Shifer, Waverly, and Agent F. M. Winters and C. E. Martin, operator, Osage City; also operators Wm. Tackwell, Lomax, and L. A. Martin, "B" Dodson. There is no excuse for these men not belonging and we should all remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

It is now Bros. D. B. Fowler, extra, and F. E. Joiner, with "Uncle Sam" in France.

Bro. Thornquist, now with "Uncle Sam," who holds his rights on Osage City third, recently in Marquette on furlough, will be with us shortly.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. H. F. Brown of Marquette third from an attack of the "flu." The bereaved family has our sympathy in their affliction.

Bros. Deal and Owens of Council Grove, Morgan and Kelly of Bucyrus, Dispatcher Kessinger, Osawatomie, and Turney, extra, were all off on account of the disease.

Bro. Duff, Geneseo second, has returned from vacation, and Bro. Barry to Lindsborg, after undergoing an operation in Kansas City.

Bro. McClelland, agent Crawford, is being congratulated upon the arrival of a new girl.  
"K" By CERT.

#### Omaha Division—

##### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the operators of the Omaha division for their expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral offering in the loss of our beloved son and brother, Don DeVilbiss.

G. M. DEVILBISS, WIFE AND CHILDREN.

#### Memphis, Dallas & Gulf Division—

##### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the brothers on this division for the beautiful floral offering donated at the death of our wife and mother.

Fraternally,

J. D. FREEMAN AND  
J. D. FREEMAN, JR.

**"Frisco" Ry. Div. No. 32.**Eastern Division

Bro. R. O. Willard is back on first "NY" after several days' tussle with the "flu," and Bro. Mace, first "MO," has had about a month's siege with it.

Bro. Custard is back at Globe nights and Bro. L. E. Harris, on third "MO," from Camp Funston, the proud father of a big girl.

Bro. Haymes will stay at Verona for awhile.

The double track completed between Nichols and North Springfield helps out some.

CERT. 767.

**Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Div. No. 33.**Ohio Division

The joint meeting at Cincinnati Dec. 2nd at Grand Hotel, 10:00 a. m., and 8:00 p. m., was attended by over one hundred at each session. Members from P. Co. C. & O., Big Four, L. & N., Q. & C., C. I. & W. attending. Several very interesting talks were made regarding the schedule and the increase by Bro. Marsh, Stephenson and others. Bro. Stephenson is to be congratulated on his speech. The General Committee met Director General McAdoo Dec. 5, 6 and 9; our increase being referred to the Wage Board again. Bro. Perham and other O. R. T. officials appearing before the Board with a box car load of data and our increase as noted on the editorial pages of the December TELEGRAPHER and continued in the same department of this issue.

With deep sorrow I announce the death of Mrs. L. D. Exline, aged 36, wife of Bro. Exline, agent Bloomingburg, O., Dec. 5th of bronchial pneumonia. She was an honored member of the Eastern Star and the Pythian Sisters, filling all offices in both lodges and will be greatly missed by them. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Bloomingburg and was conducted by Rev. Laughlin in the M. E. Church, Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 1:30 p. m. The Eastern Star members attended in a body and held their impressive ritual service. Seldom has there been such a wealth of floral remembrances. She leaves to cherish her memory her faithful husband, her father, two brothers and many other relatives and friends. The division extends its sympathy to Bro. Exline.

I also regret to chronicle the death on Dec. 5th of Bro. Chas. McGuire, Mt. Sterling first, aged 46, who took sick with influenza Nov. 11th, which developed into pneumonia a short time before he died, his whole left side being paralyzed. He had been employed by the B. & O. for twenty-six years as operator and agent at Cuba, Madison Mills, Wilmington, Junction City, Summerset, Derby, and Mt. Sterling. He was a member of the M. E. Church, the Mt. Sterling Lodge of Masons and a member of the local Board of Adjustment of the Midland Division, O. R. T. He never missed a meeting, was always an

active member and one of the best workers Division 33 had. He leaves his wife and daughter, his mother, two sisters and two brothers and one grandson, besides many other relatives and friends who will ever remember him. The division extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Only one non on the Midland Division. You fellows on East and West End had better get busy.

Bro. Dewey, third Grove City, relieved Bro. Exline, agent Bloomingburg, during the serious illness and death of Mrs. Exline.

Bro. Norvil, who relieved Bro. Marsh while on General Committee work at Baltimore, Md., is now with the Western Union.

Bro. Leever is on the job again after several days' siege of the "flu."

Bro. R. K. Hall, a corporal in the Signal Corps in France, writes that he is well and happy and will be back on his old job on first "WH" before long.

Bro. King and Runnels on first and second Mt. Sterling, and T. J. Hall, of Washington "CH," an old-timer and former member, on third during the illness and death of Bro. McGuire. Mr. Hall, who has not done any railroad telegraphing in 10 years, says he is going to take out a card at once. We should see that he keeps his promise.

CAPPIE, Cert. 729.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members, especially the members and dispatchers of the Midland Division employes at Washington "CH" and Bro. Woodward for the beautiful floral offerings and the kindness shown me during my sad bereavement.

L. D. EXLINE.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

O. R. T. Members of the B. & O.:

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expressions of your sympathy.

MRS. C. E. McGuIRE,

MRS. JOHN T. O'TOOLE,

Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

**Members Cleveland Division :**

We closed 1918 with nearly 110 members only one non and one delinquent member, who is out of service. We will stand second or third on the system. Now that we have secured this position, let us strive to hold it by each one paying dues promptly and when new men come into the service see if a member; if not, let me know at once and I will get in touch with them and secure their membership.

It stands every man holding membership in the M. B. D. to keep up to date, for if your money is not at the treasurer's office before the two months' extension expires you stand suspended from any benefit.

In the death of Bro. Hoover we have lost a good friend and a most worthy brother, as

he was always up to date. His sudden death is an example of the uncertainty of life. His wife has our deepest sympathy and we feel that her loss is also ours.

We thank a brother down the line for the following notes:

After four years with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Bro. H. D. Harris has returned to his old position as agent-operator, Piedmont, O.

Bro. Hughes now in the Penna Co.'s car shops at Dennison, O. We hope to see him back with us again at some future time and wish him success in his new occupation.

Bro. Weber, first Stillwater, is helping to keep down the high cost of living by furnishing the boys with some of the numerous rabbits in the vicinity of his office. He recently sent the writer a nice fat cotton tail for which he has our thanks.

Bro. Ellis, third "GI" tower, off three weeks sick, relieved by Bro. H. J. Pursel, a new man. Bro. Tom Davis, second, has moved his family there. Bro. D. is a full-fledged doctor of optometrics, and if any of the brothers or sisters need anything in his line he will fix them up at reasonable rates.

Bro. Rogers, of New Philadelphia, while his wife was undergoing an operation at Union Hospital, was relieved by Bro. O. Helder, formerly with B. & O., now in the brokerage and insurance business. Bro. Helder shows his appreciation for what the organization has done for him by carrying an up-to-date at all times.

Mrs. M. C. Speer, who secured the new position as clerk operator, Strasburg (there being no bids), we now welcome as a "sister."

Bro. E. C. Mishler, Mt. Vernon, in sanitarium several months, has returned to his parents' home at Stillwater, O., much improved. We hope he will soon be able to resume his position as extra dispatcher, help the other dispatchers see the light and affiliate with us. They are all good fellows and should be with us to a man, as their interest is ours and ours theirs. It would also tend to increase the good feeling among the employes, if we all belonged to the same organization.

It is very gratifying in writing notes to be able to call every one you mention as "Bro." or "Sister." We have no use for any other appellation on this railroad.

We have heard some knocking recently on the Order by our brothers because it has not accomplished all they think it should. It is very unbecoming and unprofitable for a brother to be a "knocker." We all know down in our hearts that our conditions are vastly better than they would be if it were not for the organization.

Give your organization credit for what it has done and will do, and stop criticising it

for what it has not yet been able to do, and everybody will be better off. Be a "booster," not a "knocker."

Thank you, brothers. Come again. A few notes help out a whole lot.

W. A. McCABE, Cert. 705.

#### New Castle Division—

Quite an improvement has been made towards eliminating the *non* on this division, but there is still plenty of material for more work along this line. It is impossible for the local chairman or his assistants to take care of this proposition without help from every member. Since Bro. Bedell left Newton Falls, Bro. McLaughlin has been assigned the territory Akron Jct. to Youngstown, inclusive, and Bro. Bedell the territory East of Youngstown, Bro. Maynard continuing on the branch. When a new man or woman shows up at your office, find out if they have a card, if not, *why not*, and if they have a card in any other division notify the local chairman or the brother who has charge of the territory.

A new seniority list is in the hands of the printers, this one being paid for by what was left over from the fund collected last spring with a small donation by the local chairman.

A movement is on foot to start a local fund to take care of matters that cannot be handled by Division 33 funds, such as printing an annual or semi-annual seniority list and taking care of a flower fund needed to buy flowers for the families of our members. This need has recently been brought home to us in the death of the wives of Bros. Sloan and Titus.

State Road closed, Sister Monnin now posting up on blocking and main line work at Newton Falls.

Every office on the division has been affected by the "flu," either by someone being sick or one of the men being sent to other points to help out.

A new block office is being opened at Boughtonville to take care of business on the hill during the winter months. Operators are to be placed in "MN" tower at Greenwich, which was discontinued as a telegraph office in 1914.

Remember, "No cards, no favors," and no excuses.

C. A. McBRIDE, S. C.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my appreciation to the members of Division 33 for the beautiful floral offering, the mute token of their respect and sympathy extended to me in the sad hour of my bereavement by the death of my beloved husband.

Mrs. E. F. REYNOLDS,  
Bethesda, Ohio.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To Bro. W. L. Allison,  
B. & O. R. R.

At four p. m. Saturday as the evening embers turn from red to gray, my sweet-heart fell into that dreamless sleep. On Monday we placed her upon beautiful Grandview. I want you to thank all the boys for the beautiful flowers. Flowers that she loved so well. My Christmas was a lonely one. I hope that all had a pleasant one.

BRO. E. J. HAYNES,  
Chillicothe, Ohio.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To the O. R. T. Members of Division 33.

We sincerely thank you for your many messages of condolence and expressions of sympathy during our sad bereavement in the loss of our loving husband and father. We also thank you for the many beautiful flowers sent. Words cannot express our gratitude to you. We have lost so much that it is hard to comprehend why it must be so.

Mrs. J. W. BLANCIETT AND CHILDREN,  
Wolf Summit, West Va.

*Indiana Division—*

The working man hears and sees entirely too little of the working man's side of important questions. At the meeting in the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Monday, December 2d, I happened to have the honor and privilege of securing a visitor of much local fame, Bro. Lewis Foster, recently elected president of the Cincinnati Local of the Musicians' Union. During a short and interesting speech, Bro. Foster said: "The labor journals are the least read of all publications; too often we look them over in a casual way, and set them aside on the table." The statement is too true for our own benefit. There is much news of no general interest that could give way to more important and vital topics.

The division notes with sorrow the recent death of our beloved brother, W. G. Patmor, known to us at "Pat," and one of the best liked men on the road. Shortly after Bro. Patmor's death, his wife also died in a local hospital at Cincinnati. Both were victims of Spanish influenza. The Order sent a floral spray to the brother's funeral. One child, a boy about eight years old, survives.

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*Pere Marquette Div. No. 39.*

*Members, Division No. 39—*

With this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER we are starting on a new year. The conditions are much different than they were a year ago. While we have striven to get a rate of pay and conditions to meet the demands of necessity, we must continue the same

intensity of interest in maintaining what we have secured as it was to secure it.

I am taking this occasion to remind all of the necessity of paying your dues promptly. You were advised of the increase in rates, and I believe that all will cheerfully comply. Many have volunteered to contribute any amount that would be necessary to keep up the expenses, but no special assessment has been asked of you. By raising the dues all are treated alike, and the amount is not a burden to anyone.

It is with deep regret I learned of the death of the wife of our good brother, Edw. Eason, agent Rodney, Ont. He has been an enthusiastic worker on the Canadian Division and our sincere sympathy goes to him in his sad bereavement.

Bro. E. L. Hill, third Plymouth, Mich., was called to his long rest on Oct. 19th. He was always interested and willing to do all possible for the organization, and we deeply regret his untimely death. His fellow workers along the line and in the train service contributed very liberally and assisted his family in their hours of trouble, and to them we extend our appreciation.

Bro. Barney Smith, second at Fennville, and Miss Gladys Decker, of Traverse City, who has been working extra on Chicago Division, surprised their friends recently by quietly getting married. Congratulations to the happy couple and best wishes for a long and happy life.

You will be advised as to developments. All the information at this time is given you in the circular sent you recently.

Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

R. M. BURR,  
General Chairman.

*Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Div. No. 40.  
Indiana Division—*

We were deeply grieved by the death of our dear brother, E. O. Crecraft, an ardent organization worker. None knew him but to love him, and he was held in the very highest esteem by his fellow workers. He will be greatly missed, and his memory lovingly cherished. The entire division joins in sympathy for the wife and children.

Chief Dispatcher Swartz, Bros. Wood, Wheeler and Middlekauf attended his funeral at Jonesboro. The O. R. T. wreath was one of the most beautiful among the many other floral offerings.

Bros. Brock, N. J. Cox and Martin Lostantville, who have been battling the influenza, are some better and we hope to soon see them back at their respective stations. Bro. and Sister Batchelor, Fernoid, Ohio, who have been down with it, are back on duty again.

Bros. Sam Carter, Santa Fe; L. F. Sullivan, Sweetser; Casper Engle, Merrillville; Howard Reynolds, Peru yard, and F. E. Littlell, O'Keana, are also back on duty after attacks of the malady.

Several new members joined recently, but there are still several nons with us, and after this month we will advise the membership through the meetings where they are located on the road. There are several extra men as well as some old-heads to look after. We must discontinue favoring the nons, as there is no excuse for anyone who has been with us six months not having an up-to-date.

Bro. J. F. Knipp has been mustered out of the army service and will soon be with us again. Bro. O. E. Miller writes from France that he is O. K., feeling fine and hopes to soon be back.

Bro. Walter Renner is expected back soon from the navy and will resume on Williamsburg third. Bro. Brewsaugh bid in Boston third.

Bro. S. L. Priser, Marian first, vice Bro. Warvel to Fowlerton Agency, and Bro. Brook, Marion third, vice Bro. Crecraft, deceased, he having bid the position in but never worked it; B. F. Smith bid in Jonesboro Agency, and Bro. Kenzie, Fowlerton third.

Sister Murphy, Brighton, is being relieved sixty days by Extra Powell.

It is now time to nominate your chairman for the ensuing two years. I feel proud of my record the past two years as 95 per cent of grievances handled have been satisfactorily adjusted. I feel that the good will of the membership is mine, and can say you all have mine, and your next chairman will have my hearty co-operation. Let's hold him up and help him to a finish.

Wishing you a prosperous 1919, I am,  
Fraternally,

E. E. MIDDLEKAUF,  
Chairman.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the brothers of Division 40 who so generously contributed to the beautiful floral offering I received during my sad bereavement, when my beloved husband and your brother, E. O. Crecraft, departed this life on Dec. 8th, 1918. Your beautiful wreath spoke volumes of sympathetic cheer to me in my sorrow, and I gratefully appreciate each kindness shown me.

MRS. E. O. CRECRAFT,  
Jonesboro, Ind.

#### Ashland & Lexington Division—

Boys, if you will all mail me a few notes each month I will do my part to have us a write-up each month.

We must try and get the few nons we

have lined up at once. Just touch up the fellow who works next to you and see that he carries a card. It is going to mean much to those who belong from now on. Let your influence with your friends draw them the right way. We need them all. If you get your friend in the O. R. T., he will get his friend, and that will get us the desired percentage in a short time. Remember, "No card, no favors." Bros. Ferguson, Ingram, Bowers and several others are trying that plan. There is no excuse for any man to not carry an up-to-date. They all have had plenty of work.

Bro. Conley, agent Enterprise, Ky., off some time on account of illness, was relieved by Bro. E. A. Swartz, from Mt. Sterling, the boys there doubling.

Bro. Riggles, agent Soldier, was also off on account of sickness. Bro. Ingram and Bro. Bowers doubled while Bro. Bailey, first Winchester, off sick.

Bro. B. F. Roberts, third Relay, Ashland, Ky., goes to Jenkins as second, and Bro. Parsons as third trick dispatcher.

Bro. J. H. Evans, visiting his best girl in Mt. Sterling, Ky., will soon be with us again. He has an indefinite furlough from "Uncle Sam."

Bro. C. D. Temple, agent Paintsville, Ky., has been appointed general agent at Winchester, Ky. We all wish him success.

Don't forget to mail me the news, and I will see that our division is listed in the journal each month.

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. E. S. Gray and the three little ones in the recent loss of his wife and their beloved mother. Also to Mrs. Kerns in the recent loss of her husband, Bro. C. L. Kerns. He had many friends, and is survived by his wife, two brothers and mother. We all were very much grieved of his death.

E. A. SWARTZ, Cert. 926.

#### Lexington & Big Sandy Division—

Bros. R. C. Thompson and Tom Owings are doubling in "AU" while Bros. B. F. Roberts and D. L. Parsons are at Jenkins on the dispatching force.

Bro. Hubbard landed Paintsville agency. Bro. Temple going to Winchester agency.

Bro. W. E. Johnston, Heller, is back at work after a long illness of himself and family.

Bro. W. T. "Sip" Hatcher is back at work, was relieved by yours truly.

Bros. Littleton and L. O. McQuown all alone at "NS" while Bro. H. C. Jacobs' folks sick with influenza.

Bro. Lyttleton relieves Bro. C. L. Hudgins at Farmer, who goes to "DS" in the chief's office.

It is Bro. R. W. Freeman now.

Will write more news next month.

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**Boston & Maine R. R. Div. No. 41.**  
*General Telegraph Office Notes—*

The boys in the general telegraph office were treated to a couple of days' rest recently. At 10 o'clock Sunday morning, December 15th, one by one the wires began to open until the Harlem River, N. Y., wire over the New Haven road was the only one left working. Upon investigation it was found that a manhole between the Western Union and "GM" office had filled with water, rendering the cable useless. Another cable was immediately strung, but something went wrong and another was put in its place. Business was not resumed until late Monday evening, meantime the dispatchers in the Portland Division office moved to East Somerville station, and Wakefield Junction, all train dispatching being carried on from these stations from Sunday night until Monday afternoon.

Wm. H. Welch, embargo clerk in the office of the superintendent of transportation at Boston, jumped from a train at East Somerville on December 19th, was dragged under and his right arm so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the shoulder. We extend our sympathy and hope for an early recovery.

*Portland Division—*

Bro. R. W. Barker, agent at Topsfield, Mass., died recently of infantile paralysis. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the membership.

*Fitchburg Division—*

Pepperell closed, Sister Pearl Cousins to second Westminster.

Bro. Sanford, formerly North Leominster agent, is now with L. DeJonge Paper Makers, Fitchburg, as office manager. We wish him success in his new work.

Bro. Garrity, agent West Fitchburg, is now the "Onion King," as he handles most of the "fruit" in that locality.

Bro. Nixon Campbell, second Fitchburg, was defeated for State Senator in the last election.

Miss Lillian E. Daley relieved on third "K" Greenfield for a few days recently.

Miss Mary Lynch is back at Windsor after enjoying a few days' vacation at home.

Some brother near by interview these nice young ladies and see if we can't call them sisters.

Without Bro. Prevost's help each month the write-up would be very short. Won't some other brother help once in awhile?

Cert. 406.  
 "VN," "GM."

**Erie R. R. Div. No. 42.**

*N. Y., S. & W. Division—*

A Happy New Year to all!

This division closed a remarkably suc-

cessful year, due to the individual efforts of many of the brothers.

The December meeting in Paterson was a grand success. Some 25 of the members of this division attended, and Bro. Kelley of the New York Division had a mob there. Everyone was interested and waiting for his turn to be heard. Kelley himself is a regular whirlwind on up-to-date information; so do not miss any of the meetings.

Bros. Kinney and Vanderhoff doubled at Sparta Junction while Bro. J. T. Jennings worked second Swartswood Jct., vice Bro. Hill, relieving the agent at Halsey, laid up with the "flu." Bro. Marean is relieving Bro. Kinney at Hillside Jct., who is also down with the same disease.

Bro. Bramfit has returned to Butler after relieving Bro. Gregory at Ogdensburg, on account of the death of his wife. We all feel very sorry for him.

Bro. Smith, at Sparta, has been put on eight hours.

Bro. F. J. Sisco, with the engineers at Camp Benj. Harrison the past six months, expects to be back on the job at Riverside shortly.

Station Supervisor J. T. McEntee, who reported back on the job December 16th, was at Camp Dix three months and then was sent to Camp Gordon, in Georgia, to the officers' training school. J. H. Quick, who has been acting supervisor, goes back to Blairstown agency.

The east end boys have set February as their time to catch up to our percentage, so do not go to sleep; they may surpass us yet. We hope every man, both east and west, will do his best, as the nons have held us back long enough.

The "JC" dispatchers began receiving their two days off a month in December.

Bro. Fredericks of Oak Ridge escorted three brothers from west of Butler to the December meeting at Paterson. This is the spirit that counts. Keep the machine well oiled and be there once each month; the rest will follow. At this meeting the brothers expressed their deep regret upon learning of the death of Bro. Gregory's wife and adopted appropriate resolutions tendering him their sympathy.

Don't forget to pay your dues promptly and have it off of your mind, and remember the slogan, 100 per cent is perfect.

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*Wyoming Division—*

It is now Bros. Carpenter, McAndrews, Duske and Enslin. More are coming. Keep after the fellows you are working with. Don't let the non rest. He will soon get ashamed of himself, join and be a better man for it.

Let us pay our dues as soon as we get our notices. Don't wait. Keep up to date at all times, and say, boys, an annual card looks good. Why not take out one and not have

the bother all over again next June?

Some brother on the west end send me some items. We want a write-up every month. It helps keep the boys together.

H. P. FINCH, Cert. 1429.

*Rochester Division—*

Mt. Morris consolidated with the Penna. R. R., relieving DeGraff, one Erie helper now night watchman at Avon, N. Y. Bro. Gherig, express agent on the D. & M. at Dansville, N. Y., is now assistant agent at Mt. Morris, and Bro. Badger, second there, is handling the ticket sales.

Bro. Fuller, an old-time O. R. T. man, now on third Wayland, will be transferred to our division.

Bro. F. H. Clapper, first Geneseo, has been presented with a victrola. Anyone wishing to purchase his violin, mandolin and guitar should write him.

Our \$6.00 dues is largely offset by the increase we have already received, and they should be paid promptly.

S. T. JERRIS, L. C.

*Meadville Division—*

This division was short a write-up last month, and the Second District has not responded with any notes for this one.

We extend Bro. Jackson our sincere sympathy, who recently received notice of his son's death in action in the service of our country; also to Bro. C. N. Dickinson in his great bereavement in the loss of his wife.

I wish to offer a word of advice on the proper course for handling grievances. Telegraphers should in all cases take theirs up with the chief dispatcher, and if not satisfactorily adjusted refer them to me with all correspondence. Agents should take up matters pertaining to their work with the superintendent or chief dispatcher, depending upon the nature of the case, and if not adjusted turn it over to me. It developed in a recent conference with the superintendent that some cases have not been handled properly and Mr. Buhlman evidently gained the impression that I am endeavoring to relieve him of his executive functions, which is not the case. In the matter of pay adjustments, you will please take up the matter with him before turning it over to me. The committee will check over the whole matter after it is settled to a degree satisfactorily. Please be governed accordingly.

The B. & L. E. will take over the work at Shenango very soon and our operators displaced.

Another trick has been put on at B. & O. lower, Warren, Ohio, and at Race street, Meadville, B. S. Lewis bidding in second there; and several will be added on the Franklin Branch on account of the time and half award. Keep your eye on the rail and see that they are properly advertised.

Bro. Wescott, Ashville, just returned from his two-weeks' vacation due under our vacation rule, relieved by Sister Caldwell, who is becoming a proficient station agent.

Bro. Williams took a trip to Meadville with grievances recently and came out with a smile on his face. Everything going fine on this division. Boys and girls, give good service; you are being used right.

Sister Rabe was relieved by Bro. Baker several days while investing her back pay in Christmas presents, and Sister Miner, Lottsville, took a trip to the city on the same account. Santa Claus isn't in the running any more.

J. I. W.

*Canadian Northern Ry. Div. No. 43.  
Second District, Western Division—*

Bros. Hall and Coughlin doubling in "A." Dispatcher Hunter being down with an attack of la grippe. Bro. Stevens also doubling on this account in "KA."

Conductor Sullivan has the heartfelt sympathy of all in the recent death of his wife at Saskation with the "flu."

W. R. Campbell goes to second Warman; S. W. Prevost to Langham agency, and J. A. Mallock, first District, to second Humboldt.

We all congratulate Bro. Harropp on his appointment as traveling auditor, vice Leyne, transferred.

Sunday, December 8th, was the banner day for meetings on this district, 52 brothers being present, the largest on record, all very anxious to hear the particulars re the McAdoo award and amendments.

It was good to see all the old heads out—Bro. Baker from Radison and Fowler from North Battleford; Jim Strong from Prince Albert; Ben Lewis from Ruddell, and W. R. Russell, all looking as natural as ever.

The meeting was held in the Barrie Hotel, in the old dismantled bar, an ideal spot, but it brought sad remembrances to some of the boys.

We have to thank the proprietor for allowing 21 of the brothers to sit down at one table for dinner.

We trust that all our meetings will be as well attended in future.

All brothers who possibly can, please take out annual cards; it cuts down very much the work of the secretary.

There is no excuse for one or two of the members on this district not being up to date. All we have had is promises and assurances that they were up to date. No one should be a "slacker" in these times.

Bro. Underbakke has just returned from a successful hunting trip, having been relieved by Bro. Wright.

Bro. J. H. Strong is anxiously waiting for relief, to spend a couple of months on his fruit ranch in California.

Bro. Coughlin has been appointed cor-

respondent for this district, and would be pleased if the boys would send him all the news items they can.

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#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere and deep appreciation for the kindness, help and sympathy of the brothers of Division 43, and I have been very deeply touched with the great kindnesses that manifested themselves on the Rapid City Branch, through the great thoughtfulness and foresight of the brothers and their wives, during our great trials, when our fireside was torn asunder and the grim reaper claimed wife and mother.

W. A. HARRON AND CHILDREN,  
Beulah, Man.

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#### Central R. R. of New Jersey Div. No. 45. Central Division—

Beginning January 1st the dues for the current year will be \$15.00. During the past six months the division has been to a great expense in having the general chairman go to Washington, D. C., to interview Director of Railroads McDado; to Chicago, Ill., and New York, to confer with the boards on working conditions and meet the general chairmen of other lines in order to confer with them and be of one accord as to lines of action and be able to co-operate as one body. The payment of these dues make it possible for us to have a paid chairman for this division, who will look after our interests and keep posted on working conditions. The increase we are receiving will more than offset the increase in dues. Pay up promptly and get an annual, if possible.

Bro. J. T. Dougherty, first Crawford Jct., appointed representative of the Efficiency Committee, is the right man in the right place.

Relieved on vacations: Bro. F. Breisford, first Van-Nostrand; Bro. J. Green and Bro. Geo. Lewis, Bay Draw, by Bro. Williams, relief tOWERMAN; Bro. LaRue, ticket agent Phillipsburg, by Relief Agent Farlow; Bros. Godshalk and Greybill, first and third Newark transfer, and Frank Ne'or, second tower "C," by Bro. Harry Campbell; Bro. Ben Abrams, first Lorraine tower, by Bro. Rube Donovan; Bro. Tropp, second Lorraine, by Bro. J. Kelley, and Bro. L. Corson, first Bound Brook Jct., by Mr. Cotton, third Bound Brook Jct., vice Bro. Len Aepauh to second Newark transfer, vice Bro. Frank Milligan; Bro. Artie Lerch to third Lorraine.

Bro. Herman Gerke, relief tOWERMAN, moved over to Madison Square Garden while the bike race was going on, so he would not miss any of the sprints at nights.

Bro. Stanley Van Fleet takes night ticket agency at Bound Brook, vice Bro. Johnson, going into tower service; Bro. Jack Murtagh went back to the relief tOWERMAN, giv-

ing Bro. Howard Pletcher, second trick tOWERMAN, tower "1 E-Port." Bro. Bill Hyde is on third; Bro. Osborne on second, and Bro. Frank Campbell on first, Branch Dispatchers' Circuit, and Bro. Abe Hall, relieving Chief Train Dispatcher Deshler a few days, was relieved by Bro. Harry Compton. Bro. Louis Fisher, night ticket agent Jersey City terminal, relieved two days recently by Bro. Al. Brown, and third trick dispatcher, Bro. Lew Nagy, one night by Bro. Frank Campbell.

Bro. Harry Snyder, second trick dispatcher, was off a few days recently with his dogs and gun after game, and "came back smiling."

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#### N. J. S. Division—

Dispatcher Bro. "Ike" Fisher has resumed at East Long Branch after two-weeks' illness, and Dispatcher Bro. W. F. Spencer after a week in the woods after big game.

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#### Central of Ga. Ry. Div. No. 46. Chattanooga Division—

A committee consisting of Bros. A. C. Craighead, W. T. Roush, W. Hanson and J. D. Cochran, with the aid of Bros. Sharpe of Rockwood, Griffin, Gang, Justice and Chandler, and Conductor Newell of the T. A. & G. R. R., Chattanooga, staged an O. R. T. ball at the Chattanooga Armory Thanksgiving evening. An interesting program and the best of music was enjoyed by one of the largest crowds ever known to attend an affair of this kind in that city. Our live wire messenger, Leo Nash, was on hand with his box relay, making a big noise for the occasion, while the committee had their hands full taking in the cash and passing the people into the ballroom. A large crowd of young ladies and many officers and soldiers from Fort Oglethorpe, as well as many old and young Chattanoogans, attended. It was regretted that more telegraphers were not present. Those who attended were C. C. Shriver, "Fatty," Skyles, Addison and Cowan. Bro. Roush handled the money end; Bro. Craighead looked after affairs in general, assisted by Bro. Cochran; while Bro. Gang served as doorkeeper; Bros. Griffin and Sharpe supervising the cloak rooms, and Bro. Hanson introduced the ladies and soldiers. It was a complete success in every way, over \$200 being cleared above expenses, the proceeds to be used in organizing a Chattanooga O. R. T. Club, to be known as "*The Telegraphers' Home*." The committee will immediately begin to organize the club, which will be announced in the next issue of this magazine, and we earnestly invite every member in and around Chattanooga to join and endeavor to make it a big success by putting all the pep into it possible. We should be

able to maintain a good club and home for the telegraphers.

Division and local meetings will be held at this place, and socials will be given as early as possible after getting started.

All members come and look it over, give us your support and watch it grow.

A. C. CRAIGHORN,  
W. T. ROUSH,  
W. HANSON,  
J. D. COCHRAN,

Committee, 1013 James Building, Chattanooga, Tenn.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to sincerely thank members of the O. R. T. for the beautiful floral offering expressing their brotherly regard for our dearly loved husband and father.

MRS. JENNIE D. MEYERS AND FAMILY.

#### Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Div. No. 49. Relay Department—

"DC," Denver.—General Chairman Compton had a severe case of pneumonia, after a trip running down the nons and lining up grievances, leaving as soon as able to attend the general chairmen's meeting in Chicago.

Bro. Hawkins drops in and gives us the glad hand occasionally. The position he accepted seems more than pleasing to him, and we wish him the best.

Bro. Fulmer is on two-weeks' vacation in California.

Bro. Day is working St. Louis after several years on Salt Lake. He and "Happy" are making it fine.

The linemen have had the office topsy-turvy for about two weeks, installing four new tables, running in a new cable, and making room for two Chicago and another Salt Lake wire.

"SB," Pueblo.—Bro. Reynolds is back after a week's tussle with the "flu." Regular force working and plenty of gossip on our new schedule negotiations.

"S," Salida.—Bro. Merrill is back after several weeks in the hospital.

Bro. Devins, cut off December 5th, returned to Denver for a few days' rest, and Bro. Wiggle back on third.

"JN," Grand Junction.—Bro. Phares from the Union Pacific, in "UN" Salt Lake several years ago, takes third, vice Noel to Helper.

Sister Rogers has returned from a trip East and a visit to the oil well on her farm near Lamar.

Bro. Keeley had a siege of sickness in his home several days, relieved by Bro. Maid, who recently returned from a few days' vacation over at Montrose and some of his old stamping ground.

"RA," Helper.—Bro. Eckles is the only live member left here. Boys, let's get after Serals, Limke and Ham, first, second and third, respectively, and make the office solid again.

"UN," Salt Lake City.—Bro. O'Shaughnessy, "SK" office, bid in Bro. Robertson's position, Bro. Garrett working third. If seniority has anything to do with it, should have first. Bro. Richardson is working the show-up and smoking one cigar a day as heretofore, and Bro. Mann works "BD" Bonus with ol' Brad now instead of at "GO." Hope the same thing don't happen at "UN" as it did with Brad. Bro. Anderson comes on at 7:30 now; buying a home; regular ol' banker.

CERT. 555.

#### First Division—

Our Pueblo dispatcher's office to be consolidated with A. T. & S. F., eliminating about one-half of our dispatchers. A. T. & S. F. telegraph office Union Depot, Pueblo, to be consolidated with S. B. office. W. C. Cavanaugh, formerly chief dispatcher with C. R. I. & P., for past three years dispatcher at "RG" Pueblo, has gone to Alamosa as chief.

Bro. Reed of Parkdale goes to Larkspur, vice Bro. Dobertein, deceased; Karns, Castle Rock, to Louviers second, vice Bro. Anderson to Rouse Jct., vice Bro. Roudebush to his farm near Boone, Colo.; no more getting up at midnight for 30c. Bro. York to Trinidad agency, vice Bro. Hogue to Pueblo agency.

"DN" office Denver to be consolidated with "GN," C. & S. office, Denver, will close out three men. Look out for some bumping.

Santa Fe and D. & R. G. at Littleton consolidated; Bro. Cuthbert given another operator, Bro. F. B. Maxwell from Colo. Midland. Cotopaxi opened up three tricks; Bro. Rice third. Bro. Allen now has a chance to get out into the fresh air occasionally.

Bro. Challis, Texas Creek, sick with the "flu" and pneumonia for several weeks, reported improving.

Former Chief Dispatcher E. E. Eichar, recently superintendent transportation Colo. Midland, is now on his farm in the Imperial Valley of Southern California.

Bro. S. F. O'Brien, former general chairman Colo. Midland, is now located at Walserburg.

Former Wire Chief Morris, "SB" Pueblo, promoted from assistant chief W. U. Denver to wire chief Laramie, same company.

Bro. Fulmer, "DC" Denver, on three-weeks' leave to Frisco and Los Angeles, Bro. N. F. Hunter, an old-timer with the Union Pacific, relieving.

Bro. Challis, Texas Creek, down with the "flu" several weeks, is improving.

Our joint meeting with the C. & S., postponed from time to time on account the influenza, will be held at Aguilar as soon as conditions more favorable.

Don't forget to occasionally acquaint Non Honnold at Husted of the fact that we don't

approve of his "something for nothing" ideas.

F. B. Rose,

Assistant Local Chairman.

**Second Division—**

Chief Dispatcher Wightman, Dispatcher Larmee, Bro. Hunt and McClelland, Glenwood; Bro. Freeman and Epler, at Eagle; Mrs. Foor, Avon, and Bro. Olden, Minturn, are back to work after an attack of the "flu." Only one death—Agent Drake, at Glenwood.

Bro. Guire, Minturn, was off several days on account of his wife having it, and Bro. Olden went to Salida hospital with it, Bro. Cross, Buena Vista, and Epler, New Castle, relieving them.

Sister Frances Jones, Deen, and Sister Agnes Wheatley, Wolcott, bid in second and third Shoshone, making this a brighter spot on the system.

Bro. Jones from Colo. Midland, who relieved Donahoo, Glenwood, and Bro. Whitmen, Red Cliff, is now relieving agent Eagle. Bro. Homan, Wolcott, relieved on vacation by Potts, a new man.

It is now Bro. Dockter at Buena Vista, and expect to have several new brothers and sisters next month. Brothers, don't treat the non next to you like you would a brother or sister. Let them know the difference between a non and a member. It may take some time to get them, but don't lose patience. There are two or three men on this division, one on First District particularly, that has the nerve to ask every day how the new schedule is coming along but has never made a move to get a card. A dispatcher just like him is in the same office. The only service that is absolutely necessary to this man is enough. Do your best for all the others; they are first-class men.

CERT. 921.

**Fourth Division—**

The "flu" struck us pretty hard. Practically every office had one or more cases. Entire office force at Chama all down with it simultaneously. Bro. Ogle closed Monero shop and run Chama until they recovered. Bros. Nichols, agent Lumberton, and Rogers, agent Pagosa Jct., both had it.

Bro. McCully, agent Farmington, resigned, succeeded by Bro. Odell, and he at Garland by Bro. Moetz from Taos Jct.

Bro. S. C. Lively is back at Durango after six-months' service with "Uncle Sam," and Bro. Graves at Antinito after 60 days' absence.

A recent new member is Bro. Moore, agent Romeo.

Bro. S. S. Williams, agent Silverton, transfers from Division 126.

Brothers, put in your overtime as per supplement 10 to General Order 27. Mr. McAdoo confirmed these rates and we need the money. The writer sent in slips for

October and November, covering the two hours for weekdays and all Sunday and holiday hours, only to have them returned, but am going to keep after it.

If there are some items missed in this, just say to yourself, "I am going to see that this is in next month's Journal," and then do it.

C. G. N., CERT. 834.

**Bessemer & Lake Erie R. R. Div. No 51.**

An agent from the south end who intended to attend the open meeting in Greenville, by mistake entered a boilermaker's meeting, but thought he could hear some of our brothers above the noise, so made himself at home.

The "flu" made 12-hour jobs for a few days at Standard Jct., "BD" and "RU" towers, River Valley and Blacks Run.

Bro. Cunningham, third "BD" tower; Bro. Bervinkle, second River Valley, and Bro. Nelson, third "KY" tower, all off sick a few days.

Bro. Patton, third Culmerville, relieved Clifford, Blacks Run, a few days on account of sickness, and Miss Fay relieved Bro. Patton at Culmerville.

Our chairman has returned from the meetings at Chicago and Washington.

Bro. W. B. Miller, second Fredonia, again called to Greenville to work the message wire, relieved by Miss Fuller.

Two notorious nons refused to contribute to the fund to pay Bro. Miller's expenses, but accepted the recent raise.

Erie and Bessemer work is consolidated in "XN" Shenango, making the job a busy one.

Bro. Ralph Rimer is on second "SJ" again, no one having accepted it when it was bulletined.

CERT. 92.

**Southern Pacific Ry., Division No. 53.**

Members Tucson Division:

Although very much was accomplished toward the betterment of our working conditions and salary increases during 1918, there remains much yet to be done in order to keep our organization up to the highest standard possible, to obtain still better conditions in the future.

Our division is practically solid. You, brothers and sisters, must see that the nons who have promised to join get a card at once. The old motto is still in effect; live up to it. Smith, at Maricopa, is one who has stood us off long enough, and it's high time his application was in. The linemen are all in but one; keep after him.

Bro. C. L. Robeson, Tucson, has been appointed assistant local chairman to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Bechtel, and we feel that we are very fortunate in securing Bro. Robeson to succeed our loyal deceased brother.

We have appealed only four cases to our general chairman, which shows the co-oper-

ation of the Tucson division officials in keeping down grievances.

Please notify Bro. Mahoney at Stockham of any changes, in order that he may incorporate them in his write-up. We can have a good one if three or four members will show a little "pep." Don't leave it all to one man.

We went 100 per cent with our Government; now let's do it for ourselves. Show the proper spirit and the returns will more than pay you for the trouble.

I wish each of you a very, very happy New Year! JAMES E. MCNIEL,  
Local Chairman, Bowie, Ariz.

#### Tucson Division Notes—

The entire membership of Division 53 was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Bro. J. F. Bechtel at the General Hospital in San Francisco recently. He was promoted from assistant to local chairman of this division when Bro. Cull was elected general chairman of Division 53, and obliged to resign on account of his health, but was retained as assistant local chairman until his death. He was an untiring worker for the Order and the division suffered a great loss in his demise. We also record with sorrow the death of Bro. O. W. Allison, November 14th, at Rolling Prairie, Ia., agent Fairbanks, Ariz., one of the oldest telegraphers on this division, being No. 6 on the seniority list. Having been sick for a number of years, he had lately been on an extended leave of absence. The bereaved relatives of Bros. Bechtel and Allison have the heartfelt sympathy of the membership in this affliction.

Bro. Pannell, Bowie agency, sick with influenza, relieved by Bro. Custer, and Bro. Harshman, Sibyl nights, also on sick list, relieved by Miss Cora Smith.

Bro. T. J. Gray, returning from sick leave, relieved Mrs. Harris on third Gage, who opened up new second Aden.

Bro. Mingledorf, transferred to Coast Division, relieved at Separ by Hadaway, who had been relieving Bro. Riley, Benson second, on sick list. Bro. Zimmerman from Steins to Anapra, vice Miss Jennings to Picacho third. Bro. Thomas, reinstated to Lordsburg, relieved Bro. Baker, to Dragon third. Sister McEvoy to second there, vice Sister Reinhart to Esmond third. Bro. Reed to Estrella agency, relieved by Bro. Clark from Casa Grande at Mescal.

While Local Chairman McNeal, Bowie, was off a few days recently, the business of the division was handled by Assistant Local Chairman Robeson.

Sister Morrison, second Esmond, relieved by Mrs. Shanafelt while in Tucson having dental work done.

Bro. Brown, agent Case Grande, was a recent Tucson visitor.

Sister McEvoy returned from vacation to Esmond third, relieving Miss Caverly to Sonoita agency, vice Bro. Morgan to Casa Grande; Bro. Garcia, displaced by Mrs. Whittemore on San Simon third, goes to Piedna; Bro. R. L. Crowley from Estrella agency to second, vice Bro. Manuel, who opened Colifred; Bro. Powell to E. P. & S. W., relieved on Rillito second by Laughran.

You, brothers and sisters, can have all the application blanks you can use for the asking, and "No card, no favors" should be applied and adhered to rigidly with the following nons: D. H. Smith, agent Maricopa; J. T. Clayton, agent Lordsburg, and R. P. Flynn, agent Cambrey, who recently relieved in the dispatcher's office.

The new arrivals are: J. J. Francis, J. D. Hill, A. C. Meyers, E. R. Caverly, B. E. Bisig, H. H. Harris, L. R. Cecil, A. W. and L. Shanafelt, W. L. Hadaway, W. R. Riggs, H. E. Ball, Miss Shannon, Miss Jennings and two or three others. It is your duty to know whether the man or woman next to you has a card, and if not, see that they get one next pay day. There is only one way to accomplish satisfactory results, and that is for everyone to do their part. The local chairman and myself have both written you several times regarding houses. It only costs you three cents to send us the data requested, unless you are really content to live in box cars.

Twenty-one brothers and sisters attended the Tucson meeting at the Y. M. C. A., December 15th, at 8 p. m., including some of the Southwestern boys.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Local Chairman McNeil produced several speakers: Chairman Dodge of the Grievance Committee of the B. of L. F. & E., who spoke upon organization and co-operation, and was thanked for his presence; President Murdock of the Order of Railway Clerks, who in an interesting address stated briefly the circumstances surrounding the organizing of the railway clerks, and asked for our co-operation.

The local chairman assured Mr. Murdock that he could depend upon the telegraphers for any assistance they could render to the "infant organization," composed of members holding some of the most responsible positions in the operating department of the railroads.

Dispatchers Healy, Walsh, Stafford and Poole told us briefly how they appreciated our services and commended us on our congeniality and efficiency, emphasizing the fact that where persons working together were personally acquainted there was better service. The cheery "GM" from the dispatcher helps to break the monotony on the desert jobs and makes us feel that our work is appreciated.

The meeting extended a vote of thanks to

Superintendent Wilson, Assistant Superintendent Brown and Dispatcher Healy for arranging to have No. 4 stop and let the brothers and sisters off right at his own doorstep.

The secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was also thanked for donating us a room to meet in, and Bro. Meadows for his efforts in securing it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m., after a general social good time, and everyone went on his way rejoicing, anxiously awaiting the announcement date for the next one.

The application of J. J. McClanahan was handed to Assistant Local Chairman Robeson at the meeting.

I wish to thank Sisters Katharyn Morrison and McEvoy and Bro. Cook for their items. Remember, the write-up must leave my hands by the 18th of each month to insure publication.

B. D. MAHONEY.

#### *Letter from Bro. (Capt.) E. M. Joyce—*

Bro. E. M. Joyce, telegrapher on the Tucson Division of the Southern Pacific at Willcox, Arizona, for a number of years, who joined the Signal Corps of the American Expeditionary Force about a year ago, writes a very interesting letter from the American Red Cross Base Hospital, 44, France, under date of November 6, 1918, voicing his thanks for my letter and those he had received from other brothers and sisters of the Tucson Division.

He is now a captain in command of an outpost company of the Ninth Field Battalion, and up to the signing of the armistice had been doing all the work from regimental headquarters to the German trenches, because, as he naively puts it, "No Man's Land always belonged to the Americans."

At the time his letter was written he was "getting patched up" from "being knocked out in the first battle of the Argonne and the Meuse," having been in all the "big scraps" previously.

He hoped to be out and back at the front in a couple of weeks after his letter was written.

He says he don't know how in the world he missed getting killed, as he never had so many close calls in his life, and only accounts for his escape, owing to the fact "that it takes a pretty good Hun to kill an old Arizonian."

He refers, incidentally, to the fact that his "monthly pay check is \$311.00," adding that it is "better than railroading."

He mentions in his letter that "Butler is now a first lieutenant"; but that he had not yet seen him.

He sends his best regards to all, noting that his address is "still the same."

Fraternally,  
E. W. SARGENT, Annual Card,  
Cert. 326, Div. 53.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Members Division No. 53:

We desire to express our great appreciation and sincere thanks to the members Tucson Division, Southern Pacific Railway, for the beautiful wreath and the numerous offers of assistance and expressions of sympathy from your officers and members in the sad hour of our bereavement by the death of our dear husband, son and brother, J. W. Hulett. Your kindness will ever be remembered.

MRS. J. W. HULETT,  
MRS. N. RODGERS,  
W. H. HULETT,,  
Cert. 1151, Div. 54.

#### *Salt Lake Division—*

Dispatchers Stuart and Thompson resigned. Dispatcher Chas. O'Laughlin from the "OSL" Pocatella relieved Stuart and Bro. Wiley relieved Thompson, relieved by Bro. Allen on "D" third; Bro. Clem. Elka first, to Lovelock; W. R. Hyser to Lakeside third; Bro. Foster to Halleck agency; Bro. Braun to Carlin second; Sister Trakington, just back from the East, relieved by Bro. Lewis, a new man, later to Palisade third; Bro. Miles to Montgomery agency.

Bro. "Pat," "AO" second, bid in "RO," but the job evaporated and he had to bid again for "AO."

Howard Kline and W. M. McBride, fresh from the San Fran "Ham Factory," latter to Moor third, former relieving Sister Sumwall, Moor second, on sick list. Both promise to line up this month.

We all deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends of Bros. M. L. Paulson and G. A. Gray and Sister Scott, who were victims of the "flu," and surely will be missed by their fellow workmen. Mrs. Paulson and two children took the remains of Bro. Paulson to Omaha for burial, then returned to her home in Humboldt, Neb.

"RG," CERT. 2154.

#### *Stockton District—*

Bro. Oliver, agent Acampo, called East on account of the sickness of a relative, was relieved by Bro. Dietrich, who bumped Miss Stock, third Ripon, on Bro. Oliver's return.

Bro. Berry is back at Montpelier agency after an extended trip East. His father passed to the great beyond during his visit home. We all extend him our deepest sympathy.

Bros. Cox and Price have been hunting mud hens recently around Lodi. Brothers

desiring any should put in their orders early.

Bro. Hanlon, who attended the recent San Francisco meeting, reports that the tower-men are lining up rapidly.

Bro. Burrows, first "KN" Stockton, relieved on a trip to Sacto by Mrs. White, who later bumped Bro. Bissell from first Galt and promises to become a sister shortly.

Bro. Loomis has just returned from his honeymoon. Best wishes for a long and happy married life to the happy couple.

Several of the brothers have been laid up recently with influenza and bad colds.

Bro. Cooper, agent Raymond, has resigned and entered another line of business.

Bro. Bishop, on leave, relieved by Bro. Bissell.

Bro. Moore, agent Mendota, was called to Albuquerque, N. M., by the Supreme Court as a witness in pilferage of some quicksilver.

Bro. Ford, second Los Banos, and family spent a few days in Stockton recently, and Bro. Reynolds, agent Oakdale, and family visited Stockton over Sunday.

E. L. R., CERT. 760.

#### *Shasta Division—*

Bro. J. L. Beeson, second Exeter, San Joaquin Division, wishes trade with someone on Shasta Division. Seniority dates from October 30, 1916.

CERT. 1792.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Members Shasta Division, S. P. Ry.:

Permit me to convey to all my appreciation of your kindness shown, following the death of my husband; also for the beautiful floral offering. MRS. JESSIE A. NICHOLS, Redding, California.

#### *Los Angeles Division—*

Bro. Noel has taken Edom, relieved at Bassett by Bro. Freeman; Bro. Matteson to "NG" Los Angeles, relieved at Indio by Bro. Herring; Bro. Watson to third there, succeeded at Beaumont by Bro. Shutt, relieved at Mecca by Bro. Cambridge, relieved at Santa Susana by Bro. Clements; Bro. Earl to Bassett, succeeded on Santa Barbara second by Bro. Russell. Bro. Nichols has returned to Elcasco and Bro. O'Connor is relieving on Wiland first. Other changes: Bro. Bolsford off several days on account of sickness; Bro. Moore, Shorb, relieved a short time by Bro. Robertson, and Bro. Reid, third Pomona, a few days by Bro. Baumgardner.

Bros. Freeman and Stokes and families, after a fried chicken picnic dinner recently near Santa Anna, motored over Orange County, sight-seeing. Bro. Cambridge and family visited Bro. and Mrs. P. J. Coyle at Newhall recently, and Bro. Butler, third Bloomington, returned from 60-days' visit to his old home in Virginia.

Bro. Coyle is the proud possessor of an O. R. T. certificate dated July, 1891, before cards were issued, signed by "Daddy" Thurston. Bro. Coyle has been up to date ever since, and was the first to pay dues for the year 1919 on Division 53.

Bro. Hardesty writes from France, just before the armistice was signed, that he has gained 30 pounds and hopes to be soon starting for the good old U. S. A.

A non on this division recently demanded some fuel of the superintendent's office or immediate relief, and received the latter. It seems that the brothers at some of the stations don't make it hot enough for the non.

The writer rejoices with the R. R. Supt., who was glad that a substitute for gasoline had been announced, so that he could now clean his last winter's overcoat that was all but ruined when he was run over by a car repairer's automobile.

Brothers, keep after that towerman and lineman until he is properly lined up, although they are coming in as a rule very promptly. The signal men have also organized wonderfully. Keep on the trail of our men day and night until thoroughly organized.

For the news items you sent me, I thank you.

E. L. BURROUGHS,  
Correspondent.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown me in the sad bereavement of my beloved husband and for the beautiful floral offering.

MRS. N. E. CAGLE.

#### *Sacramento Division—*

Bro. S. A. Follett, relieved by Bro. C. H. Lawrence, with his wife and little son, recently made a trip to Truckee. Later Sam was sick ten days, but is improving and will soon be chasing switches again.

Bro. L. L. Brewer is back at Blue Canon after harvesting a heavy rice crop, relieved by Bro. H. H. Knott, who later relieved Bro. Miller at Willows on account of sickness. Sister Clayton was relieved by Mrs. E. C. Wells for the same reason.

Bro. Patti, once a telegrapher on this division, died last month at Camp Fremont from the "flu."

Staff Operator Reece, "BC" Jct., off ten days on account of sickness, will join this month.

Fourth at Sacramento, held by Bro. Jack Woodbury, abolished. Jack had quite a siege with the "flu," but good nursing brought him through.

Bro. Schneegas recently relieved Bro. Dusher a few days, on sick list. Bro. Schoonhoven of Colfax was also sick several days.

Bro. J. J. Mason, with the U. S. Marines on Angel Island, San Francisco, had "QS" cut him through and called the boys along the line the other night. Bro. I. S. Wilson, also with the Marines, expects to be discharged soon.

Bro. and Sister Fisher of Smart and Spruce, on vacation, relieved by Bro. M. T. Rice and Mr. Laird; Bro. and Mrs. Moore are on a three-months' trip through the South and East, and Sister Nedra Vick, on vacation, relieved by Bro. M. T. Rice.

Bro. McAdow, on a hunting trip for ducks recently, brought a bag full home, but someone stole his goose and got his goat down at Roseville. If any of the brothers know who got them, kindly advise him.

General Chairman Cull was one of a committee of seventeen who stayed at Washington, D. C., after the conference with Mr. McAdoo to adjust the new wage award. I was unable to get out bulletin to each member of the news of the conference. I tried to keep you all posted by wire as much as possible.

It will not be necessary hereafter to sign any war waivers; therefore those who have any on hand, kindly destroy them.

The new year is with us again, and I kindly ask all members to pay their dues promptly; get that non at the station next to you, and remember, "*No card, no favors.*"

Wish to thank you all for the support given me in the last few months, and assure you I will try to do the best possible for all, at all times.

If any brothers or sisters have any news items, kindly slip them on to Bro. E. T. Nickels or Bro. G. R. Idle of Tehama and Gridley.

F. J. DUSHER.

#### Valley District—

Quite a number of the boys had the influenza. Bro. Mills and third trick man at Willows were both down at the same time, and Bro. Fontana, sent to relieve the agent there, was taken off the train to relieve the agent at Williams, in bed sick with it.

Bro. Shields relieved Fahey, second Gridley, who went East for the holidays to visit his people.

Superintendent Brennan and other division officials recently made their annual inspection over the district.

Some of the boys from the general offices in San Francisco have been hunting in and around Gridley the past two weeks with varied success.

C. C. Williams, in the United States Army, formerly operator and clerk at Placerville, is coming back on the division.

J. J. Mason, former division correspondent up from Goat Island, in Gridley recently, stated that he would be back among us in a few days.

Bro. Woodbury's job in "H" office has

been abolished and he is working extra awaiting next bulletin.

Three tricks put on at Reno, and a second recently at Floriston. Bro. Ballard, agent Floriston, bid in one of the Reno tricks.

The Western and Southern Pacific Yards at Marysville have been consolidated, and all eastern shipments except perishables from this side are being routed via Western Pacific at Marysville.

Bro. Bush, second Marysville, a frequent visitor in our town, states that everything is going on as lively as ever in the twin cities.

President Perham's November circular letter explains very clearly the new working schedule.

General Chairman Cull is back East in the interest of the division in regard to Supplements 10 and 11 of General Order No. 27, and Bro. Schneegas is relieving at Mills.

The rice crop was a boomer this year, there being nearly double the yield harvested last season. The barley and pumpkin crops were also enormous.

G. R. IDLE.

#### Western Division—

Bro. Ford from Stockton Division to Los Banos; Bro. Brinley to Davis; Bro. Kirgan to Concord, and Bro. Crowder to Antioch Agencies, vice J. R. Rippy from the general office, acting agent at the latter point. Brothers, see that he gets a card, also remind Mr. Athey and Mrs. Booth of their promises to join.

Bro. Bauman is having a hard time trading off this division. The Santa Rosa and Calistoga branch is solid again. It is now Sister McCarthy at South Vallejo.

The Pacific and Atlantic Systems are to be divided into separate divisions, which will, no doubt, be an advantage to both.

In remitting dues for the coming term, remember that they are now \$15.00 per year, \$7.50 semi-annually. By remitting the correct amount, saves Bro. Hammond additional work, and I would suggest that all members who can afford it to remit for the entire year both division dues and M. B. D. assessments, it will be an advantage to both yourself and the organization.

Bro. J. I. Braswell, from the San Joaquin Division, relieved Bro. Vose, Martinez second, a few days, later going to Antioch.

Bros. Ingram and Wood, at Hayward, are congratulating themselves that the Western Union there has been turned over to the Western Pacific.

Bro. W. O. Cole's home in Vacaville was recently the scene of a very pretty wedding when Miss Nina Hodges, Bro. Cole's summer telegrapher became the bride of Conductor H. C. Kennedy. After the ceremony the bride and groom and party partook of

a sumptuous dinner served by Mrs. Cole, and spent the remainder of the day in San Francisco leaving there the next morning for the bride's home in Southern California on an extended honeymoon. Hearty congratulations is extended by all to the happy couple.

The boys on the Cal. P. are just getting the "kinks" out of their necks due to the many "birdmen" from Mather field making training flights in that vicinity for several months.

Have requested that Irvington and Oleum agencies be shown on next seniority list. If the brothers know of any more positions that should be covered by our contract, please give me all the information obtainable.

A careful check of the present seniority list show but one delinquent and seven "nons." All special assessments have been paid. I believe this is the best showing on any division on the Southern Pacific System, but these "nons" should all be rounded up. They are getting the benefits of organization and should be men enough to help pay their share. Don't be bashful about asking a new man if he is lined up. When he introduces himself introduce yourself to him with your card. Some men have been under the impression that a card might jeopardize their positions and are timid about who knew they belonged to the organization. Try this on the next man who shows up.

I thank the brother who sent me the items from the Rumsey branch. Come again, and also other brothers do likewise. You cannot expect a write-up if you don't contribute the necessary material therefor.

W. M. F.

#### Northern Pacific R. R., Div. No. 54.

##### *Yellowstone Division*

We have gone through the most eventful twelve months the world has ever known, engaged in the greatest, bloodiest and most cruel war known to history, but we are glad to note that the great conflict has been brought to a glorious and successful end, with victory for the RIGHT.

In this great conflict for humanity, this division has furnished a great number of brave lads who went forth to conquer, some to sleep until eternity calls them to their great reward, in foreign lands. While we miss them and mourn their loss, we are nevertheless, proud of them. But in passing we must not overlook the brave boys and girls who remained at home and gave of their substance in large measure to keep those at the front supplied with every need. We are proud to know that the telegraphers of the Northern Pacific stand in the front ranks of Liberty Bond and War Saving Stamp buyers, which contributed so much to winning the war.

We have also lost quite a number of our

beloved members by the influenza epidemic.

Taking all things into consideration, we have made wonderful progress, our percentage of membership was never higher than at present, which in a large measure is due to the untiring efforts of our local officials and faithful individual members.

While we have not reached our goal of 100 per cent organization we are nearer it than ever before, and must begin the new year with renewed determination to make this division among the solid organized as soon as possible.

I desire to again express my great appreciation of the wonderful good work of the various members of the staff, and to those faithful individual members who have labored so untiringly to further our great cause, having but very few "nons" left among us.

As soon as the election of officers for the ensuing year is over, I trust the coming administration will rapidly complete its local organization and begin the 1919 drive with renewed spirit.

If it is your desire that I should serve you for another year, I will accept the responsibility, with the same set determination predominating in the past.

Pay your dues promptly, before the end of February, as after that date you become delinquent. If possible pay your dues for the whole year and get an annual card.

Wishing one and all a prosperous New Year, I am

Fraternally yours,  
E. A. BRAND, Loc. Chmn.

##### *Yellowstone Division Notes—*

Sister Duff, Mandan, relieved two weeks account sickness, by Bro. Murray, from Hebron, who later relieved Bro. E. F. Duff, called home from Pasco Division account sickness of Sister Duff. Bro. Seguar, third Mandan, called to Valley City account sickness. Miss Dot Gregg was off twice with the "flu", Sister Pesol relieving on third Gladstone account sickness. Miss Clara Falgren and Marie Pettis in Glendive Hospital several weeks with the "flu."

Sister Ledger, third Glenullen, account death of Bro. Ledger, relieved by Miss Beulah Brown.

Sister Pesol relieved Sister Stanly, second New Salem, later on leave of absence. Sister Christman relieving Sister Pesol, who went to Horton third, vice Sister Treece to Sentinel Butter, Sister Ledger to Sims.

Assistant Chief McGuire, Glendive, was in Mandan several days looking over the situation.

Brothers, you all know who the "nons" are, go after them hard and make the division 100 per cent.

A flower fund has been organized, with Bro. J. P. Mehan, Sweet Briar, as secre-

tary and treasurer, and Bro. H. E. Wilkins, Glendive, and Bro. H. A. Desforges, South Heart as members of the board. The rate of 25 cents is assessed each member for November, and 10 cents per member per month thereafter. Make it a success by remitting Bro. Meehan promptly.

We regret to hear that Bro. Cooper, agent Custer, relieved by Bro. Gowan, of second, is so seriously ill with the "flu" that he may never be able to resume his duties there.

Bro. Rea has returned after several months in California.

Bro. Stone relieved by Sister Quire on Waco second, held at Custer thirty days, owing to the scarcity of operators, later relieved by Sister Baltrushat at Custer.

Bro. Thufman, third Huntley, now on first Custer.

Sister Rorvick bid in Terry third.

Bro. Fisher, agent Medora, is on the sick list.

Sister Parslow, third Worden, relieved by Miss Brown.

Sisters Stone and Quire are our two new members this month.

Bro. J. W. Golden relieved at Forsyth by Bro. Sheffey thirty days, owing to illness.

Bro. Ball, agent Myers, off a few days with the "flu" relieved by his wife.

Bro. and Sister Hitchcock and the little Hitchcocks are all around again after a siege with the "flu".

CERT. 758.

#### Tacoma Division—

"100 per cent Tacoma" Division has a few sets of application blanks for which there is no use. Same may be had upon request. When we heard that there was a new man on the division, we held our breath in suspense until we ascertained it was Bro. John Smith, an old-timer in 54 with an up-to-date. Then we gave a sigh of relief. The 100 per cent is still good as gold, and we extend him a cordial welcome.

Sister Inman relieved by Sister Sowders, and Sister Vose, second 6th Ave., by Sister Harler for Thanksgiving. Later Sister Harler relieved Bro. Murphy a day at Kalama.

Bro. Briggs has given up South Tacoma in favor of the extra list.

Bro. F. T. Wright on three months' leave, is trying out a new job. Bro. Ostermeyer is in California; spending his well-earned vacation at some fashionable beach resort.

Bro. Robey, second Chambers Prairie, was relieved one trick by Bro. Krueger.

Sister Minor has resumed on third Chambers Prairie after a vacation east, relieved by Sister Harler.

Sister Leahy, third Vader, off two days sick, relieved by Sister Sowders.

Bro. F. E. Smith to second Nisqually, relieved Bro. Krueger, who later bumped Bro. Schmidt from third Napavine.

Bro. Graham, in dispatchers' office on vacation, relieved by Mr. Lund. Members on the main line hope Bro. Graham will hasten his return as they miss him. Rather hard for a "non" dispatcher to work with a division of 100 per cent operators.

Sister Bryan, third Kalama, off sick with the "flu" relieved by Bro. Palmer.

Bro. "Scotty" Neil says he likes his job at reservation, but "It's a long, long, way to Chambers' Prairie." I suspect a woman in the case.

Bro. Brodie is back on first Elma again, from off on sick leave. Say, "B," if you don't stay on that job for awhile now I'm going to quit reporting you, the rest of the members will wonder if it is "yet" or "again."

I somehow feel that I have served my "time" on this distinguished job as reporter, though I cannot, as yet, introduce to you my successor. However, Bro. Carr is well able to fulfill that little duty.

And now that it is all over I want to thank everyone of you for helping me in various ways. I want to thank you for having allowed me to serve you in this small capacity, and assure you it was a pleasure to do so. I have greatly appreciated your leniency with my errors in reporting some things as they "were not."

I have a premonition that the editor's scissors are in close proximity so I shall make my little bow, and, wishing you all Godspeed and the best of luck.

Allow me to thank Bro. Carr and an unknown contributor for notes this month.

E. A. MIELKE, Div. Cor.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the members of Division No. 54, for the kind sympathy extended and the beautiful floral offering given at the death of our dear son.

MR. AND MRS. W. F. ROYER,  
Wickersham, Wash.

#### Dakota Division—

The fuss we made over Supplement No. 10 has brought more liberal interpretations in rules and the applying of them and we should feel contented, dig in and "hit the ball" harder than ever. There will be methods of taking care of inequalities, but we must wait to see what we have got before making any claims for adjustment. This supplement, even though it does not mean so much to the Northern Pacific for the reason that we were so far in advance of other system divisions in wages, etc., is really a wonderful step forward with the eight-hour day, time and a half for overtime and Sunday work. When we realize that men were working on some railroads for as low as 15c an hour, ten to twelve hours a day, 365 days in the year, and now have a minimum of 48c an hour with a

standard day, we must admit it is some stride forward, for the rank and file as a whole.

We extend the hand of welcome to our new Sisters Ruth Hilbelink, agent Ypsilanti, Ethel Gray, agent Arena, Thelma Hendricks, relief agent, Ethel LaFave and Helen Webster, operators Carrington, Marie Paulson, agent Melville, Helen Waldie, operator Steele, and new Bros. L. G. Brewster, agent Cannon Ball, Wm. J. Tangney, agent Hurdfield, H. E. Rannestad and O. J. Jolley, operators "JY." Every delinquent brother remitted his dues up-to-date, to help us close a whirlwind of a year. We expected four more girls before end of year, and regret we cannot announce them now as Sisters. However, the Dakota closes the year with the highest percentage of membership it has ever had, and the entire Northern Pacific system is at the high water mark of its career, thanks to the generalship of Bros. Bert E. Nason and Sam Johnson, our duet of "go-getters" at North Branch, Minn., who have been the pep. injectors from start to finish, as Sam also proved at the meeting of general chairmen in Washington, D. C.

Bro. H. R. Raeske, of U. S. Training Camp at Fargo, is back on third Bismarck. Bro. H. D. Flowers, of U. S. Training Camp, Grand Forks, is also back on the job, and Bro. D. C. Poindexter, of the radio-aviation school, Dallas, Tex., is expected back soon. The balance of the Dakota boys, or most of them, are in France, and will hardly be back until spring.

Berner station has been closed and Elbridge made a day and night office, Bro. H. C. Toyen bumping Bro. E. L. Smith, agent Hugo, who bumped Bro. G. G. Hendrix, agent Lark, who moved Bro. W. J. Tangney, agent Hurdfield. Bro. Jno. Smith is expected back at Mott agency in the near future. Sister Thelma Hendricks relieved Sister Gray as agent Arena, while the former was sick. Bro. A. V. Flowers, relief agent Dunn Center, and Killdeer assumed Sykeston agency, Bro. Geo. Olson going to first Steele. Sisters Winifred Watt, Edna Anderson and Agnes Ydstie are working the three tricks at Dawson now permanently with Bro. Harry Burkett on the agency. Bro. Ralph Whitcome, of "J" office, worked first "JY" during the shortage of operators. Miss Laura Spangler is on third Driscoll; Miss Martha Higgins on second Medina, and Ida Merchant and Miss R. Wood are at Ladoga.

We will have a goodly supply of the seniority list out next month, which will cost several items a piece. Prepare to pay for yours now.

I wish to urge again the practice of railway courtesy and efficiency to prove that we are worthy of any increase that may be

given us. Also let's resolve to make the Northern Pacific System 100 per cent solid O. R. T. in 1919, by each member doing his or her share.

Faithfully yours,

H. H. ELLSWORTH, L. C.

#### Members Fargo Division—

Another annual milestone has been passed and more history made in our craft than ever before in one year of our organization's existence, or the whole history of labor. Let us enter upon the new year with determination to reach our goal. I deeply regret that in the past year we lost one of our most energetic members through the death of Bro. J. C. Taylor, and hope that he will receive a better reward beyond, than any that we could bestow on him.

I want to thank every member on this division for their support during the past year, and for their loyalty to our cause in our recent actions to secure a better and more decent living wage.

If it is the will of the members of the division that I act for them the coming two years as their local chairman I shall gladly do so to the best of my ability, and with deep concern for their wishes, shall apply myself towards the betterment of legislation at the next session of the Grand Division at St. Louis.

Very sincerely,

M. L. HETZLER.

#### Fargo Division Notes—

This division is in better shape than it has been for some time past. Only about nine "nons" remaining. Let us each try to make the division as solid as some west of us, especially the main line.

Bro. Frederickson, of Warren, is now agent at Jud, vice Bro. Totte to Eckelson agency, vice Bro. Midgeley; Sister Carey, who relieved Bro. Matejcek at Deisem, later relieved by Bro. Hetzler, and relieved Bro. Fuller at Spiritwood; Bro. Janke to third Casselton; Bro. Kratz to second and Miss Lewis to third Koldok; Bro. Baker, Sisters Anna Crist and Ruth Hall, on Alta first, second and third. Bro. Geo. Matejcek is back on third Bloom.

Bro. R. B. Lewis, "RS" Paris, who sent money to Bro. Hetzler for his card, writes of some interesting occurrences armistice day, doing no work for two days. He will be back here as soon as he can get away from France. Bro. Ed Laird, in Norfolk, Va., expects to be back soon.

Among those recently down with the "flu" were Bros. Bert Riley; Farnham, at Sheldon, and Martella and Sisters Taylor and Black.

It is now Bros. Greene, McGoan and Bro. Whisenand and Sister McDowell

A typographical error in a recent number

of THE TELEGRAPHER showed Dispatcher Jim Davis as dead, it was his father and Dispatcher Brinks' wife.

Send your TELEGRAPHER to that "hom" near you and let him get an idea what is going on.

No items received from the Cooperstown Branch. Send your notes to M. L. Hetzler at Delsem.

CERT. 590.

#### *Members Lake Superior Division—*

Although there are still several non-members on the division, the percentage of membership is above what it has been during any of the years I have been in touch with organization work. Bro. Nason's report for October shows a net gain of thirty-three members for the first ten months of 1918, due to Bro. Johnson's widely-known organizing ability. Bro. Nason's up-to-date system and methods organizing and keeping them organized, and the help of assistant local chairmen, in addition to what I have been able to do, with the aid of tips on prospective members from various individual members. This denotes a distinct revival of interest in our organization on this division, which I think will continue to develop with the New Year. Ballots have been sent out for local chairman and delegate to the Grand Convention in St. Louis next May, and I sincerely hope that every member will take time and have interest enough to cast a vote. Be particular to enclose no money in ballot envelope, make your dues remittance in a separate one.

Our general chairman and general secretary deserves a vast amount of credit for the diligent manner in which our interests were looked after during the crisis which arose in December. It was a very trying time for Bro. Johnson in Washington, as he was on every committee and worked overtime in disregard of every law or rule ever invented.

Applications for membership have been received from Miss Frances E. Dailey, O. W. Anderson, H. T. Olson, A. A. St. Pierre, P. R. Rhody, Fred E. Osie, E. P. LeFlohic and G. H. Glum. Bro. L. G. Henry, transfers from the C. B. & Q. Bros. E. L. Blomquist and V. E. Coyer have also been transferred to this division recently. It is now Bro. Bongard, agent Finlayson.

Bro. and Sister Fuller, agent and second Cromwell, have resigned, succeeded by F. E. Osie, and Bro. Trumer, respectively. Miss Dailey, third Motley, was called to Jamestown recently by the death of her father.

Sister LaPole, of Groningen, while in Brainerd Hospital, was relieved by her son, Bro. Norman LaPole.

Bro. Hoffman, first Altkin, is off for a second time, owing to the illness of his mother in Nebraska.

Bro. W. M. Maupin, agent Maple, spent Thanksgiving with his folks and Sister Fran-

ces J. Nichols, at Kimberly, relieved by Bro. Trumer.

Bro. Brousseau, Iron River, was relieved by G. H. Glum several weeks on account of the illness of relatives.

Bro. Carlson, relieved on first Deerwood, by the agent's daughter, Dorothy Masson, Sister Margaret Pitney is at Morgan Park, pending assignment.

The "flu" has been very much in evidence at almost every town on the division, but no deaths have occurred in our ranks from it.

The brothers have shown interest enough in the write-ups, but the last two contributions have been too late for publication and were returned on that account.

I may not have met you all during the few days I had to spend recently covering the division, but my sincere wishes to all of you are for the best of health, happiness and nothing but good luck during the New Year.

J. S. SPURRIER, L. C.

#### *St. Paul Division—*

We were all greatly grieved to learn of the deaths of Bros. C. H. Williams, first Northtown; B. O. Smith, East Minneapolis; C. J. Peters, agent Villard, and the father of Bro. E. J. Ritt, of St. Anthony Park tower, and extend the sympathy of the members to these bereaved ones.

A number on this division were off with the "flu" including: Sister Edna Crum, relieved a few days by Sister Martineen; Bro. R. A. Nygaard, two weeks, relieved by Miss Walker; Sister Hannah Olson, relieved by Bro. C. A. Anderson, of third Randall; Bro. Swanson, third Gregory, two weeks, relieved by Extra Lindholm, and Sister Hulda Nelson, relieved Bro. Ferron, first Anoka, while his family were down with the disease. Bro. J. A. Sova, third Little Falls, was also on sick list five days.

Bro. Savage relieved Bro. Wells at "MS" Minneapolis, while he was relieving the short line dispatchers, and Miss Bailey relieved Bro. Stickney, second Philbrook, while he relieved former agent Bro. Pierce there.

Bro. Dodge, of the assistant superintendent's office, visiting his mother at Mazomani, Wis., was relieved a few days by Bro. Hergberg, of Miss St.

Bro. B. O. Smith, bld in first, and Sister Edna Crum, second East Minneapolis; Bro. C. E. Love appointed traveling auditor, was succeeded as agent at Rice by Bro. Bishop, third Elk River. Bro. Lee Randall, agent Gregory, relieved by Extra Swan, brought back his deed, as usual, from his hunt in Northern Minnesota, and was later relieved on sick list by Bro. L. C. Coates, returned from the U. S. Navy, who bumped Bro. N. F. Nelson, off second Clear Lake.

Bro. C. O. Weum, second Lincoln, relieved at Villard agency by Miss Walker, who was

taken ill and relieved by Bro. Anderson, third Randall.

It's now Bro. Ross, second Elk River. We have only a few "nons" left. Let's keep pounding at them until they join.

A flower fund can be started as requested by several members by each one, "nons" included, subscribing, remitting ten cents a month and remitting to me or any other brother you wish to act as treasurer. Sixty cents at once for the six months. The purpose for which the fund is proposed to be used can be served with the first sickness or death among us if this plan is followed.

I have been requested to warn you all, that the misuse of the simplex phone nights, by persons who refuse to give way even for business and using profane and foul language, will not be longer tolerated by the company officials, and when the culprits are caught (which they will be sooner or later), they are going to get into trouble. I am satisfied that none of our members are guilty of this.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Yours fraternally,  
CLYDE BARTEE, L. C.

#### Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.

The B. & O. took over the W. & L. E. agency at Lodi, and Bro. J. H. Hanes, former agent, bumped Bro. S. B. Marvin off first, who bumped Bro. E. A. Shulenberger off third, who bumped Bro. Craft, Brewster "D" East End, bumping Spaulding off third to second Pine Valley.

Bowerston Agency taken over by the Penna Co., Bro. Griswold bumped Bro. Smith off second Canton Yard, to second Brewster Yard.

Monroeville closed, Bro. Dennis bumping into third Bellevue, Bro. D. L. Ames bumping Bro. S. M. Herbert, second Limestone, who bumped Bro. F. C. Ames, to third Limestone, who bumped A. B. Myers off third Homestead, who went to Adena and Bro. Ream to Fremont days.

Bro. C. L. Farquhar, second Harmon, relieved several days by Bachelor, a new man.

Bro. Roberts, from Pine Valley, relieved Eby, third Ninety-third Street, resigned.

The Western Union has installed at Ninety-third Street an up-to-date 96 "Jack" switchboard, which in addition to our own wires, contains the Erie Railroad wires for test purposes, and helps to make things interesting.

Bro. C. A. Shilling, second trick Kent, off sick several days, Bros. Hamilton and Pitt doubling.

Bro. A. J. Webb relieved several days on B days, by relief agent Foster.

CERT. 318.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Division No. 65, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the beautiful flowers sent us in our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved wife and mother.

BROS. D. L. AND F. C. AMES AND FAMILY,  
Clyde, Ohio.

#### N. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 57.

##### *Paducah & Memphis Division—*

We regret to say that the "flu" has robbed us of two worthy members, Bro. L. C. Bouland, agent Elva, in the service of the company eleven years, called to the great beyond November 4th, and Bro. Otto Bouland, extra agent, his brother, who died the same week. They were both highly esteemed by all who knew them. The vacancy at the station was filled by their brother, G. W. Bouland. The bereaved ones wish to kindly thank those who contributed the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. E. C. Mathis relieved Geo. Henson at "DA," who went to Elva agency, fifteen days.

Bro. G. O. Pace relieved Bro. H. Jones while he and his family were sick a few days.

Bro. R. J. Hall has also been on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Wallace.

Bro. J. E. Edwards' wife helped him out when he was on the sick list.

Bro. R. A. Broach is back again after being called home a few days on account of sickness.

We hope the non at "RA" can decide that his age with the company does not conflict with him being an up-to-date member of the O. R. T., as there are others who have been with the company longer than he has. Brothers, remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and live up to it. Co-operate with our local chairman in eliminating the few "nons" left on this division who are enjoying the benefits their fellow workmen battle for.

Bro. E. Jeffrey visited relatives at Metropolis, and Bro. R. W. Bracken, agent Almo, in Buena Vista a few days recently.

We hope our division train dispatcher can soon give us the wire test of labor, as the dispatchers are doing on the other divisions of the N. C. & St. L.

Thanks to Local Chairman Arnold for his kind favors.

"MA" CRRT. 53.

##### *Paducah & Memphis Division Notes—*

It is now Bros. R. J. Hall, Puryear, Tenn.; C. H. Smith, Jackson; H. E. Penticost, Mercer; G. C. Massey, Buena Vista, and C. L. Hoffman, Hazel.

Bro. G. C. Roberts is back at "DS" from the Navy; Bro. W. B. Morrison, on second Somerville; Bro. H. P. Boren, Darden, relieving Bro. Merwin, first Jackson, who re-

lieved Ticket Agent Gordon a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. E. C. Satterfield is back at Villo after a few days' vacation, and Bro. C. H. Smith, on third Jackson, after being off on account of the death of his father. He has our sympathy.

Bro. Moore, Hazel, is visiting home folks at Cardova.

Dispatchers Hoover and Withers were relieved two days each by Carpenter.

The boys are all giving very liberally to Mr. Edwards, former agent at Laconia.

A little help from all will do a lot of good towards reaching our desired 100 per cent.

Let's have a good write-up every month. we can do it with a little help.

"Q" CERT. 347.

#### Louisville & Nashville R. R., Div. No. 58. Atlanta Division—

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Fairmount on the evening of November 24th, very historical in its nature, being the first O. R. T. meeting ever held on this division.

Local Chairman J. W. Dooley, who presided, was the principal speaker. His talk was greatly enjoyed and he more than done justice to his subject. Those who failed to hear him missed valuable information and advice for the good of the order. Come out to the meetings. You will be surprised to see how much good they will do you. The important questions discussed are of great interest to every member. If you have any grievance bring it to the meeting; don't be talking it over the wire; it will do more harm than good.

We hope to soon round up the few nons on the division. The company officials know that the men who are interested enough in their own welfare to belong to their organization, and stand up for what is rightly due them, are the most efficient employees. So let's do our best to make this division 100 per cent.

Brothers, send me the news so we can have a good monthly write-up. I never saw a station yet that didn't have some interest about it. Mail me what you have.

I wish each member a Happy New Year.  
"WA," CERT. 78.

#### Cincinnati Terminals—

We are 100 per cent O. R. T., the most credit for which is due to Bro. Francis at south block, as he made it so warm for the nons that they either had to come into the Order or leave town.

Brother Carter, who has been doing the work on third "DG" for three weeks in connection with his duties as third trick dispatcher owing to the shortage of men, has been relieved of the work at "DX" by Bro. Wilson, an old L. & N. man, who was with the C. & E. I. for several years until a few

months ago. We are all glad to have him with us.

Several of the boys are anxious to get off for a few days' vacation, but this is almost impossible owing to the shortage of men.

We hope to soon have our agreement, which an L. & N. operator hardly knows the meaning of, but what we are badly "in need of, and what will prove to the few operators we have with us inclined to be a little yellow, what the O. R. T. has done for us.

"SY" CERT. 1100.

#### Nashville Division—

The members of this division regret very deeply the death of the wife of Brother Laughmiller. He has our sympathy in this his greatest loss. We contributed flowers for the funeral.

Sister Era Strane was relieved at Athens ticket agency while attending the Federal court in Huntsville, by Miss Griffis, who also relieved Bro. Sesler at Ardmore several days while he was wrestling with the "flu."

Bro. F. D. Strane, one of our brothers of the old guard, now with Uncle Sam's radio boys, is visiting his sister, Sister Era Strane, our ticket agent operator at Athens.

No matter what happens, keep your dues paid up, because it may be only a short time until the railroads go back to private control. You who are making threats to fall out, just stop and consider what a bad thing you are doing for the Order that has given you all your privileges. We are now on a 48c per hour minimum and General Chairman Bryant has our agreement almost completed with the management in Louisville. With all these good things here now, any brother who deliberately gives up his card, virtually throwing a monkey wrench in our smooth-working machine, would be a wrecker indeed.

For your own sake and that of others, renew your card January 1st. Get that non next to you and let's make 1919 a record-breaker for the O. R. T. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Dispatcher J. P. Smotherman celebrated Christmas in Louisville.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on this division regarding Bro. Banks at "DJ." Brothers, don't worry about him. He has been a member of Division 59 for 25 years and always carries an up-to-date card. He is with us in every respect and is the "Daddy of our division."

Bro. Carder has returned from the Army and can now be heard daily on the "NE" job with his jolly "O. K." "C." We are all glad to see him back.

How about those nons at Athens and Lewisburg freight offices. Boys, keep after them until they line up and we will be about solid. "No card, no favors."

CERT. 64.

*Pensacola Division—*

Bro. Tompkins at "RD" has been appointed correspondent of this division. Please send him your news items in plenty of time every month so he can compile and get them to St. Louis before the 28th.

Keep after the three nons at "MN" and the two at "MC" and give them no rest until they join.

D. E. ELDER, L. C.

*Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.**Asheville Division, A. & S.—*

Bros. Littlefield, Inman; Dan and Ben Pace, Melrose; Phillips, Tuxedo; Brown, Buena Vista, and C. G. King and J. D. Moss, dispatcher's office; also the families of Bros. Wall, Campobello, and Ross Frazier, "XO," have all been sick with the "flu."

I regret very much to chronicle the death of Bro. J. M. Cauble's beloved wife, who succumbed to pneumonia following an attack of the dread disease. Bro. Cauble has the sympathy of every man on the division in his great bereavement.

I wish to thank the boys for responding so nicely in donating for the flowers.

CERT. 485.

*CARD OF THANKS.*

I wish to extend to the brothers and friends of Asheville office and on the line my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral offerings and messages of condolence sent to me as a token of sympathy in my sad hour of bereavement of the loss of my beloved wife.

J. M. CAUBLE.

*A. T. & S. F. Ry., Div. No. 61.**"GO" Topeka Relay—*

Brother Neill and Kellum have returned to work after two weeks' illness. The "flu" epidemic in Topeka has abated and the ban on public meetings lifted.

"Billy," the little six-year-old son of Bro. and Mrs. B. F. Elsey, died at Columbus Hospital, Chicago, Nov. 25th, of bronchial pneumonia following an attack of the "flu." The remains were laid to rest at Beech Grove Cemetery, Mounds, Ill., Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Elsey, who is an old "GO" man, is now working in "NW" Chicago for the "Santa Fe."

Bro. C. V. Callaghan, chairman of relay offices, attended the Chicago convention November 25th and 26th.

General Chairman Currie of Chicago and General Secretary and Treasurer Patton of Emporia met with the "GO" boys at the Throop Hotel, Topeka, Tuesday evening. Owing to the "flu" ban it was impossible to call a special meeting and the crowd was small. Bro. Currie discussed at length what was being done and what progress was being made both in Washington and Chicago, and those who heard him felt more optimistic on the outlook of obtaining a schedule shortly on the Santa Fe.

Every member should pay his 1919 dues, renew his card at once and keep in good standing. We must stay organized if we expect to get anywhere and get anything when the roads go back to the owners. We of the Santa Fe have to thank the organized roads for what we have obtained up to this time. We are enjoying the eight-hour day and other privileges as a result of their organization.

Miss Mary Heim, chief check, is now in the general manager's office.

Owing to the decrease of business our force was cut four men during the past month.

M. R. STACER, Cert. 1784.

*CARD OF THANKS.**To Brothers and Other Employes Chicago Relay Division 61:*

We gratefully acknowledge the beautiful floral offering presented to us in behalf of the death of our little boy, "Billy," November 25th.

'MR. AND MRS. B. F. ELSEY.

*CARD OF THANKS.**To the Employes of A. T. & H. Railway, Wellington, Kan., and Others:*

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral offerings furnished R. L. Jackson and all others for kind remembrance. May God bless you all.

MRS. R. L. JACKSON AND CHILDREN,  
MR. AND MRS. A. J. JACKSON AND BRO. EROTT,  
Cert. 178, Div. 31.

*Slaton Division—*

Those whose cards are out of date should renew them at once.

Bro. Gibson, operator Floydada, and Sister Wilson, agent Pyron, are our two new members.

Sister Martin is now on Post third instead of second at Southland.

Bro. Parr has gone to the Western at "MO" Amarillo. Bro. Tate, Snyder second, has also resigned.

We are all glad to see Sister Fields, Bro. Blair and Bro. Dodd back at Lubbock after an attack of the "flu."

Bro. Wright, Lamesa, is on vacation.

Keep after the few nons on this division and give them no rest until they join.

Bro. Reynolds, Slaton Yard office, is going to spend next summer in the North Canada woods. With plenty of salt and an air rifle we believe he will succeed.

Bro. Hardy is in the dispatchers' office.

Bro. Williams, former agent at Wilson, is now agent on the "GCSF" at Richmond.

Bro. Gartman has a new scheme in poultry farming and is going back to his old business. Wonder how he will ever manage to fool a chicken?

**Remember:** "No card, no favors." Send your notes to the ticket office at Slaton.

CERT. 205.

**Needles Relay Office—**

The full force is working again after the influenza epidemic. Everyone in the office had it except Bro. Tryon, who worked overtime throughout the siege.

Bro. Brown, our office representative, one of the worst cases, was 23 days in the Los Angeles hospital, relieved by Bro. Doty from the dispatchers' office, the force filling out with overtime.

Bro. Griggs, Atolia agency, was relieved six days by Bro. Hinkle from the Southern Pacific on account of the disease. Bro. Behrens, second trick chief, double eight days.

Our relay office is solid with the exception of the manager, who has expressed his willingness to take out a card, but has not as yet made any moves, and we hope soon to round him up. Bro. Brown is looking after all the newcomers as they arrive and landed several before they started to work. We work the "No card, no favors" to the limit with the new operators and telephoners on the line.

CERT. 729.

**Queen & Crescent (North), Div. No. 62.**

**A. G. S. R. R. Division—**

Bros. Hayes and Brantley doubled at "BG" several days while "Bill" Seibert worked third trick in the dispatchers' office.

John Poole is now on third at Bham Terminal.

Bro. C. S. Heilman is back from sick leave on second trick Russell Junction.

Sister Harmon, of Tannehill Junction, who, while going down the steps at her home recently, slipped and sustained a broken rib and other slight injuries, is back at work again.

Bro. Raymond Hylton is back on third Epes, Ala., again after a tussle with the "flu."

December 31st is a "testing time." Let us resolve to meet the test and show our loyalty to the Order by paying our dues and getting our new cards. CERT. 974.

**C. N. O. & T. P. R. R. Division, Second and Third District, Danville to Chattanooga—**

Bro. Wyatt, third "WO," is being relieved a few days by W. B. Maden, who has just returned from camp.

Bro. A. E. Brown, agent Sunbright, and wife, Sister Brown, spent a few days in Cincinnati recently seeing the sights, Bro. R. S. Voiles relieving.

Bro. J. O'Connor and family spent the Xmas holidays with homefolks at Helenwood.

Bro. Kellar relieved Bro. C. M. Pennybacker, first trick dispatcher, a few days.

We don't have to beg and plead with the nons to join the Order now, as we don't have any nons on the Second and Third Districts any more. Make the slogan, "Carry on."

Brothers, if you want a good write-up, send me some news. You all know the address.

J. C. MADDEN, Cert. 83.

**Kansas City Terminal Ry., Div. No. 65.**

The first meeting of this division was called to order by General Chairman Allen at 8:00 p. m. Nov. 14th, 1918, and the following members elected and appointed: Bro. C. H. Allen, chief telegrapher; Bro. T. J. Condon, first chief telegrapher; Bro. C. A. Lundsford, second chief telegrapher; Bro. C. A. Kinney, past chief telegrapher; Bro. E. A. Poe, Marshal, and Bro. J. J. Mosler, sentinel.

Bros. F. E. Hancock, L. S. Pinder and C. A. Kinney were appointed as committee to make recommendation as to what the semi-annual dues of the local will be and such other work as might come up before our next meeting.

We have secured permanent quarters at 813 Walnut Street, Room 314 Curtis Building, and will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Out-of-town brothers are always welcome.

This is a new division, but we are just about solid and intend to have in all the nons working here before many moons.

This is my first attempt; will try and have more news next time. CERT. 3040.

**Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 70.**

**Sioux City Division—**

New members: Agents Wm. Dykstra, Perkins; F. H. Carlson, Maurice; T. W. Flaherty, Dalton, and P. E. Harrison, operator Yankton.

Bro. Hartung appointed relief agent, vice Fairchild, assigned to other duties. Sister McKinney to Granite Falls nights, vice Miss Dahlberg, resigned; Miss Johnson to Ruthton; Miss Schwartz opened Hanley Falls nights; Mr. Major to agency Pipestone; Mrs. Rose relieved Bro. Schultz, Lester nights, who relieved Major, Lester days, to Pipestone agency; Bro. Marrow, Struble agency, vice Bro. Flaherty to Dalton; Cooper to Doon agency, vice Ross, resigned; Bro. Wyman relieved at Irene by a new man from Milwaukee Railway, to Alvord agency, vice Mrs. Fairchild, resigned.

Bro. Pratt was the only one who sent in any notes this month.

New three-way semaphores are being installed on this division.

Former Lineman Deitler, recently mustered out of the army at Camp Mead, Md., visited his old friends here.

Brothers, let's all "hit the ball" and show

the officials that the men who wear the "wreath and sounder" are the best they have.

W. F. SANDERS.

*F. S. Line—*

Everybody on this division wishes all the members of the O. R. T. a prosperous, happy new year.

Bro. Olson has been in St. Paul on committee work several weeks and is now out gunning for nons.

Bro. Johnson was called home from St. Paul on account of the illness of his wife, Bro. Olson relieving him. We hope for Mrs. Johnson's speedy recovery.

It is reported that Bro. Chas. Pokorney, former agent Karlsruhe, is wounded in France.

Since the superintendent's office moved up town, the carpenters are working on the new offices in the old building. The new telegraph office, a separate one, is going to be one of the best equipped on the system. Bro. Picotte, lineman from Breck, and Peterson from Moorhead are assisting Harry Park with the wiring.

Bro. Larson is on late night and Bro. Lason on second "NI." Mrs. Lason is now well on the way to recovery from her recent illness. Sister Lockman was laid off "BR" pending further investigation. Bro. Lackman is on third "BR" owing to Mrs. Lackman's illness.

Keep a piece of clip on a hook and every time anything happens jot it down and send it to me about the 10th of the month.

Bro. Anderson, former agent at Warwick, is now on first Casselton.

Keep after the new operators on the line until you land them.

Since "NI" has a full force we are enjoying every other Sunday off, thanks to Mr. Crossen.

Bro. Burke is dispatching at New Rockford.

Sister Evans, on sick list several days, relieved by Bro. Parness from "NI."

"CX."

*Breckenridge Division—*

It is now Bro. Zeevold, McVille, N. D., making Aneta line west of Bedford solid. Also Sisters Arries and Ellison, Simcoe, and Sister Carlson, Sutton, making the Breckenridge Division 95 per cent.

Bro. Olsen was in St. Paul two weeks looking after Bro. Johnson's work while he attended the meeting of all general chairmen in Washington, D. C., recently.

Bro. Lakman, formerly of "NI," now braking on this division, is relieving Bro. Shaw at "NO" on sick list.

Sister Kurtz has returned to Pillsbury after a siege of the "flu."

Bro. Anderson is now agent at Hope, vice Backer, resigned.

Bro. Larsen, third "NI," has been transferred from C. P. R., Division No. 7.

Dues raised to \$7.00 semi-annually in order to keep on with the good work started. Other roads in this territory have raised dues to \$7.50 and \$10.00 semi-annually. Kindly forward your dues to Bro. A. O Olsen and insurance assessments to Bro. Rawlins. Cards are held up unless both remittances made. If you have not received your card this may explain the reason for delay.

Cgrt. 312.

*CARD OF THANKS.*

We wish to express our great appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of Division 70 for the beautiful floral offering presented by them in token of their deep sympathy in the great loss of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. C. H. SCHRADER AND DAUGHTER.  
Northwood, N. D.

*Minot Division—*

This is my first experience and hope you will overlook any unintentional errors.

I was pleased to receive many letters "of members" assuring me of their loyalty in response to my circular letter of Dec. 3rd. The announcement by the Director General awarding us the reconsidered increase will have a tendency to make us about 102 per cent strong. Sisters and brothers, try and land the non working with or near you.

Bro. A. B. Baker, Bantry, N. D., has been appointed division correspondent; please assist by sending him notes of interest.

C. V. VANCE, L. C.

*Minot Division Notes—*

Soo Line and G. N. consolidating Sunday, Dec. 1st at "DX" Minot. Account extra work, Sister McCaulley from Stanley and Sister Walker from "KS," Devils Lake, transferred to Minot to fill in. Bro. Hoskins, second "DX," goes on first.

Sister Latimer, second Springbrook, has returned from vacation. Bro. Brown, relief at Stanley, spent the holidays with his parents in Minnesota.

Bro. Caples is back at "AD" relay after a serious attack of influenza. Bro. Fleming, first Williston, has also just recovered from the "flu."

Sister Emily passed through Minot recently which accounts for the smiles some of the dispatchers were wearing.

First Trick Dispatcher Cole, Minot, now has a similar position with C. M. & St. P. in Chicago, C. A. Stotler relieving him.

Let's keep after the few nons left and remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

***Brandon Line—***

Bro. Bob Geer, a G. N. veteran, agent at Bannerman, Man., we are glad to learn, has recovered from an attack of the "flu."

We hope to soon hear of the complete recovery of Bro. I. G. Seldon and his family who are down with the disease.

Bro. Bowders, for many years cashier at Cando, later agent at Bisbee, has gone East for a rest up after an attack of the malady.

Bro. C. C. Simpson, agent Brandon, our pioneer on this end, with the road ever since it first crossed the line, is now on vacation, relieved by Bro. S. F. Oliver of Williston, N. D.

Bro. H. E. Martin, Newburg, while off with the "flu" was relieved by his son, Bro. W. H. Martin, Deep, who ran his own station and Newburg while his father was ill.

Bro. B. Paul, Deering, was absent a few days recently having some dental work done.

Brothers, I expect everyone of you to send in all the news you can and if you want to make a hit with us finish your note like this: "I have landed another non." We have learned that it pays to organize. Don't forget that reasoning and a more generous use of the word "fellowship" will work wonders where force will fail.

We have received a raise and there will be no further excuse for anyone not holding a card. If you think you are too hard up, stop paying for that green felt on the pool table on the daily installment plan and put your money where it will help you and your fellow man.

DIV. COR., CERT. 1473.

***Battle Division—***

We are very sorry to report the deaths of Sister Wilkins of Neiheart and Bro. Fuert of Geyser from the influenza. Bro. Nowek of Clancy spent three weeks in the hospital at Helena with it. Sister Cooper and Bro. Farmer, both of Clancy, were also victims of the disease, and Bro. Sandquist of Basin was down with it several days.

Local Chairman Moore of Boulder was called East by the death of his sister caused by the "flu" and three days after his return he was taken down, being relieved several days by Bro. Sandquist, relief agent Kessler, Station Inspector Jenny and Traveling Auditor Colgrove.

Bro. Hickman of Wolfe Creek had the malady two weeks and Relief Agent Kessler and Sister Hickman who, after being down several days, recovered sufficiently to leave for Illinois on account of the serious illness of her father and mother with the disease. Nearly everyone on the Billings line have been down with it.

We are now about 95 per cent solid, only two on delinquent list. Give the few remaining nons no rest until they join.

Bro. Lindberg, third Great Falls relay, is now assistant wire chief. CERT. 197.

***Havre Division—***

In last issue of JOURNAL I asked that we contribute to a flower fund, but am now advised by Bro. McFadden that money for floral offerings will be taken out of general funds, which is more satisfactory. If any donations received money will be returned to sender.

We are now nearly 100 per cent strong and you can count the nons on your fingers, but don't let up until there are absolutely none to count.

The meeting planned to be held in Great Falls recently was cancelled on account of the "flu," but we expect to have one shortly and every member should be present as there is a lot of things to be discussed and plans worked out for our future betterment.

Some of the agents at one-man stations are only taking a few minutes off for dinner instead of the full hour. Insist on full hour and when not allowed turn in overtime on card, and if called by a train crew after being released for dinner by dispatcher, don't turn in a regular hour's overtime, but make it a call, which you are entitled to and which pays considerably more.

Chairman McFadden made trip over "High Line" on 231 and 232 recently, shaking hands with the boys and incidentally landing two nons.

He spent the time between trains as guest of ye scribe and while we can't entertain as lavishly on the prairie as in town, we did our best and hope to have him with us again soon.

Members asking Bro. McFadden to take up grievances of one kind and another must remember that this cannot be done now as we are yet without a schedule. Mc is always ready to do any thing he can. Make a note of your grievances and hold them until we are in the proper shape to handle them, which will probably be only a few weeks longer. Meantime, keep up to date and remember that things existing under the old regime are passing away and we are now a well-organized and well-represented class of employees who can demand fairness to all.

The initiation fee for January and dues to June 30th will be \$13.50. See how many nons you can land.

Not a single note received this month, so remember: No notes, not much of a write-up and "No card, no favors."

W. RAY WALKER, A. L. C.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank the members of Division 70 for their kind sympathy and the beautiful floral offering in the death of our beloved son and brother, James.

MRS. PETER FLYNN AND FAMILY.

*Cascade Division—*

The advent of a new year finds us over 95 per cent strong, and we want to keep it this way. Let's not relax our vigil, but go over the top 100 per cent by the end of 1919.

We are all pleased to know that the superintendent's office at Delta is to be moved down town. We have been out in the "mud hole" too long.

Bro. L. S. Martin, second Mt. Vernon, who passed away Dec. 6th with influenza, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susie Martin, cashier there. Bro. Martin, formerly on second Snohomish, made a host of friends on the division who regret to learn of his death.

C. T. U., Bro. V. P. Malloy, who died with influenza at Seattle, Dec. 3rd, was cashier and operator at Anacortes and South Bellingham until a year ago, when he went with the W. U., was locked out by them last spring, and at time of his death was working in "CD" office. He is survived by a wife and two children who were also in the hospital with influenza. The bereaved relatives of these two brothers have our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. F. C. Griffin, agent at Blaine for several years, has resigned, relieved by H. L. Landeck, a new man. Bro. Van Dyke from "NP" relieved Ambrose, second Blaine, resigned.

Bro. Trenholme, relieved by Jim Devery, Jr., on second Everett Junction, who took second Mt. Vernon, vice Bro. Martin, deceased.

Bro. Barnett relieving Sister Hanson on third Marysville temporarily.

Bro. Skinner, third Snohomish, has resigned and gone into the logging business, relieved by Bro. Alge from second, relieved by Bro. Swenson from Stanwood, relieved by Day, another new man.

Bro. Bright to cashier Skykomish, vice Bro. Bradshaw to Monroe.

The "flu" hit us pretty hard, fifteen agents and operators being sick at one time, and was impossible to relieve but a few of them, causing many to double up. Keep a close check on this doubling, as it should be paid for at time and a half, and not straight pro rata as heretofore. "SI," Cert. 482.

*Spokane Division, West End, Leavenworth to Wilson Creek—*

Brothers, keep after the nons, most of them are only waiting for an application blank. With little effort we can make this the banner division.

Sister Alice Lyons resumed on Quincy third after a ten days' siege of influenza in Wenatchee hospital.

Bro. Irving, Dryden, an old-timer, lately returned to the fold.

Bro. M. F. Taylor from the N. & W., re-

lieving Bro. H. B. Young at Cashmere, who has been appointed manager during the fruit season. Bro. Alban, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Blair. Bro. Peach from Quincy goes to Harrington.

Bro. R. W. Bullard, agent Chelan, was recently called to Portland, Ore., to attend the funeral of his brother who was accidentally killed. He has the heartfelt sympathy of us all.

Brothers and sisters, pay your dues promptly; keep this division 96 per cent and try to make it solid.

H. B. Y., Cert. 1727, Div. 7.

*Chicago & N. W. Ry., Div. 76.**Northern Wisconsin Division—*

The largest meeting ever held on this division took place at Fond du Lac Tuesday night, Dec. 3rd. After a few remarks by Local Chairman Hackbert touching on the affairs on the division, Bro. Boyington took the floor, thoroughly covering the situation confronting the men throughout the country and how it affected Division 76. His remarks were very interesting and the members enjoyed his being with us very much and appreciated his going over the awards given the telegraphers to date and the possibilities of further concessions by Board No. 3. This kept the men at their posts, realizing the importance of their positions. Their loyalty has never been questioned.

Their contributions toward the purchase of Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps, etc., were made largely on the expected increases and in many cases hardships were brought about due to their not having the necessary funds to take care of their many obligations.

P. F. Kohler, agent at Grand Rapids for several years, has taken a position with the inspection department, succeeded by Bro. Heger, agent Depere, and he by Bro. Jungwirth pending bids.

Bro. G. A. Stewart, author of the popular song, entitled "When Our Soldier Boys Return," bid in second trick at Appleton Junction.

Bro. Kennedy, Madison Division, goes to Grand Rapids as telegrapher, vice E. A. Kempher to Watertown.

It affords me great pleasure to again announce that every telegrapher and agent on this division is up to date, with something like 105 per cent membership. Let us pay our dues promptly. The number of paid-up members determines the number of delegates to the Grand Lodge meeting next May.

You are again called upon to nominate candidates for local chairman and delegate for the convention. I have served you 12 years as chairman and have had a great deal of pleasure as well as hard work in connection therewith and had intended not to be a candidate again. However, at the

request of a great many of the members I have reconsidered this, as I realize that now more experience is necessary in dealing with the many important questions that will be brought up in connection with the organization and one with experience in schedule negotiations is the best fitted to look after the interests of the men.

Important legislation will confront the delegates at the next session of the Grand Lodge. The man who should be elected to this position should be your chairman, as matters will be brought up there with reference to the handling of the affairs on the system and local divisions during the reconstruction period. We want men of ability, capable of looking after our interests and must so fortify ourselves that there will be nothing dealt out to our organization detrimental to our working conditions and salaries.

Thorough organization will be our greatest asset. That is what has made our conditions what they are at present.

The "flu" situation has kept us from holding regular meetings. Thus far we have had no deaths in the ranks of the members on this division and trust that there will be none.

A happy and prosperous new year to you all.  
P. L. HACKBERT, L. C.

#### *Wisconsin Division—*

We deeply regret to report the death of Bro. Max Pankowski of Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 7, 1918, and Otto Waltersdorff, agent at Bassett's, Nov. 7th.

Bro. Gus Burkhardt, Twin Lakes, Wis., off eight days with influenza and Bro. D. Bubb, Sharon, Ill., since Thanksgiving, latter being relieved by Bro. M. R. Kielgas, closing Gencoe meanwhile.

Bro. Chas. Davis, of Fox River, has returned from a two weeks' hunting trip in northern Wisconsin.

Only three present at the Harvard meeting Dec. 8, 1918. However, there was quite an interesting discussion. The Waukegan meetings were better attended, but it was decided to change the meeting point to Chicago and furnish amusement after the transaction of business, requesting the brothers to attend and bring their wives along and brothers on other divisions.

I am indebted to Bro. M. R. Kielgas for notes. Brothers, let me know what is happening.

S. KOPLAN, Div., Cor.,  
Cert. 2472.

#### *Madison Division—*

Bro. Richards, agent Dane, relieved by Bro. Webster while laid up with the "flu" and Bro. E. R. Polzin and Third Trick Towerman M. J. also off several days with it.

Bro. Marshall Wood, who went to France

with the first unit, writes he is one of six left out of his company. This division saw some of the hardest fighting over there and we can all feel proud of the record they made.

Bro. D. J. Kramer, former operator at Dodgeville, enjoyed ten days' furlough before going to Harvard College at Cambridge, Mass., to finish his radio course.

Bro. L. T. Mittenees, Clyman Junction, relieved a few days by Bro. Gerth.

Bro. R. J. Morgan relieved four days by Bro. M. J. Betthuisler.

Bro. Wagner, agent South Randolph, away on vacation, relieved by Miss Todd.

Bro. Shain, agent Grand Marsh, was off a few days recently.

The signing of the armistice caused work on the large acid plant at Cuba City to be discontinued.

Bro. E. H. Durkopp, Madison third, called to Wauwotusa by the death of his wife's brother, relieved by Bro. J. O. Jones and he by Bro. C. E. L. Hanson, who left the service several years ago, but always was and is up to date, volunteered to do the relief stint at Tower "CS" and is still there while Bro. Jones is relieving.

T. Witzamy, car repainer foreman at Madison, received the sad word that his son had been killed in action in France. This brother worked on the Minneapolis Division before enlisting. The brothers extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. Witzamy and family, also to Bro. Durkopp and wife.

The Western Union construction crew have nearly completed rebuilding the line from Baraboo to Madison with new copper wire.

One non telegraph position on this division that paid \$30 a month a year ago has been raised to \$95.

Pay your dues promptly, line up every non, back up your committee, answer your call and report train movements promptly.

Happy and prosperous new year.

H. R. PIGG.

#### *Lake Shore Division—*

An interesting meeting was held at Green Bay, Wis., Nov. 30th, with some 20 members present, called to order by our local chairman, when we listened to a splendid address by General Secretary and Treasurer Boyington.

Quite a number of our members were down with the "flu"; all have about recovered and resumed work. Bro. C. T. Ensign has resumed after several days' absence.

Bro. G. M. Knutzen has returned from a hunting trip at Long Lake.

Bro. W. C. Lemke attended court at Milwaukee several days recently.

EDWARD A. SOHRE.

*Southern Illinois Division—*

Sister Perkins went to Manlius second, vice Bro. Schlich, resigned. Bro. Feulner, former agent Morse, is now in the U. S. Naval Radio Co. training camp at Seattle.

Neil Wise, formerly first Manlius, now with the expeditionary forces, writes that he is now in the depot division, wireless school, in France.

Bro. Cole, agent Speer, relieved a few days by Sister Voight while he had the "flu," relieved by Sister Renf. Later Sister Voight relieved Local Chairman Cadell while he went over the division rounding up the nons.

Bro. Clifton, agent Broadmoor, is being relieved by Bro. Brown and he on third there by Sister McCraw.

Sister Lyons, who relieved Sister Davis at Van Patten on vacation, also relieved Bro. Neuhoff, agent Hahnaman several days while he attended the funeral of a relative. Sister McCraw relieved Sister H. Tice, third Speer, when called home owing to the illness of her mother, who we are glad to learn has recovered.

Sister Lyons relieved Bro. Neuhoff while he and his family at Hahnaman were down with the "flu" and Bro. and Sister Hoffman at Van Patten were relieved by Sisters Rule and Scott while they were ill with it.

Only one non left on the North End.

CERT. 3714, DIV. 76.

*Northern Iowa Division—*

The meeting at Alton Sunday, Dec. 15th, was attended by Bros. J. H. Cowan, Weis, Brown, Walton, Beeman, Voles, Felis, Fyland, Clayton, Woodard, Kellerman, Strader, Ard, J. E. and J. S. Egernes, Matson, Madison, Kahlil, Boyington, Brennan, C. F. Meyers, Brooks, Clarke, Helm, Hampton, Hopkins, Stafford, Tarbill, Thompson, Burroughs and Mr. Brandt from the M. & St. L. Ry.

Bro. Boyington, G. S. & T., gave a very interesting talk on the latest dope on the new schedule and how things were handled by our committee. Secretary and Treasurer Clarke reported \$22.15 in local fund close of 1918. The \$1.00 per year for this fund is now due. Remit to Bro. E. H. Clarke, L. S. & T., Rolfe, Iowa; also remit your O. R. T. dues promptly and help keep the division solid by seeing that the few nons keep the promises they made to come in the first of the year.

Bro. Randolph, third Webster City; Bro. Duckmanton and Bro. Chenault, second and third Jewell, have been discharged from the army. "Duck" is back at Jewell and the other two visited homefolks in Kentucky before returning to work. We all welcome these brothers back on third Webster City. Bro. E. F. Smith on second and B. M. Egernes on third Jewell pending these brothers' return. Bros. Smith and Rezla are new

men. The former goes to "ND" Sioux City when relieved at Jewell.

Bros. Sawyer, Haworder, and Brennan, Granville, on sick list a few days, and Bro. Burroughs several weeks, later with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Hoyt of "SU" Rapids.

Bro. John Herr, second Lamens, has returned from a visit with his son in Kansas, relieved by Operator Hutchison, a chiropractic of Lamens. Some of you brothers on the East and North Ends send me a few notes and we will have a write-up every month.

Wanted—Present address of M. S. Case, last heard of working for C. R. I. & P. at Stuart, Okla., formerly at Durant, Okla., for M. K. & T. "Max," if you see this, drop me a line.

T. G. CREACH, Cert. 734,  
C. & N. W., Webster City, Ia.

*Ashland Division—*

Bro. Kilsdonk to third Kaukauna, succeeded at Marion agency by Bro. Semmelhack and he at Woodruff agency by Bro. Filmer, second Marion agency.

Bro. Brooks, Hunting, brought back a deer with him from the North woods, Bro. Olson relieving him.

Bro. Knister, Rhinelander, and Bro. Miller, lineman Clintonville, were among the lucky ones to secure their full quota of deer.

Bro. Miller made a business call around Antigo a few days ago; cause, sleet storm and wires down.

Bro. Pelton, Clintonville, Wis., was off 10 days on account of sickness.

Send your news items to the local chairman so we can have write-up each month.

J. H. CALHOUN, Cert. 2115.

*Peninsula Division—*

Bro. A. Lavigne, laid up with the "flu" for 10 days, was relieved by our only sister on the division, Miss Ruth Grosse. Bro. O. A. Larson, third Stephenson, and wife were down several weeks with it; also Bro. J. H. Davis, third Escanaba passenger depot, latter relieved by Bro. W. A. Anderson. Bro. R. E. Patrie, third Hermansville, on the sick list, was relieved by Bro. L. J. Fish, who also relieved Bro. J. E. Ranger, Indiantown, while off nine days with the "flu."

Bro. Wm. R. Brukardt, agent Wilson, was laid up a month, relieved by Bro. Pane from Spalding. Bro. C. G. Johnson, second there, was off a few days on account of his wife being ill.

Bro. R. L. Vachon has returned from the navy with an honorable discharge.

Bro. T. A. Peets, Hermansville agency, off six months on account of ill health, relieved by Bro. R. L. Vachon, and Bro. J. J. Jensen is relieving Bro. I. L. Sutherland, first there. Bro. J. W. Wormwood, Jr., on sick list, re-

lieved by Bro. T. A. Larson, second Lathrop, and Bro. M. J. Tonkin, second trick main line dispatcher, 10 days, relieved by Bro. W. E. Erickson, side wire man, relieved by Bro. F. T. Lewis, agent Swanzy, relieved by Bro. F. Ranger, third Little Lake. The latter was also off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. C. A. Laure, Certificate 827, writes from Camp Custer under date of Nov. 19, 1918, that he has been doing wireless work ever since he went there. It was a little difficult to get on to it at first, but in time it soon comes to a fellow. He says several sham battles had been fought a few weeks previous to the time his letter was written; that the training is tense, but it's great practice and gives them all a good appetite when they get back to "chow," and that "Uncle Sam" is sure feeding the boys fine. They have amusements every night all around camp, K. C. and Y. M. C., and without them it would be a sad looking place there. He expects to be back with us shortly and will then tell us all about army life.

Thanks to Bro. A. J. Lavigne, the only one who mailed me any items for this month's write-up. J. E. RANGER, Div. Cor.

#### Dakota Division—

Bro. E. F. Rohlfss, relieved at Iroquois by Menefee, goes to Helca, S. D. Mission Hill office closed, "GN" man handling both lines, Bro. McDonald going to Ludden. Helper put on at Canova, Mrs. Bishop acting clerk.

Bro. J. L. Garrison relieved Bro. and Sister Lowe at Salem a few days account sickness.

Miss Leebe, who relieved Graham at De-smet on sick list, now at Soo Valley Junction. Bro. L. Feathers, first Beresford, and Daley at Esmond also on sick list several days.

Dispatching force at Huron reduced and Bro. Rauscke went back to Arlington.

Dispatcher Holmes, off to the Coast sixty days, relieves Chairman Long on his return.

Time is now here when we should pay our dues.

The scribe has been appointed chairman of the Xmas roll call drive for Turner county.

R. A. PFEFFERLE.

#### P. & R. C. Division—

Alonzo, the eldest son of Bro. Vick of Quinn, who has been sick for several years of diabetes, died recently. The brother and his family have our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Bro. Higbee, of Powell, assisted Mr. Schultz, agent at Phillip, while his family were down with the "flu," having lost one son with it.

Bro. Noe, agent Owanka, while down at

Wall with the "flu," was relieved by Mr. Merrill, who was a member of the Order in Iowa 30 years ago. Bro. Noe at Wall had his hands full with five "flu" patients all at one time. Bro. Farrell, agent Ft. Pierre, who had the "flu" several days, lost his helper, Mr. Chisom, with it. Bro. Nleber, agent Pierre, was down with it a while; also Bro. Edwards' wife at Capa.

J. E. Nom, Cert. 609.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

My wife and self wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the P. R. C. brothers who so kindly remembered us during our recent bereavement in the death of our son, Alonzo. The O. R. T. floral offering received was beautiful and we are very grateful for your kind thoughtfulness.

L. E. VICK AND WIFE.

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#### Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82. Eastern Division—

Happy new year to all.

Let's start this year in taking annual up-to-date cards; be very encouraging; less trouble and less postage; direct course toward progress.

Bro. N. E. Munson out on road several days posting up for the dispatcher's chair. We all wish him success.

Bro. R. N. Ernst, first Kirk, and Bro. G. H. Ogle, first Union Bridge, on sick list, latter relieved by Bro. W. S. Shamer and Bro. W. H. Otto, operator Keymar, sick, relieved by Sister A. Myers.

Bro. K. H. Stover, our general chairman, Beryl, W. Va., made a successful run for the Legislature of West Virginia in the primaries, defeating Judge Baer three to one in the general election defeated Dr. J. O. Lantz three to one. Majority in county was 902 out of 2,000 cast.

Bros. N. E. Munson and E. R. McCullough are due much credit for the noble work they are doing. Both together landed about twenty-five nons in the past two months. Bro. Munson is sure to get a prize watch and Bro. McCullough a solid gold watch chain. Bro. H. T. Lawrence converted seven.

On vacations: Bro. W. A. Clark, first trick dispatcher Baltimore end, relieved by Bro. W. C. Fleigh; Bro. R. R. Rowe, first Hillen, relieved by S. H. Foster; Bro. R. E. Rice, second Walbrook, relieved by Sister A. Myers; Bro. N. E. Munson, first "G" Hagerstown, relieved by Bro. Biddorf; Bro. W. I. Renner, agent Emmitsburg Junction, relieved by Bro. J. D. Hamm, and Bro. P. C. Gardner, agent Owings Mills, relieved by Bro. W. H. Saltzgaver.

Bro. C. F. Ruth went to third Hillen; Bro. W. H. Saltzgaver to third Lehigh, relieving Bro. Baublitz; Bro. A. A. Fisher to first, and Bro. D. F. Keefauver, second "YD"

Hagerstown temporary; E. G. Wilson to second Oldtown; Bro. C. E. Frank, first Security temporary, and F. L. Welty, third Security; Bro. W. C. Fleigh to first and Bro. D. Boward, third Hagerstown Junction; Ira Arnsperger to first Highfield and W. A. Sharrer, assisting agent, Owings Mills.

All work on the few nons.

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### Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.

#### Rio Grande Division—

Bro. W. M. Jones, Box 504, Sweetwater, appointed assistant local chairman of this division, will also act as division correspondent. You will please send him notes for THE TELEGRAPHER.

Fraternally,  
G. S. LITTLEFIELD, L. C.

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#### Rio Grande Division Notes—

Bro. Jones, third Pecos, relieved a few days by Extra Murdock, and Bro. Pitzer, agent Monahans by Bro. Tatom. Bro. Cochran to second Big Spring, succeeded by Kellogg, assigned on third Monahans. Earl Pitzer to Kent nights, just opened.

Remember, annual card for 1919, 100 per cent membership for Rio Grande and Division 88. The 1918 motto for the O. R. T. of 60,000 members was passed by several thousand.

Bro. Cush. Roscoe, visited the boys recently at "SW."

Bro. Ferd Hamilton, second Roscoe, who relieved Bro. Friend on Sweetwater third one night, visited with his mother several days and then relieved Bro. Knight, second "BD." Later Bro. Friend resigned, relieved by Marshall, a new man. Bro. Smith, first "B," relieved a few days, relieved by the cashier there on account of the sickness and death of his mother. We extend Bro. Smith our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Henderson, extra from Santa Fe, transferred to Dallas.

Bro. Cecil Hamilton, now in A. E. F. service, London, England, writes that things are lovely with him and sends his best to the boys here.

Bro. E. H. Gibson, a member of the B. R. Clerks of T. & P. Division, was suddenly called to his reward followed by his mother, stricken while the "flu" epidemic was raging. The boys and co-workers of "Gene" feel keenly the loss of one whom we all loved and respected for his sterling qualities as a man and fellow worker. A large floral offering was given for flowers for both Gene and his mother as a token of the esteem his friends held of them. The funeral was held at Rising Star, Texas, their former home, before coming to Sweetwater.

W. M. J., Cert. 546.

#### Eastern Division—

We have closed an eventful year, our division making material progress regardless of the many obstacles confronting us. Our committee made this a live working division instead of a dead one, as it had been in the past.

Let us pay our dues and special assessments promptly and protect our beneficiaries by prompt remittance of our insurance assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo., and see that you do not work with men who are willing to submit to slavery by refraining from becoming a part of a movement which will eventually place us in the position where real men should be.

Nominations are now in order in January. Let's perform the duty we owe ourselves and our craft by nominating and electing the strongest and best men we have as our representatives.

Bro. R. N. Dodd is now on second Hawkins, vice Grady, Terry, and Bro. H. E. Geisler, Grand Saline, to third Hallsville, relieving Bro. A. L. Hendrick. We are pleased to learn of the recovery of members of the family of Bro. N. H. Hall, second there.

Bro. C. P. Cole has resumed on first Forney after an attack of the "flu."

The death of Bro. W. R. Bright in Mississippi recently with pneumonia is rendered deplorable indeed as he failed to pay his insurance assessment and protect his beneficiary. Let us all guard against such a misfortune.

Bro. H. P. Abney relieved by Bro. E. C. Robinson, Longview Junction, on committee work.

Bro. E. G. Weston, agent at Lawrence, Tex., for some time, has resumed on third Abneys; Bro. C. V. Ray, "SH" Shreveport, is now on "AF" Marshall, vice Bro. F. M. Ray to second Hoard, and Roger Hale to third Shreveport.

Bro. J. G. Hannah to third Fair Grounds; Bro. L. J. Crosby, second Gladewater, to third Wills Point; Bro. C. Grubbs assigned to third, Forney and J. G. Rister of Lucas to third Waskom.

Bro. W. T. McMath, assistant manager "GO" Dallas, is now with the Western Union. We regret losing such an efficient man from the service.

Kindly send the local chairman notes on or before the 15th of each month in order to make this department more interesting and instructive.

H. E. G., Cert. 237,  
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### Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93. Wisconsin Division—

It was with much surprise and sorrow that we received the word of the death of our general manager, T. J. Foley, Dec. 9th,

of anemia after blood transfusion failed. He was buried in Ft. Wayne the following Wednesday. Local Chairman Kelly says: "We have lost our best friend. When he opposed us he did so fairly and squarely. When he gave us anything it was ours—no strings attached." An officer of the O. R. T. said: "He was the most intelligent, most honorable and fairest man this organization ever did business with in Chicago."

B. Williams, Dubuque, has been assigned assistant agent at Rockford.

The dispatchers are enjoying their two days per month off *with pay* and they deserve it. This is the O. R. T.'s "big year." We have made more progress and taken in more members than ever before. This applies to this division and the organization as a whole. This one division this year has taken in 25 members. Division No. 93 will have not less than 17 delegates to the next convention and we are working hard with good prospects to make it 18. We will have to keep a strong organization to look after our interests during the next several years.

Bro. Lamboley, breaking in new help, has at last resorted to "lady" cashier, who has "made good" and can soon be greeted as sister.

It is now Bros. D. C. Smith and Foubare, two new men. It doesn't take the young men long to "see the light," but "Oh, boy," you old-time moss-backs a la Heyworth.

Glad to learn that Bro. Roseman and his family have recovered from a serious attack of the "flu."

Disarmament around Rockford makes just as much or a little more business than opening up the camp did.

Consolidation with the C. & N. W. at Freeport has become a reality, adding to the work of the boys in "K" office, but no record of an increase of pay yet. Consolidation also at El Paso with the T. P. & W. There will be some good positions open in the new depot there, about completed. Watch for the bulletins.

Bro. Kelly and several of the East End boys attended the day meetings Nov. 25th and 26th at Chicago.

The levermen, now under the jurisdiction of the O. R. T. Within two weeks practically all on this division became members and were glad of the chance to do so. Next we will be after the larger agencies. Some have already signified their willingness to join our ranks.

So far as we are able to learn none of the soldier boys from this division were injured "over there," which is very fortunate, and we look forward with much delight to the day "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

It is now time to nominate those whom you want to represent you as delegate to the

next convention in St. Louis in May and to pick out who you want as your local chairman for the next two years.

New members: Miss Rozella Jones, Thos. Mesiere, C. Hyde, Jno. Gartman, Jno. Behnke, Wm. Rhodes, V. Jacobs and Jno. McLarnon.

Bro. Whitney of Wenona was relieved a few days on account of illness by O'Leary.

#### WANDERLUST.

#### *Minnesota Division*—

Bro. Hugh C. Lynch, agent Earlville, Ia., died recently from an attack of influenza. The boys purchased a floral offering for his funeral.

J. H. W.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express to the members of the Minnesota Division my sincere thanks for the beautiful floral offering sent to me in my sorrow and bereavement.

Sincerely,

MRS. H. C. LYNCH,  
Earlville, Ia.

#### *New Orleans Division*—

Boys, pay your dues promptly for 1919. I would suggest that all who can possibly do so pay a year in advance and get a yearly card.

Bro. Taylor, agent Raymond, relieved several days account sickness by Bro. Schooler, second Harriston, relieved by Sister Babin. Later Bro. Schooler relieved Bro. Dromgoole, first "JC" Vicksburg, a few days on sick list.

Bro. Caulfield, agent Pattison, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Hoff, who has since been called for naval service. Our best wishes go with him.

Sister Smith is relieving Bro. Powell, "HD," while he is dispatching.

Bro. Brueck went to New Orleans recently.

Boys, two or three nons on the line promised to come in the first of the year. Keep after them and see that they get a card.

Thanks to Bro. Andrews, third "HN," for the notes sent me. Some of you boys on the South End send me a few notes every month. It is impossible for me to get all the news unless you assist me.

Best wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous new year.

C. L. BRUECK, A. L. C.

#### *Louisiana Division*—

At a meeting held in McComb, Dec. 18th, 1918, a resolution was adopted to establish a fund for the purpose of paying dues of old and faithful members who have been retired by the company, to purchase florals for departed brothers or for any other worthy cause the division may designate.

All members will be assessed 25 cents per month payable semi-annually in advance, due on the 16th day of January and August, 1919.

Bro. C. C. Wilson, McComb, Miss., appointed custodian of this fund, and all remittances should be made to him direct.

Bro. Hiram Allen was unable to attend meeting on account of the illness of his baby. We missed him.

Bro. Pete Cummings was retired on pension Dec. 1st.

The sympathy of the division is extended to Bro. G. C. Gwin, owing to the sudden death of his sister on Dec. 12th.

Bro. J. F. Seab was married at Roseland Dec. 8th. Congratulations.

Bro. Cole, third Asplum, relieved by Bro. Chas. Tucker on account of the sickness of his wife, also Bro. Odom, second there, relieved by Bro. Holt from Crystal Spring for same reason. He was later relieved by Bro. White, fourth Jackson, who also relieved Bro. Rehfeldt several days while down with the "flu."

Bro. Youngblood, second Canton, called to his brother's home on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Spraggins, second Anding, closed.

It's now "Bro." Hooper, Lineman Yazoo City.

Bros. Ecker and Merkle, first and third Yazoo City, off sick, relieved by Bros. Whitworth and Hays, also Bro. Holt, Harahan Junction, relieved by leverman.

Bro. C. C. Wilson, McComb, is the telegrapher's representative on the Safety First Committee.

Bro. Boudousque, Bentonia agency, has gone on extra board.

Bro. Hunt, "BD" New Orleans, on vacation, relieved by Batchman, a new man.

Bro. "Bud" Milligan, Byram, is off sick again relieved by a clerk.

Bro. A. K. Ellzey, McComb, Miss., has been appointed division correspondent, vice Bro. Rehfeldt, resigned.

Thanks to Bros. Rehfeldt and Mashburn for assistance. "E." Cert. 2250.

#### Chicago G. W. R. R., Div. No. 96.

##### Western Division

We have received the increases in wages so long looked for, some levermen positions being over fifty dollars.

All towers are being put on a straight eight-hour basis as quickly as men can be found for the positions.

There is now no reason for anyone to refuse to join the Order. Levermen R. M. Mudd and D. L. Yoho, Manly tower, recently sent in their applications. Welcome, brothers.

Assistant Local Chairman Lynch writes: \* \* \* "Last Sunday I went to Lohrville on 16 and got the applications of Levermen

Bert Hall, C. F. Leonard and D. E. Davidson, and later received through the mail those of E. J. Dockery and F. C. Tyler. Hampton tower, and by request of Clarksville levermen mailed them blanks. \* \* \* Two more levermen at Hampton tower are coming in soon." Bro. Lynch is to be commended for his efforts in organization. He knows how to get results.

The total amount realized from the subscription lists for Bro. R. A. Cummings was \$125.75, for which he is very grateful.

Mrs. E. E. Clift, second Mason City depot, resigned, relieved by R. M. Wilson. Bro. John Ruiter, third there, on vacation, relieved by Extra Maxfield.

Clear Lake Jct. telegraph office had to be closed temporarily during the "flu" epidemic. Leverman C. E. Showers was first down, then Bro. E. C. Brown, agent, and before he was back to work Bro. Keas was taken sick. Bro. Chas. H. Lynch also had a slight touch of it, but has not had to lay off on this account yet. Swaledale was closed from lack of relief men on account of the family of Bro. G. W. Urbatch being sick with influenza; he only going to the office to meet trains until his family was out of danger.

Clarion car desk abolished, Bro. G. A. Barnes relieving Bro. L. S. Lieneman, "PO" nights, on vacation in Dubuque.

Brothers, watch the vacancies, and if not bulletined call the attention of our local chairman or his assistants to it.

Another meeting will be held at Ft. Dodge shortly, when important matters will be considered, and all the brothers are urged to attend.

Let us all "put our shoulders to the wheel" and make a better showing in new members even for 1919 than we did last year. "Work and win!" "HEK."

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#### Ulster & Delaware R. R., Div. 113.

"Happy New Year" to all!

A well-attended meeting was held in Arkville, December 4, which was made enjoyable with plenty of cider and good cigars. General Chairman Klein discussed the award and reported the meeting held in New York City, November 30.

We all sympathize with Bro. Leming in the loss of his mother in Albany, and with Bro. Irving Decker, formerly agent at West Davenport, whose wife died of the "flu."

Bro. T. Ennist, off two weeks on account of the "flu," is feeling well again.

Bro. Griffin was relieved by Bro. Burgher in order to attend a hearing of an express company claim in New York City.

Bro. Smith, potato king of East Meredith, had a very successful season.

New members: Bro. Utter and Bro. and Sister Spriggs. Hats off to Mrs. Spriggs, who has the honor of being the only sister in Division 113.

No notes appeared in the last issue, having

been delayed in the mail, reaching St. Louis one day too late.

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**Lehigh Valley R. R., Div. No. 124.**

*Makomey & Hazleton Division—*

Edward Givens, last trick man at "HS," is on duty again after a long, severe siege of illness. Bro. George Rundash, days "HS," relieved by E. Small, Munday, filled the copier's chair on several occasions while the dispatchers had their two-day vacations.

Bro. Vogelsang, days at "HD," is now enjoying an eight-hour trick.

Bros. Frank Whitfield and John Eitterof, Ashmore, have their hands full; in connection with regular work the erection of the new engine house at their station multiplies their troubles.

The working schedule, as drawn up by the general chairman, assistant chairman and general secretary, at their recent meeting held in Allentown, is expected to receive the desired attention at an early date, and all concerned are desirous that this schedule be drawn up and signed to become effective January 1, 1919. "WA."

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*Buffalo Division—*

Our dues were increased January 1st in order to have a paid general chairman, Bro. C. W. Leh, who has the support of everyone.

For the first time in a good many years we find ourselves on a line with other roads and ahead of some.

A Happy New Year. . CERT. 263.

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*Buffalo Division Notes—*

It is now Bros. Don Campbell, second, and Thomas Besser, third trick Tifft Farm Jet., making that tower 100 per cent. Bro. William Coleman, first there, has been selected to represent the telegraph department on the Buffalo Division Safety Committee. We suggest to Bro. Coleman, as a safety measure, to ask Bro. Duggan to use more precaution while driving across the Lehigh Valley tracks at Depew crossing, as we fear for the worst.

Bro. Joseph Griffen made a very fine showing while acting as extra train dispatcher.

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*Auburn Division—*

It is now Bros. Clark at Cazenovia, Lathrop at Canastota and Walter, East Homer. Only one non on the L. & N. Y. branch and two on the E. & C.

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*N. J. & L. Notes—*

Bro. Knittel, "KT," relieved on second "AV" by Bro. Minchun.

Bro. Hindmarsch to manager "Q"; Bro. Snyder to second "MW."

Sorry to hear of Bro. Wolf's illness.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Grooley, "QD," owing to the loss of his son.

Horace Briesch, Richards tower, off recently owing to illness.

Some brother east of Easton send me some notes each month not later than the 18th.

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*New York Division—*

It is now Bros. Dispatchers Geo. Rowan, first; Wm. J. MacNaughton, second; E. Boylan, third, and Bieringer, on relief, through the good efforts of Bros. Purcell and Triebel. The linemen are all coming in, and everybody is happy to know we are solid and glad to be on the hourly basis. The dispatchers are getting two days a month off, with pay.

There are only two nons left at "CF." Some of you brothers get after them and no doubt they will come over.

Wishing all great success for 1919.

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**C., R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.**

*Dakota Division—*

We are very sorry to announce the sudden death of Bro. McElhinney, agent Dows, of stomach trouble, at 9 a. m. December 24th, while preparing to spend Xmas away from home. He was the second oldest man in seniority on this division, being in the service since 1884. Everyone liked him, and we all will miss him greatly.

Bro. Jack Sturdevant, agent Thompson, seriously ill with influenza six weeks, spent two of them in Albert Lea Hospital. The boys donated him \$146; Local Chairman Staggs relieving.

Local Chairman Dutton, Iowa Division, is doing organization work on this division, our local chairman being unable to get relief account shortage of operators.

It's now Bros. Adamson at Miller; McBride, Garner; Hess, Titonka; Reed, Crystal Lake; Ballou, Rowen; Campbell, Clarion; Littell, Ottosen; O. A. Beck, Emmetsburg; Horsewell, Graettinger; Heath, Maple Hill; Langsdale, Bricelyn; also the levermen at Estherville and Bricelyn, and Sister D'Acres at Dows. Gee! it's a "grand and glorious feeling" to see them line up after years of persuasion in some cases.

Bro. Staggs gave up Hardy, relieved by former Local Chairman Smith, out of service four years, but carried a card all that time. We all welcome him back.

The transfers on the division are about all completed at a saving of about \$250.00 per month to the company on account of the \$1.00 per day paid after thirty days' assignment without relief.

Bro. C. A. Vannoy went to the C. G. W. at Clarion again as extra dispatching and car distributor. C. T. U. Bro. Chapman relieved Bro. Vannoy at "SR" two weeks.

returned to "CGW," relieved by Mrs. Edwards from the W. U.

Bro. Posivio, Spt. Lake, is relieving Pace at Royal, down with the "flu," also Sister Hanley, Sibley, Trainmaster Gray and helper doing the heavy stunt. Bro. Olds is back at Sibley after several days' tussle with it.

We are all very glad to see Bro. "Hank" Thoeiske back from the army checked into Brandt: we need men like him. Expect to see Bros. Kreger, Bieber and Lewis back soon.

Brothers, don't wait for a second call for your dues. Let's pay for a year and save the division stamps, and our secretary unnecessary work. It's twelve bones, you all have it.

Thanks to Bros. Staggs and Cramer for notes.

"GM," CERT. 1742.

#### Cedar Rapids Division—

Bro. G. D. Ellis, third Elmira, owing to the death of his sister, was relieved a few days by Bro. R. E. Latham, third Mediapolis, relieved by Helper Lathem, from Morning Sun.

Former Bro. J. P. Hyman, agent at Cone several years, is back with us after nearly a year spent in the Rock Island Arsenal, and will soon be carrying an O. R. T. card again. He relieved Bro. L. A. Brockway at West Branch, who relieved Bro. H. A. Huff the agent there taken down with the "flu." Others off with the malady were Bro. J. A. Gunderson, Montezuma; Bro. O. A. Varner, Kalona; Bro. E. B. Albro, second Mediapolis, the latter several weeks, and Bro. W. J. Stout, Conee, a few days, relieved by Bro. W. B. Clark from Nichols.

Dispatcher H. M. Sullivan back a few days on furlough from Great Lakes Training School, worked his old trick several nights.

Bro. C. G. Warlin goes to Hazleton agency; Bro. C. T. Burke to Ossian and Bro. B. S. Hoppes to operator Oelivein.

Bro. L. D. Wilmering, operator Oelivein, passed away there November 6th, from pneumonia following influenza. The fatherless and motherless children have the sympathy of the entire division. The remains were taken to Keithsburg, Ill. "Leo" was held very high in the estimation of all who knew him. A beautiful floral remembrance was sent for his funeral from our flower fund.

I take this means of thanking each one in the name of the division, for what you have done for the Order in the past year.

E. J. WALSH, Local Chmn.

#### Pan Handle Division—

Bro. H. G. Burgess, who enlisted some time ago, returned in time to again bid in his regular trick at Yukon; Bro. E. T. Sweeney assigned Greenfield, and J. R. Withers, the only non on the Pan Handle,

is at Weatherford agency again, after trying his hand at "KX" Oklahoma City yard.

Bro. B. H. Young, lineman of Geary, attended the El Reno meeting November 23rd.

N. J. CRUSE,  
Geary, Okla.

#### C. B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130. Galesburg Division—

Bro. D. Antrim writes from "Somewhere in Belgium": "I appreciate the O. R. T. cards beyond my power to tell. The sight of them almost made me wish I was pounding brass in my little old Edwards' office again."

Bro. C. M. Kimler, of Headquarters Co., 123d H. F. A., writes from France that he also received his cards O. K., and was very thankful for them. Hopes to be here to pay for the next one. He was in charge of a radio station during the bloody battles of the Argonne and St. Mihiel.

Bro. "Corp." G. A. Peluse, is working in a relay office in France. He says they use the Morse there. Bro. G. V. Jones is still with the 3rd T. M. Btn. As both of these organizations are ordered home presume that Bros. Jones and Kimler will be with us again soon.

Bro. F. Antrim, Oak Hill, seriously ill, relieved by L. F. Antrim, Bros. Swigart and Eakman doubling.

Bro. Duncan to Maquon second; Bro. Williamson to first Knoxville; Bro. Pelly to third Canton; Bro. Wright to Golden second, relieved at Yates City by Antrim; H. H. Ward to Norris agency.

Bro. Fred Antrim, agent Oak Hill, has the heartfelt sympathy of the brothers on Division 130 in the loss of his son, George.

Bro. F. L. Duncan, second Maquon, sick several days, relieved by I. D. Morse, who also relieved Bro. Swigart on third Maquon when latter relieved me on Yates City first.

Understand Bro. Goulier goes on pension list.

Wish to thank Bro. Thompson for assistance with the notes. D. C. Root, L. C.

#### Quincy Branch—

I regret to announce the death of Bro. Burford. Our sympathy is extended to his family and relatives. Bro. Lambert, from Knoxville, succeeds him at Colchester.

Bro. Mullen, second Macomb, on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. R. R. Garrison a few days, later taken sick with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Connors, Bardolpt, relieved by phoner Metcalf, Atchley, third Quincy Switch, also off owing to sickness, and Bro. L. E. Gray, Eubanks, on account of sickness in his family, latter relieved by Bro. Garrison.

Bro. E. N. Wright goes to Golden second, vice Bro. D. O'Woolery, to first Lewistown extra. Bro. L. E. Fosdyck, agent Fall Creek, spent Sunday recently in Augusta.

It is now Bro. Powell on second Avon.  
H. L. THOMPSON.

**Beardstown Division—**

Bro. Teique relieving Bro. Wilkes, second Centralia Yards, on account of his son's death.

Bro. Spanhower was off a few days with the "flu."

Two men taken off at Keysport, Bro. John Cole now on first 6 a. m. until 2 p. m. Non Whorton on the other trick until 8 p. m.

Bro. McDowell is working in relay Beardstown again.

Bro. Cherry has taken a better half and Bro. Cooley has a fine daughter.

Yours truly has had depot moved and settled, being on the jump for about a month.

Brothers, it's time to pay dues for another year. Let's not have any slackers on the Beardstown Division. It's also time to elect a local chairman and send a delegate to the convention; we have one now serving us that cannot be beaten. Let's put him back, also give him the glory of going to the convention. As the local chairman has a right to go, others should support him.

J. H. MANN, Asst. L. C.

**Beardstown Division, St. Louis Line—**

The meeting at East Alton, December 15th, was attended by Bros. Frazier, local chairman, Ballard, Anderson, Draper, Danford, Beddingfield and Cline for C. B. & Q., and Laughlin, Kreple, Roach and Lerferd from Big Four. We agreed to try and have a monthly meeting about the 15th! will advise later.

Bro. Mosier, agent Wrights, off six weeks on account sickness, is able to be out a little now. Bro. McNeil, third Chapin, off with "flu," relieved by Bro. Allenbaugh, just home from training school, and entitled to his regular trick, third Browning. Hooper, Winchester nights, off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Cooper, off several weeks with pneumonia, his wife and child down also, Miss Duncan relieving. Bro. Reiley, third wire chief Beardstown, off week with "flu."

Bro. Turley back on second Block 104 after several days' sickness.

Miss Tribits, "WR" nights, and her sister called on Bro. Palmer and Helper Vortman Sunday, December 15th.

We are glad we can say Bro. Omer after several years out.

Send me any news you can, and will include it in next write-up. CERT. 692.

**La Crosse Division—**

Nearly everyone on the division has had the "flu" or had someone to take care of who had it. Those on the sick list were: Bros. Sands, Tucheck, Kriesel, Hermanson, Heitman, Woods, Kimball, Lynch, Granke and L. C. Mourning.

Bro. McCrath, Division No. 29, who relieved Everett, Grand Cross second, relieving at North Jct. second, also relieved Bro. O. G. Hermanson, Trempealeau second, and Bro. Gibbons, North Jct. third, latter to Grand Crossing Yards first.

Bro. Fred Kriesel, Lytle first, while sick, relieved by Fridgen, who also relieved Bro. Zube, Grand Crossing Yard third, while sick.

Bro. Woods, agent Trevino, relieved by Bro. Granke, Pepin first, later taken sick, relieved by Bro. Wetterlin, Victory second, relieved by Bro. Coleman, returned, but unable to do tower work for awhile, owing to condition of his ankle.

Nelson third closed on account "flu," also third Stoddard, when Bro. Kircker sent to Trevino second, on account sickness. Bro. Sands relieving at Grand Crossing Yards, later relieved by Bro. Dyer, since returned to dispatcher's office, Bro. Gibbons relieving at yard.

It is now Bro. A. W. Paul extra.

Bro. H. Miller goes to second Bay City, and Bro. Tate third Maiden Rock.

Want to thank Bro. White for this write-up, although he had more work than he could do, he found time to send us notes. He is always willing to help out either in advice or handling grievances. Some of you boys give us a few notes, and make it easier for him, as he has all he can attend to now.

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**Hannibal Division—**

Bro. Guy Zinn, Hannibal, transferred to dispatcher's office doing extra work, relieved by Bro. R. E. Ainge, second trick wire chief. Ed Latchford, from the W. U. Hannibal, working extra in "X."

Nons on this division are now as scarce as order men were a few years ago. All the regular men are now up-to-date.

Our brothers in France will probably be with us in the near future.

Miss Nellie Trihey goes to Clarksville third; Miss O. E. Sherry to Saverton third, and M. A. Gist to Kissenger nights.

L. S. Blinco, Viele, Iowa, has been appointed assistant local chairman of this division. We hope he will keep us posted on matters on the North End.

Chief Dispatcher Sargent visited with us between trains recently.

CALLIE MAYS, L. C.

**Creston Division—**

Bro. J. E. Pace, third Malvern, who relieved Bro. Walker, Pac. Jct., a few days on sick list, called to third Villisca, Bro. E. C. Adkins there, still off with the "flu."

Others down with the malady: Bro. R. M. Walkley, second Malvern, a week; Bro.

Hale and Miss Tollen to doubling three days, later Miss Susie Antrim, a phoner, took second there. Bro. C. O. Bishop, agent Orient, several days, relieved by Bro. R. F. Bickett, Greenfield, and he by Mrs. Bickett. Bro. Clark, agent Riverton, transferred to Bolckow agency, down before being checked in, relieved at Riverton by Bro. Hatfield, operator Bedford, and he by a new man.

Cashier Hamilton and Bro. Wallace, Maryville, ten days, leaving agent Goforth short-handed.

Bro. R. E. Poindexter, second Hastings, to McPherson agency, vice Bro. Shehan to Nodaway agency; Bro. Milligan to Glenwood as operator, relieved by Bro. Estes at Bolckow agency, later relieved by Bro. Neal.

Thanks to Bros. Hale and Bickett for items. Hope more of you will send me some, so we may have a good write-up each month.

Don't forget to pay up promptly this term. Keep after the nons and make the division 100 per cent strong before June 30, 1919.

O. C. WALLACE, Asst. L. C.

#### Creston Division Notes—

Many of the boys are sick and those able to work are being overtaxed, working overtime and changing from one place to the other. Bro. Wallahan and myself have been taken off our regular jobs, he relieving the agent at Griswold. I relieved on third Pacific Jct., and relieved at Malvern, and Villisca, and then back to Pacific Jct. second, while Bro. Walker had the "flu."

I had the pleasure recently of getting two new members, and Local Chairman Hale pulled in two also. I called E. F. Neal on wire at Villisca and got his application, also Bro. Barron, third Nodaway. Bro. Hale secured E. J. Hillings, third Hastings, and Sister Tobbin, third Malvern.

Bro. Hale has just recently returned from his honeymoon.

Bro. Walkley, second Malvern, off with the "flu," relieved by Miss Antrim.

Bro. Anderson to agency Elliott, while agent was sick.

Miss Belnap, third Prescott, went to second McPherson a few days.

Poindexter, second Hastings, goes to McPherson agency, and Sister Milligan to third Corning.

Bro. Malfield, Omaha Division, extra dispatcher in Omaha, died with the "flu" recently. The boys all send their sympathy. Bro. Jack was a prince of a fellow, liked by all the boys who worked with him.

Wishing you and yours a happy New Year.

"PACEY," CERT. 1603.

#### Omaha Division—

New members: P. W. Silver, G. V. Hite, G. P. Norby, Oakland tower; C. V. Swartz, Winslow, L. W. Dichenson, Schuyler, F. R. Baker, Homer.

Miss Hunting and Miss McDonald, South Omaha, A. Swanda, Schuyler, P. H. Field, Oreapolis, Mr. Whitaker, Gretna, and Mr. Tyo, Louisville, have all asked for blanks and all towermen on Omaha Division have been supplied with them, which looks favorable to having them lined up in the near future. Those at Oakland already came in.

Bro. Vant, Waverly, off sick, relieved by Bro. Kimball, Bro. Hakow to third Platts-mouth extra, later relieved Bro. Tocum at Yutan, on few days' vacation, also went to Ashland a few days while Bro. West went over the division. Bro. Wachal went to Platts pending bulletin.

Bro. Willis, Leshara, off a few days with "flu," relieved by Bro. Swartz.

Bro. Lacey, Osmond, gone with a grain company, at Soo City, relieved by Bro. Henesh.

Bro. J. L. Mayfield just breaking in as extra dispatcher, passed away after a few days' sickness with the "flu" at his home in Platts-mouth. He will be greatly missed on the division. He always carried an up-to-date card. His wife and child have the sincere sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. Best, of "DA," and Miss McDonald, "SY" South Omaha, off a few days with "flu," former relieved by Bro. Jackman. Bro. Hays, Waterbury, also off a few days sick.

Gibson closed several days, owing to Sister Crocker's sickness, later opened by Bro. Wachal, who went to Platts-mouth upon her recovery.

Bro. White to La Platte a few days cleaning up back reports, relieved by Bro. Gregg from Missouri Pacific, who later relieved Bro. Moore a few days at Platts-mouth.

Yardmasters at Gibson now taking their fourteen days' vacation with full pay. With their increase they now make \$240.00 to \$250.00 per month.

Bro. Steinbock off few days attending funeral of Mrs. Steinbock's sister at Waterbury.

Bro. Byergo looked over Osmond agency but decided he did not want it. Bro. Howitzer will go there as soon as repairs are made to depot.

Bro. Marsh at Jackson has moved up to M. & O., taking charge of that business; lots more work, not much increase in pay.

Bro. Miller, Goodwin, made a trip to Soo City recently.

Wishing all a happy New Year, I remain,  
Yours fraternally,

C. W. WEST, L. C.

*Sterling Division—*

We welcome the following new members: Bro. S. I. Weekly, R. L. Burkett and Frank C. Tanna, Mitchell, Neb., the latter only on the division thirty days. It will soon be hard to find a non on this division.

Bros. R. M. Harris and C. F. Frederick are back at Haxtun, Colo., after a siege of the "flu." That office is solid, due to their efforts. Bros. Reynolds at Moorefield, and Crees at Gurley, are also back after being laid up with the same trouble.

Brothers, don't delay paying your dues. We did not have a single delinquent up to December 31, 1918. Let's keep the good work going; take out an annual card. Let's see how many of us can sport one for 1919. So far, more annuals have been taken than semi-annuals.

Thanks to Bros. Harris and Frederick at Haxtun for news items this month, also for their assistance in helping me out with the nona. Come again, boys, nobody barred.

F. A. SENSE, L. C.

*Wymore Division—*

About fifteen stations were closed last month on account of the brothers being sick with the "flu," and no one to relieve them. Dispatchers Mann, Bates and Lang all being down at one time with it.

Bro. R. Reid, of Auburn, relieved few days at Smartville, then went to Beatrice first, on account of the shortage of operators. Bro. J. W. Van Duzen relieved Bro. Beck at Table Rock a few days.

Bro. Daily, who is attending the radio school at Cambridge, again carried off the honors, having received the highest grade in a class of 187 men. He and Bro. McIntyre will both be with us again soon.

It is now Bro. C. C. Logan at Strang.

Don't give the nons any rest, brothers. We have two on this division who had an increase of \$70.00 a month, but can't see their way clear to join. Keep after them and remember, "No card, no favors."

F. H. HALEY, CERT. 842.

*McCook Division—*

The "flu" has claimed a great many victims on this division in various departments, but things are getting about normal again. R. P. Knowles, operator Culbertson, died recently with it.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Premers' wife at Palisade, Neb., and glad

to hear he is improving; both had "flu." Mr. Miller, cashier in the Palisade Bank, former agent, is relieving Bro. Premer.

Bro. Shillington, agent Culbertson, was also off sixteen days with it, relieved by Operator Rushton.

Bro. Hoffnagle, Burns Jct., was also down recently with it, and no one to relieve him, his wife working the trick as best she could not being an operator.

Bro. Sweeney lost his operator last of November, so he has plenty to do in the eight-hour period now.

C. R. HUNT, Local Chairman.

*Casper, Wyo., Division—*

Bro. G. H. Jernigan, second Worland, Wyo., an "old-timer" out of the service for fourteen years, a charter member in the Grand Division, when organized in 1886, is back in the fold again with the other following new members, agents: W. L. Sigler, Powder River; J. W. Dussalt, Thermopolis; J. Davidson, Chatham; W. N. Root, Manderson; C. H. Beck, Basin, and H. N. Cook, Kans; Telegraphers: C. A. Bittleston, Bucknum, Wyo.; Martin L. Potter, Arminto; Wm. Lewis and R. L. Anderson, Thermopolis; Raymond Christy and Cecil Christy, Kirby; U. S. G. Early and H. P. Allen, Basin; J. G. Hoyt, Grey Bull; G. C. Mitchell, Lovell; Lee Snyder, Cody; J. D. Herr, Douglas; G. Dunbar, Kane; Mrs. F. W. Henderson, Frannie; Mrs. Craig and Miss B. Fox, Bonneville; Mrs. Ella R. Taylor, Mrs. Florence Amos and F. B. Crone, Glencross, and W. O. Douglas, Arminto, relief man.

If some of the brothers and sisters will send some items each month to Sister Ehlers at Casper, it will help to keep a line on what is going on.

*Relay Division—*

Bro. Wilson goes to Texas shortly on account of his health. We trust he will come back improved.

It is now Bros. Northington and Bibb making Casper Relay solid.

Bro. Lewis, Burlington, Iowa, is now third wire chief at Casper.

Bro. Bimms is on first Casper, vice Bro. Williams.

Sister Ehlers transferred from Casper Road Division to Casper Relay.  
CERTS. 1577, 2272 and 2800, CASPER RELAY OFFICE.

# GRAND DIVISION

## Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 143 is due January 1, 1919

Time for payment expires February 28, 1919

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300.00 (Series A).....	\$ 2.40 per year
On 500.00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000.00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

### BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER,

Claim No.	Name	Cause	Div.	Cert.	Series	Amt.
2426..	Marceline W. Matson.	Influenza .....	6.	.51914..	C..	\$ 1,000.00
2453..	William H. Baur.	Influenza .....	28.	.32632..	C..	1,000.00
2493..	H. F. Mason.	Pneumonia .....	8.	.24224..	A..	300.00
2494..	J. H. Cruickshank.	Influenza .....	1.	.36247..	A..	300.00
2495..	Albert E. Reynolds.	Pneumonia .....	171.	.47930..	A..	300.00
2496..	Ernest L. Burton.	Influenza .....	40.	.21839..	B..	500.00
2497..	James Flynn.	Influenza .....	70.	.36127..	B..	500.00
2498..	Mrs. Maude C. Scott.	Acute Bronchial Pneumonia .....	53.	.34212..	B..	500.00
2499..	Henry J. Dobberteen.	Influenza .....	49.	.11542..	B..	500.00
2500..	Alfred R. Day.	Influenza .....	54.	.34499..	C..	1,000.00
2501..	Curtis W. McCauley.	Influenza .....	17.	.56304..	C..	1,000.00
2502..	Clay D. White.	Influenza .....	126.	.36859..	C..	1,000.00
2503..	Louis H. Bedard.	Influenza .....	119.	.42370..	C..	1,000.00
2504..	Monroe E. Mullikin.	Chronic Nephritis .....	15.	.20768..	C..	1,000.00
2505..	Raymond L. Hoffman.	Influenza .....	4.	.39032..	C..	1,000.00
2506..	George A. Steward.	Influenza .....	23.	.20814..	C..	1,000.00
2507..	E. E. Thompson.	Bronchial Pneumonia .....	44.	.45179..	C..	1,000.00
2508..	Everett H. Gilbert.	Pneumonia .....	54.	.47622..	C..	1,000.00
2509..	Isham J. Sharp.	Heart Failure .....	59.	.41321..	C..	1,000.00
2510..	Marcus L. Paulsen.	Broncho Pneumonia .....	53.	.53465..	C..	1,000.00
2511..	Theodore Gray.	Hemorrhage of Stomach .....	17.	.2553..	C..	1,000.00
2512..	John O. VanEtten.	Influenza .....	34.	.31596..	C..	1,000.00
2513..	Howard R. Phelps.	Influenza .....	1.	.49756..	C..	1,000.00
2514..	Victor J. Stublings.	Influenza .....	7.	.46533..	C..	1,000.00
2515..	Patrick W. Maloney.	Lobar Pneumonia .....	23.	.34665..	C..	1,000.00
2516..	Herbert W. Winter.	Pneumonia .....	53.	.38456..	C..	1,000.00
2517..	Frank H. Spatgen.	Influenza .....	54.	.19947..	C..	1,000.00
2518..	Jasper W. Hulett.	Acute Endocarditis .....	53.	.47157..	C..	1,000.00
2519..	James D. Craig.	Pneumonia .....	1.	.53388..	A..	300.00
2520..	Harry D. Vance.	Influenza .....	33.	.37217..	C..	1,000.00
2521..	Leonard D. Donne.	Pneumonia .....	37.	.47608..	C..	1,000.00
2522..	Grace E. Morgan.	Broncho Pneumonia .....	126.	.53622..	C..	1,000.00
2523..	Clyde D. Berkenstock.	Influenza .....	10.	.56516..	C..	1,000.00
2524..	Arthur C. Dielh.	Influenza .....	54.	.40279..	C..	1,000.00
2525..	Hobart E. Moulds.	Influenza .....	17.	.36652..	B..	500.00
2526..	Freeman L. Francis.	Influenza .....	140.	.20021..	B..	500.00
2527..	Jack R. Tolliver.	Influenza .....	32.	.32601..	B..	500.00
2528..	Oscar W. Berg.	Influenza .....	96.	.16379..	A..	300.00
2529..	Clifford F. Yelland.	Influenza .....	16.	.50092..	A..	300.00
2530..	Alexander H. Spencer.	Pneumonia .....	59.	.40992..	A..	300.00
2531..	Ezra F. Chase.	Influenza .....	89.	.25682..	A..	300.00
2532..	Arthur B. Couch.	Influenza .....	126.	.44224..	A..	300.00
2533..	Arthur F. Cole.	Pneumonia .....	28.	.42242..	A..	300.00
2534..	E. A. Rich.	Influenza .....	92.	.29599..	B..	500.00

\$38,000.00

Claim No.	Name	Cause	Div.	Cert.	Series	Amt. \$33,000.00	Brt.	Fwd.
2536	George H. Bates	Influenza	43	.43338	.C.	1,000.00		
2537	Harry E. Shadle	Broncho Pneumonia	17	.23291	.C.	1,000.00		
2538	Frank H. Eggart	Lobar Pneumonia	164	.42714	.C.	1,000.00		
2539	A. H. Laborde	Influenza	58	.56094	.C.	1,000.00		
2540	Arthur P. Anderson	Broncho Pneumonia	23	.48370	.C.	1,000.00		
2541	John Prasky	Influenza	7	.39502	.C.	1,000.00		
2542	George W. Patterson	Influenza	126	.25851	.C.	1,000.00		
2543	Foster V. Allmon	Typhoid Fever	19	.30981	.B.	500.00		
2544	James E. Murphy	Unknown	2	.34512	.B.	500.00		
2545	Charles Force	Lobar Pneumonia	31	.36646	.B.	500.00		
2546	Wilfred J. Brunell	Influenza	140	.31710	.B.	500.00		
2547	John Montgomery	Influenza	7	.28432	.B.	500.00		
2548	Miss Lillian E. Huff	Influenza	17	.53480	.A.	300.00		
2549	Joseph J. Ovick	Influenza	17	.53148	.A.	300.00		
2550	Oscar R. Marlin	Influenza	32	.35177	.A.	300.00		
2551	Fred Byrd	Influenza	58	.53168	.A.	300.00		
2553	L. C. Bouland	Pneumonia	57	.51545	.A.	300.00		
2554	Richard R. Elkins	Influenza	76	.46932	.A.	300.00		
2555	James D. Robertson	Pneumonia	70	.52499	.A.	300.00		
2556	C. E. Carey	Influenza	29	.16784	.B.	500.00		
2557	James P. Simpson	Malignant Endocarditis	1	.21624	.B.	500.00		
2558	Claude A. Hoover	Broncho Pneumonia	54	.41472	.C.	1,000.00		
2559	Bernard J. Swinehart	Influenza	6	.49880	.C.	1,000.00		
2560	L. Bernaiche	Influenza	12	.46006	.C.	1,000.00		
2561	John H. Cameron	General Paresis	Grand	.11347	.C.	1,000.00		
2562	Russell H. Styer	Influenza	10	.55335	.C.	1,000.00		
2563	Luther T. Burford	Influenza	130	.41143	.C.	1,000.00		
2564	Ross V. Felter	Lobar Pneumonia	127	.52087	.C.	1,000.00		
2565	Warren R. Wolff	Influenza	92	.51903	.C.	1,000.00		
2566	Lenoir Alvis	Influenza	24	.51213	.A.	300.00		
2567	William G. Frank	Influenza	130	.27835	.B.	500.00		
2568	James L. Kiley	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	49	.38266	.C.	1,000.00		
2570	Garland K. Hudson	Pneumonia	14	.42055	.C.	1,000.00		
2571	John L. Gunter	Lobar Pneumonia	160	.33657	.C.	1,000.00		
2572	William H. Ashley	Pneumonia	8	.41636	.A.	300.00		
2573	Robert J. Dailey	Influenza	27	.47650	.C.	1,000.00		
2574	Thos. C. Penrod	Influenza	3	.27964	.C.	1,000.00		
2575	J. Willie Roy	Influenza	43	.34297	.C.	1,000.00		
2576	Charles Ferguson	Influenza	92	.33932	.C.	1,000.00		
2577	William Boyes	Pneumonia	70	.53601	.C.	1,000.00		
2578	Eustace T. Locke	Gangrene of Leg	31	.590	.C.	1,000.00		
2580	W. J. Yourd	Pneumonia	119	.46632	.A.	300.00		
2581	Guy S. Priest	Hemorrhage of Lungs	172	.17800	.B.	500.00		
2582	Roy H. Ferguson	Influenza	76	.34159	.B.	500.00		
2583	William L. Cooper	Influenza	59	.46524	.C.	1,000.00		
2584	Edw. C. Cobb	Apoplexy	28	.7563	.B.	500.00		
2585	Otto E. Hanssen	Pneumonia	23	.55700	.C.	1,000.00		
						\$67,500.00		

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

## Receipts.

Received on assessments to November 30, 1918	\$2,182,345.82
Received on assessments December, 1918	21,013.60
Interest for 1918	30,221.16

Total..... \$2,233,580.58

## Disbursements.

Death claims paid to November 30, 1918	\$1,550,352.47
Death claims paid in December	67,500.00
Assessments refunded account rejected applications	2,604.06
Assessments transferred to dues	369.00
Balance on hand credit Mortuary Fund December 31, 1918	612,755.05

Total..... \$2,233,580.58

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No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western Ry. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. H. Carter, Gen'l Chairman, Marshall, Ind.; J. V. Cummins, G. S. & T., 1149 N. Mount st., Indianapolis, Ind.

No. 22—Division covers Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway System. G. H. Beck, Gen'l Chairman, 522 Jefferson st., St. Charles, Mo.; C. C. McLellan, G. S. & T., 331 Belmont st., Parsons, Kan.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Bellingham & Northern Railway, Big Blackfoot Railway, Gallatin Valley Railway, Puget Sound & Willapa Harbor Railway, Seattle, Port Angeles & Western Railway and Tacoma-Eastern Railroad, Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern Ry. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, Room 310, Drexel Bank bldg., 765 Oakwood blvd., Chicago, Ill.; Ed. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., Room 310, Drexel bldg., 765 Oakwood blvd., Chicago, Ill.

No. 24—Division covers the M. & O. and Southern Ry. in Mississippi. L. T. Murdaugh, Gen'l Chairman, 513 N. Royal st., Jackson, Tenn.; C. E. Hendley, Gen'l S. & T., Artesia, Miss.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. C. Berry, Gen'l Chairman, 2802 South Presa st.,

- San Antonio, Tex.**; D. D. Hungate, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.
- No. 26—Division covers the Wabash Ry. O. C. Nash, Gen'l Chairman, Carpenter, Ill.; M. E. Fohey, Gen'l S. & T., 450 Crane ave., Detroit, Mich.
- No. 27—Division covers St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. C. Frizielle, Gen'l Chairman, Bearden, Ark.; C. B. Welch, Gen'l S. & T., St. Francis, Ark.
- No. 28—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., 15 Dinwiddie st., Portsmouth, Va.
- No. 29—**NEW HAVEN, CONN.**—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., and 3d Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. O. S. Culver, Chief Tel., 170 Grafton st., New Haven, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 95 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 30—Division covers Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. M. M. Farley, Gen'l Chairman, 609 N. Sumner ave., Scranton, Pa.; C. C. Cooper, G. S. & T., 71½ S. Greenbush st., Cortland, N. Y.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Mohler, Gen'l Chairman, Room 812, Star bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; N. S. Morgan, Gen'l S. & T., Room 812, Star bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 519 Woodruff bldg., Springfield, Mo.; M. T. Fullington, Gen'l S. & T., 519 Woodruff bldg., Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. Yeager, Gen'l Chairman, Oakland, Md.; B. C. Lewis, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Williamstown, W. Va.; E. A. Shaffer, Gen'l S. & T., Box 282, Oakland, Md.
- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. H. H. Skiles, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 5, Evansville, Ind.; O. A. Hixon, Gen'l S. & T., 606 Jewel st., Danville, Ill.
- No. 35, **PROVIDENCE, R. I.**—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. A. H. Haddock, Chief Tel., 111 Narragansett st., Edgewood, Cranston, R. I.; D. M. Callis, S. & T., Touisset, Mass.
- No. 37, **NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.**—Meets 2d Friday of each month, 7:30 p. m., in Metropolitan Hall on North ave., near Huguenot st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Geo. E. Woods, Chief Tel., 69 Vernon ave., Long Island City, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1143 Longfellow ave., New York, N. Y.
- No. 38, **SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**—Meets 3d Saturday each month 7 p. m., in Harmony Hall, Myrick bldg., Worthington st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 36 Colton ave., Merrick, Mass.; M. J. Walsh, S. & T., 15 Moseley ave., Merrick, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. R. M. Burr, Gen'l Chairman, Central Lake, Mich.; C. P. Neff, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 334, Lowell, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana and the Hocking Valley Rys. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., St. Albans, W. Va.
- No. 41—Division covers Boston & Maine R. R. Meetings subject to call of Gen'l Chairman or Local Chairman. J. B. Bode, Gen'l Chairman, 50 Tudor st., Chelsea, Mass.; L. P. Clifton, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 41 Morton st., Waltham, Mass.; H. L. Jones, Gen'l S. & T., R. F. D. No. 37, Fremont, N. H.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. J. Hesser, Gen'l Chairman, 364 Wallace place, Elmira, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., 21 Allen st., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Louis F. Muncey, Gen'l Chairman, 27 St. James place, Winnipeg, Man.; G. B. French, Gen'l Chairman, Westlock, Alta.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.
- No. 44, **NEW YORK, N. Y.**—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

- J. S. Thuma, Chief Tel., 26 Franklin st., Jamaica, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 1244 Chestnut st., Richmond Hill, N. Y.
- No. 45—Division covers Central R. R. of New Jersey. Edwin F. Pry, Gen'l Chairman, 918 Center st., East Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Wm. T. Smock, Gen'l S. & T., Wickatunk, N. J.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., 490 Lee st., Route 127, Atlanta, Ga.
- No. 47—Division covers Terminal R. R. Assn. of St. Louis. J. F. Seifert, Gen'l Chairman, 4448 Wyoming st., St. Louis, Mo.; W. B. Richardson, Gen'l S. & T., 823 North 18th st., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railway. Meets subject to call of Chairman. R. L. Palmer, Gen'l Chairman, 95 W. Main st., Jackson, Ohio; D. R. Murray, Gen'l S. & T., Good Hope, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. A. Compton, Gen'l Chairman, Box 171, Denver, Colo.; J. C. Brannan, Gen'l S. & T., 1014 S. Union ave., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Ry. R. B. Morgan, Gen'l Chairman, Dearing, Ga.; J. P. Luckey, Gen'l S. & T., Dearing, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the 4th Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. M. Miller, Gen'l Chairman, 11 First ave., Greenville, Pa.; E. E. Keane, Gen'l S. & T., Box 103, Greenville, Pa.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets Saturday, June 15th, 1918, and each alternating Saturday thereafter at 6:30 p. m., 231-233 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Roberts bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Ward O'Neill, Chief Tel., 1908 Fifth ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.; R. W. Bees, S. & T., 1417 Huron ave., New Castle, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway Pacific System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. T. Cull, Gen'l Chairman, 303-305 Pacific bldg., San Francisco, Cal.; A. E. Leisure, Ass't Gen'l Chairman,
- 622 Euclid ave., Houston, Tex.; A. M. Hammond, Gen'l S. & T., 303-305 Pacific bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; B. E. Nason, Gen'l S. & T., North Branch, Minn.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Rys. Meets 2d Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., Box 246, Navarre, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. G. L. Siebert, Gen'l Chairman, Valdosta, Ga.; F. H. Cason, Gen'l S. & T., Lake City, Fla.
- No. 57—Division covers Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. J. M. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston Springs, Tenn.; T. J. Hale, Gen'l S. & T., 11 Aberdeen Apts., Nashville, Tenn.
- No. 58—Division covers Louisville & Nashville R. R. S. E. Bryant, Gen'l Chairman, 909 17th Ave. So., Nashville, Tenn.; H. Moneypenny, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Guthrie, Ky.
- No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Danville & Western Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, Gen'l S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W., Charlottesville, Va.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., at 811 E st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C.; J. Webb Richman, S. & T., 1424 W st., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System. R. K. Currie, Gen'l Chairman, 3400 Franklin bld., Chicago, Ill.; W. L. Braun, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, G. C. & S. F. Lines, Milano, Texas; J. S. Patton, G. S. & T., 14 Kress bldg., Emporia, Kan.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). J. W. Anderson, Gen'l Chairman, Oakdale, Tenn.; L. C. Higdon, Gen'l S. & T., Battelle, Ala.

No. 63—Division covers A. & W. P. & W. of A. R. R. E. Oates, Gen'l Chairman, 312 Columbus st., Montgomery, Ala.; J. A. Kirkland, G. S. & T., 32 Sabide ave., Newnan, Ga.

No. 64—Division covers Gulf & Ship Island and Miss. Central R. R. R. F. Bass, Gen'l Chairman, Collins, Miss.; H. A. Warren, G. S. & T., Ora, Miss.

No. 65—Kansas City Terminal. Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 8 p. m., Room 304 Curtice Bldg., 813 Walnut, Kansas City, Mo. C. H. Allen, Gen'l Chairman, 2445 Harrison ave., Kansas City, Mo.; W. E. Burel, G. S. & T., 2505 Myrtle ave., Kansas City, Mo.

No. 66—Division covers Indianapolis Union & Belt Railway Companies. Wm. M. Lindley, Gen'l Chairman, 2209 N. Delaware st., Indianapolis, Ind.; E. J. Payne, G. S. & T., 54 Raymond st., Indianapolis, Ind.

No. 67—Division covers Union Terminal of Dallas. F. B. Whitis, Gen'l Chairman, Route No. 8, Box 399, Dallas, Tex.; M. L. Mann, G. S. & T., 583 Melba st., Dallas, Tex.

No. 68—Division covers Lehigh & New England Railroad. C. J. Fehr, Gen'l Chairman, Box 466, Pen Argyle, Pa.; J. R. Cowling, G. S. & T., Wind Gap, Pa.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. O. Peavey, Gen'l Chairman, Meehan Jct., Miss.; E. G. Matthews, Gen'l S. & T., 125 Minerva st., Jackson, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System. O. P. Johnston, Gen'l Chairman, 355 Shubert bldg., St. Paul, Minn.; A. O. Olsen, Gen'l S. & T., 355 Shubert Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukeee, Iowa.

No. 72—Division covers Southern Pacific Ry. Atlantic System. A. E. Laisure, Gen'l Chairman, No. 622 Euclid ave., Houston, Texas; F. W. Bush, Gen'l S. & T., 444 West 18th ave., Houston, Texas.

No. 73, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—A. C. Craighead, Chief Telegrapher, 1013

James bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.; William Hanson, Gen'l S. & T., 1301 Market st., Chattanooga, Tenn.

No. 76—Division covers Chicago & North-Western R. R. System; Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern Ry.; Wyoming & North-Western Ry. Meets subject to call of General or Local Chairmen. E. J. Thomas, Gen'l Chairman, Suite 547-548 Webster bldg., 327 S. LaSalle st., Chicago, Ill.; R. B. Boyington, Gen'l S. & T., Suite 547-548 Webster bldg., 327 S. LaSalle st., Chicago, Ill. Chicago Terminal Levermen meet third Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., 180 West Washington st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo. C. S. Guernsey, Chief Tel., Apt. 16, 2018 Calif. st., Denver, Colo.; F. Eppelsheimer, S. & T., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.

No. 80—Division covers the Gulf, Mobile & Northern Ry. T. R. Craig, Gen'l Chairman, Falkner, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Gen'l S. & T., New Agusta, Miss.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. K. H. Stover, Gen'l Chairman, Beryl, W. Va.; D. O. Martin, Gen'l S. & T., Hampstead, Md.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. A. M. McNair, Gen'l Chairman, East Dover, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. P. Abney, Gen'l Chairman, Longview, Tex.; R. E. Cecil, Gen'l S. & T., Bunkie, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Pilgrim Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. H. J. Bardol, Chief Tel., 2 Maple st., Franklin Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. Gardner Dal

No. 91—Chief Tel., 851 Oakdale ave., Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5532 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. M. P. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, Falls Creek, Pa.; E. H. Eastman, G. S. & T., 582 Wood ave., Du Bois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; L. M. Elliott, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Rolling Forks, Miss.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, Gen'l Chairman, 1941 Thompson ave., Kansas City, Kan.; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Box 220, South St. Paul, Minn.

No. 95, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets on call of Gen'l Chairman. R. Richardson, Chief Tel., Timmins, Ont.; R. Workman, Gen'l Chairman, North Bay, Ont.; T. J. Baker, S. & T., Redwater, Sta., Ont.

No. 96, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher. L. L. Lerch, Chief Tel., Knoxville, Pa.; E. C. Cole, S. & T., Westfield, Pa.

No. 97—Division covers Los Angeles & Salt Lake R. R. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. M. Hearn, Gen'l Chairman, Room 227 O. S. L. Station, Salt Lake City, Utah; W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 324 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.

No. 98—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y.; G. C. Hedges, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Pleasant, N. Y.; L. P. Riley, Gen'l S. & T., Highmount, N. Y.

No. 99—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.

No. 100—Division covers Quebec Ry. Light & Power Co.'s Ry. Meets subject to call

of Chairman. E. Richard, Chairman, 199a Crown st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Gifford, Quebec, Que., Can.

No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in place designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman, Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.

No. 118—Division covers Kanawha & Michigan Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. 4, Gloucester, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 839 South st., Toledo, Ohio.

No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.

No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. J. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Railway System. C. W. Leh, Gen'l Chairman, 39 N. West, Allentown, Pa.; M. M. Crane, Gen'l S. & T., 159 E. North st., Geneva, N. Y.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. Z. Talbot, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. 4, Alexandria, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., 712 Main st., Fredericksburg, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. F. Kay, Gen'l Chairman, Room 1, 304 W. 63d st., Chicago, Ill.; S. P. Ayers, Vice-Chairman, Windsor, Mo.; W. H. Dunnham, Gen'l S. & T., Room 1, 304 W. 63d st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Mont.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T., Calumet, Minn.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. F. Denton, Gen'l Chairman, Sterling, Neb.; E. F. Todd, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Sandwich, Ill.; J. H. Rogers, Gen'l S. & T., 1505 Market st., La Crosse, Wis.

- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—J. E. Marcoux, Chief Tel., Leeds Station, Que.; E. Lafontaine, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 133, GLACE BAY, N. S.—A. Ferguson, Chief Tel., Mira Gut, N. S.; C. H. Dow, S. & T., P. O. Box 4, Bridgeport, N. S.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. C. M. Armstrong, Actg. G. C., Vaughn, N. Mex. E. P. Waples, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4459 Clarence ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. J. Hayes, Gen'l Chairman, Leeds Junction, Me.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Me.
- No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. H. Hepler, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Tex.; R. O. Little, Gen'l S. & T., Sheridan, Tex.
- No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. R. Olson, Gen'l Chairman, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.
- No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. C. Yancey, Gen'l Chairman, Coöledge, Tex.; N. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., Box 493, Teague, Tex.
- No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. G. C. Webster, Gen'l Chairman, Dalhart, Tex.; S. L. Greenwood, G. S. & T., Box 193, Bowie, Tex.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Owen D. Gorman, Gen'l Chairman, Mauk, Ga.; C. A. Pye, Gen'l S. & T., Ideal, Ga.
- No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Miss S. D. Taylor, Gen'l S. & T., care J. H. Williams, Wilson, N. C.
- No. 148—Division covers Lehigh & Hudson River Ry. J. S. Lawrence, Gen'l Chairman, Chester, N. Y.; F. H. Kelley, G. S. & T., Warwick, N. Y.
- No. 150—Division covers Colorado and Southern R. R. Rufus C. Bonney, Gen'l Chairman, Gorham, Colo.; Marcus L. Haines, Gen'l S. & T., 1844 Athens st., Boulder, Colo.
- No. 153—Division covers the Western Pacific Ry. V. W. Breeding, Gen'l Chairman, 770 Eleventh st., Oakland, Cal.; H. B. Marshall, Gen'l S. & T., Pleasant Grove, Cal.
- No. 155, HAMILTON, ONT.—Covers Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Meets 2d Sunday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in L. O. O. F. Hall, Temple bldg., Gore st., Hamilton, Ont. R. P. Nevills, Chief Tel., 221 Robinson st., Hamilton, Ont.; E. D. Armstrong, S. & T., Box 98, Smithville, Ont.
- No. 156, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets in Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass., 3d Thursday each month, day and night alternately commencing with the day meeting in July. Daylight meetings 11 a. m.; night meetings 7 p. m. Robert H. Buxton, Chief Tel., 8 Dresden st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.; F. J. Danseureau, S. & T., 65 Boylston st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.
- No. 157—Division covers the Rutland Ry. H. R. Clarke, Gen'l Chairman, East Dorset, Vt. E. V. Page, Gen'l S. & T., Chatham, N. Y.
- No. 158—Division covers the Panama Ry. A. V. Losea, Gen'l Chairman, Box 17, Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone; P. A. Freehan, Gen'l S. & T., Box 6, Corozal, Canal Zone.
- No. 160—Division covers the Florida East Coast Ry. A. F. Bauer, Gen'l Chairman, 716 Palm ave., Miami, Fla.; L. S. Cody, G. S. & T., Bunnell, Fla.
- No. 161—Division covers the O. W. Ry. and N. Co. J. V. Mitchell, Gen'l Chairman, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore.; O. R. McNabb, G. S. & T., 548½ Kerby st., Portland, Ore.
- No. 163—Division covers the K. C. M. & O. Ry. K. C. Pankhurst, Gen'l Chairman, Schulte, Kans.; D. O. Kennedy, Gen'l S. & T., Clinton, Okla.
- No. 164—Division covers the Ann Arbor R. R. H. J. Werkman, Gen'l Chairman, Box 59, Frankfort, Mich.; E. C. West, Gen'l S. & T., 2238 Erie st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 165—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. J. E. Adams, Gen'l Chairman,

- Ignacio, Calif.; L. E. Green, Gen'l S. & T., Ross, Calif.
- No. 166—Division covers the Gulf Coast Lines, New Iberia & Northern and Houston Belt & Terminal Railroads. Meets Labor Temple, Houston, Tex., subject call of General Chairman, D. E. Young, Gen'l Chairman, Box 836, Eunice, La.; J. H. McLane, G. S. & T., Box "E," La Feria, Tex.
- No. 167—Division covers the Georgia & Florida Ry. R. M. Cason, Gen'l Chairman, Uvalda, Ga.; D. F. Rush, Gen'l S. & T., Hazelhurst, Ga.
- No. 168—Division covers the C. & A. Ry. E. E. Gents, Gen'l Chairman, Braidwood, Ill.; Thos. Riley, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ill.
- No. 171—Division covers Central Vermont Ry. H. J. Gibbs, Gen'l Chairman, Yantic, Conn.; L. J. Mannie, Gen'l S. & T., St. Alexander Sta., Que.
- No. 172—Division covers the Oregon Short Line Ry. R. H. Wagner, Gen'l Chairman, Pocatello, Idaho; S. B. Summers, Gen'l S. & T., Roy, Utah.
- No. 173—Division covers the T. & O. C. and Z. & W. Ry. F. H. Simon, Gen'l Chairman, 302 Georgia ave., Toledo, Ohio; W. T. Cox, Gen'l S. & T., 1061 Palmwood ave., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 174—Division covers the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. T. E. Corbell, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Salina, Okla.; J. F. Ringue, Acting Gen'l S. & T., Strang, Okla.
- No. 175—Division covers the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. A. R. Bean, Gen'l Chairman, Forest City, N. C.; C. G. Taylor, Gen'l S. & T., Box 235, Dante, Va.
- No. 177—Division covers the St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Ry. J. S. McMillan, Gen'l Chairman and Acting G. S. & T., Box 43, Prosper, Tex.; DeWitt Hall, Gen'l S. & T., Bluffdale, Tex.
- No. 178—Division covers Tennessee Central Railroad. O. B. Cleveland, Gen'l Chairman, Lebanon, Tenn.; E. W. Eatherly, Gen'l S. & T., Lebanon, Tenn.
- No. 179—Division covers New Orleans Great Northern R. R. W. H. Carr, Gen'l Chairman, Abita Springs, La.; F. P. Barron, Gen'l S. & T., Angie, La.
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- No. 181—Division covers Kentucky & Indiana Terminal R. R. Geo. E. Diehl, Gen'l Chairman, 1606 Main st., New Albany, Ind.; W. L. Kilcourse, Gen'l S. & T., 1235 South 17th st., Louisville, Ky.
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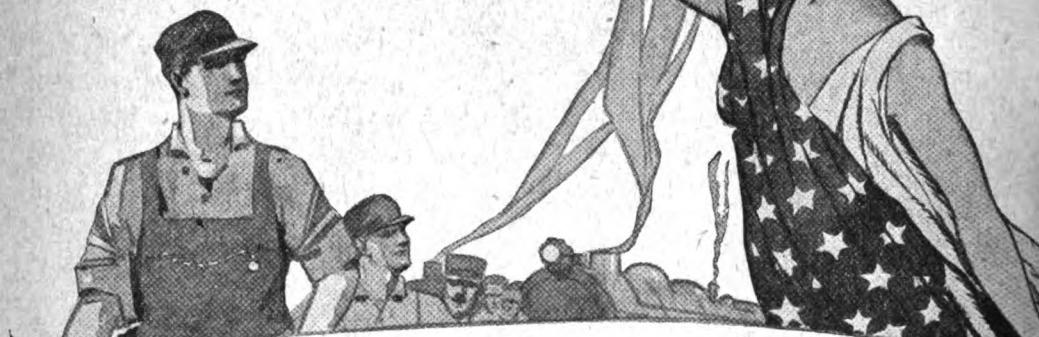
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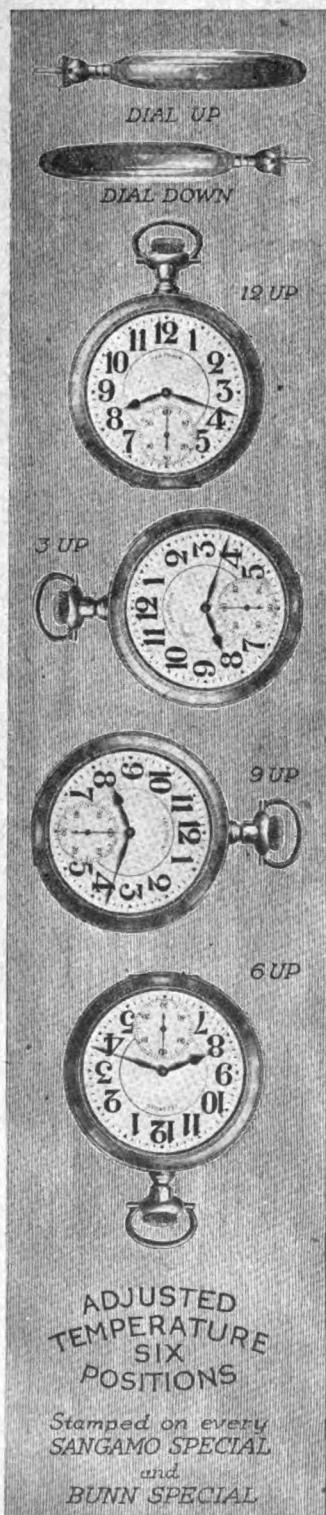
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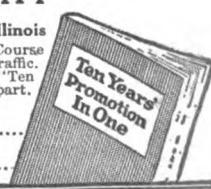
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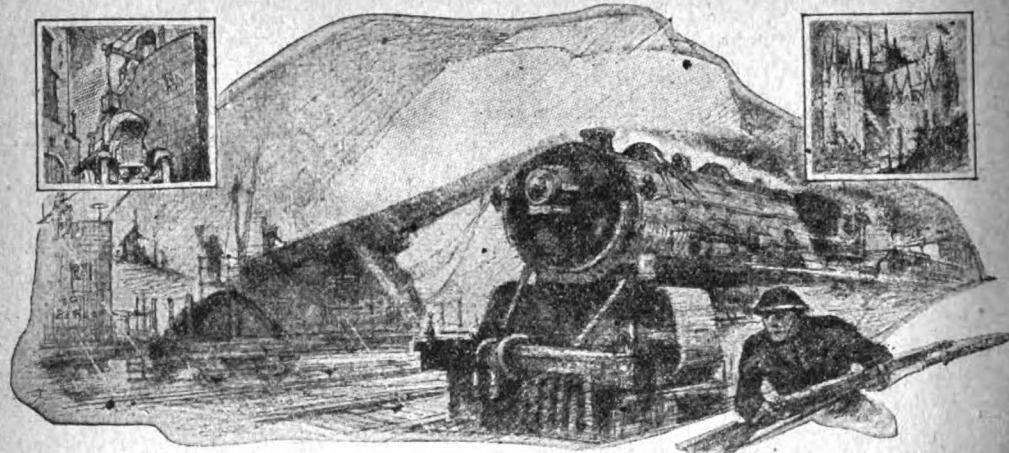
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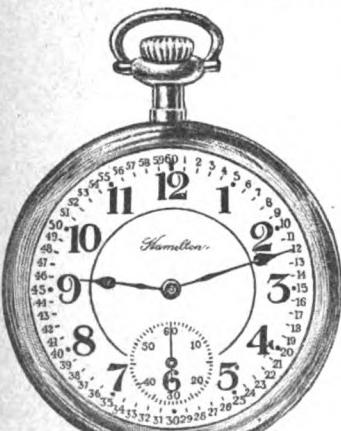
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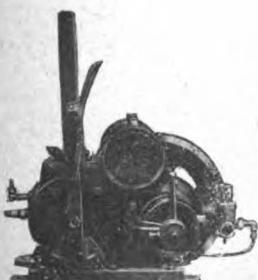
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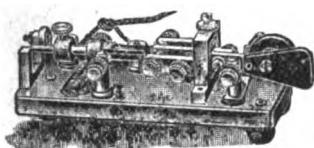
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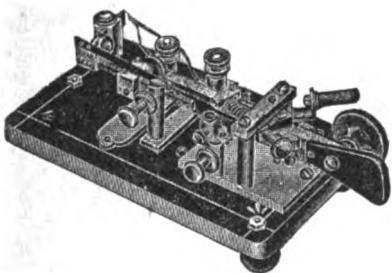
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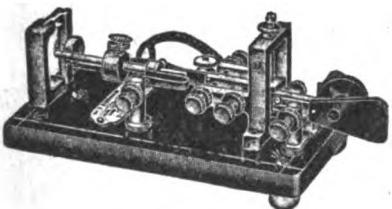
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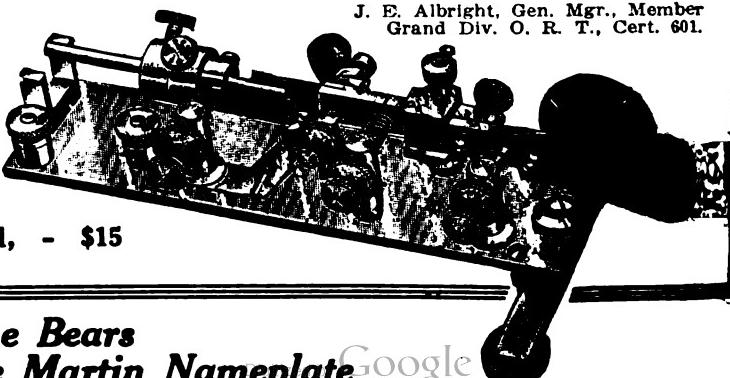
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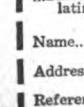
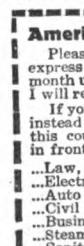
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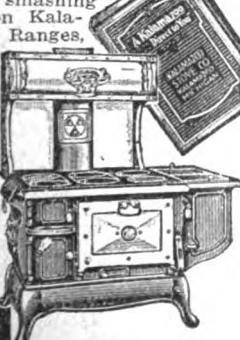
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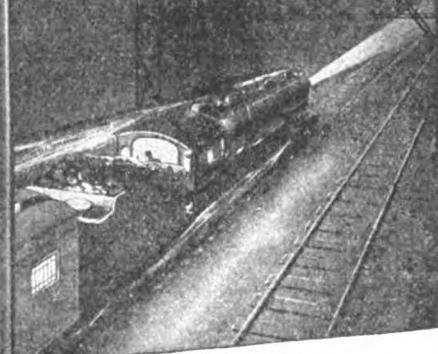
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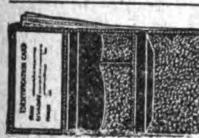
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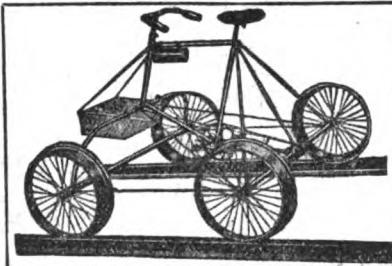
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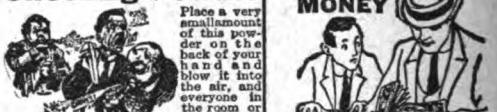
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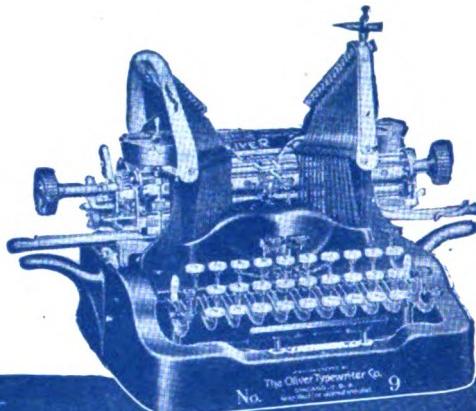
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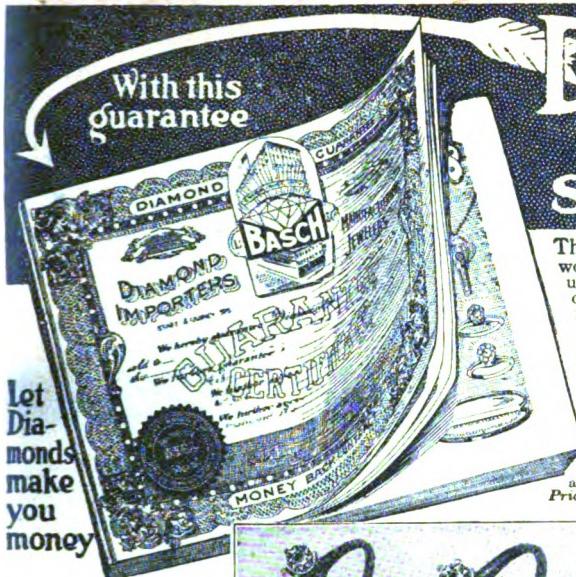
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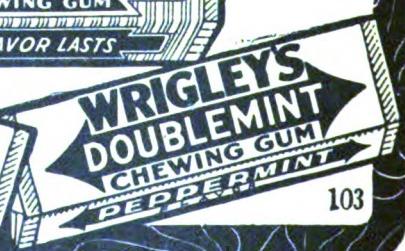
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"I will never forget the words of Charles M. Schwab, the biggest steel manufacturer in the world, who began life as a poor boy at a dollar a day. He said: 'Nothing is so plentiful in America as opportunity. There are more jobs for forceful people than there are forceful people to fill them . . . Captains of industry are not hunting money. America is heavy with it. They are seeking brains—specialized brains—and faithful, loyal service. No one has a corner on success. It is always up at auction; the one who pays the most for it, gets it. Whatever you resolve to be you can be.' Emerson tells us that our most important asset is not what we are, but what we are capable of being.

"But to go on with my story. I was 18 years of age, living in Farmington, Ill., which at that time was a town of 1800 inhabitants. I had no trade, no special training for anything, no idea of what I wanted to be in life—except that I wanted to be a success. I took stock of my surroundings. Here I was, in a town of limited opportunity. I had the choice of working in the mines, the mill, one of the general stores, or possibly the bank, as a life prospect. Frankly, it didn't appeal to me. I shrank at the thought of living a life that so many people go through in small towns. They get a half-way decent living wage and are content with it. Thousands of them die, never to know the great possibilities they had locked up in themselves."

"And so I asked myself what I could do to prepare myself for a successful business career. Shorthand appealed to me as being the logical study to embrace. This was impressed upon my mind from what I had seen others accomplish through it. Three of our former townsmen—men who are today large figures in business in Detroit and Chicago—struck out for themselves in their youth, after learning shorthand, and through their knowledge of this art made a brilliant success in business.

"As one of them explained it to me, you can be a clerk or bookkeeper all your life and never get anywhere to speak of. With a shorthand writer it is different. You come in direct personal contact with the executives of the business—the men who are conducting it. From them you take dictation of the innermost things in that business and gradually absorb everything in connection with it. In this way you fit yourself to take on more and more responsibility, relieving the heads of the business of details with which you are perfectly familiar. Naturally, you become more and more valuable as your capacity to take responsibility grows greater, and in this way work yourself up into the business."

"I asked the advice of a number of older acquaintances whom I knew were shorthand writers, and was encouraged by them to take up its study. The principal drawback seemed to be the time it was necessary to devote to the study in order to become master of its intricacies and a proficient writer. It seemed, however, that this was a necessary evil, and although somewhat discouraged at the prospect, I decided to enroll in the local business college.

"While waiting for the new term to open, I chanced upon an advertisement of a shorthand which claimed as its principal merits, simplicity—no shading or position,

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"And now, as I look back to those days in Farmington when father proposed that I take a job as weigher in the mines, I think of the black prospects I had at that time. And I thank my stars that I had the courage of my convictions to prepare myself for something bigger and better—and Paragon Shorthand was the means of helping me make myself."

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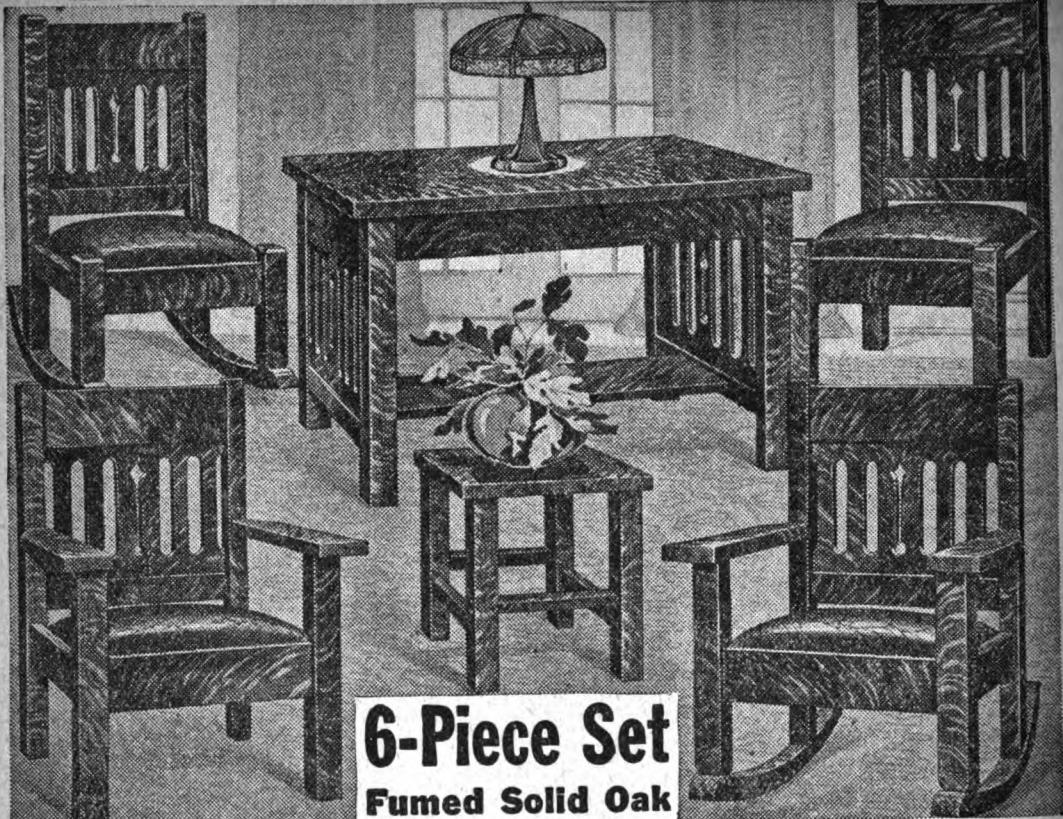
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# The Secret of Being a Convincing Talker

## *How I Learned It in One Evening*

By George Raymond

"HAVE you heard the news about Frank Jordan?"

This question quickly brought me to the little group which had gathered in the center of the office. Jordan and I had started with the Great Eastern Machinery Co., within a month of each other, four years ago. A year ago, Jordan was taken into the accounting division and I was sent out as salesman. Neither of us was blessed with an unusual amount of brilliancy, but we "got by" in our new jobs well enough to hold them.

Imagine my amazement then, when I heard:

"Jordan's just been made Treasurer of the Company!"

I could hardly believe my ears. But there was the "Notice to Employees" on the bulletin board telling about Jordan's good fortune.

Now I knew that Jordan was a capable fellow, quiet, and unassuming, but I never would have picked him for any such sudden rise. I knew, too, that the Treasurer of the Great Eastern had to be a big man, and I wondered how in the world Jordan landed the place.

The first chance I got, I walked into Jordan's new office, and after congratulating him warmly, I asked him to let me "in" on the details of it. He jumped ahead so quickly. His story is so intensely interesting that I am going to repeat it as closely as I remember.

"I'll tell you just how it happened, George, because you may pick up a pointer or two that will help you."

"You remember how scared I used to be whenever I had to talk to the chief? You remember how you used to tell me that every time I opened my mouth I put my foot into it, meaning, of course, that every time I spoke I got into trouble? You remember when Ralph Sinton left to take charge of the Western office and I was asked to present him with the loving cup the boys gave him, how flustered I was and how I couldn't say a word because there were people around? You remember how confused I used to be every time I met new people? I couldn't say what I wanted to say when I wanted to say it; and I determined that if there was any possible chance to learn how to talk I was going to do it."

"The first thing I did was to buy a number of books on public speaking, but they seemed to be meant for those who wanted to become orators, whereas, what I wanted to learn was not only how to speak in public but how to speak to individuals under various conditions in business and social life."

"A few weeks later, just as I was about to give up hope of ever learning how to talk interestingly, I read an announcement stating that Dr. Frederick Houk Law of New York University had just completed a new course in business

talking and public speaking entitled "Mastery of Speech." The Course was offered on approval without money in advance, so since I had nothing whatever to lose by examining the lessons, I sent for them and in a few days they arrived. I glanced through the lessons, reading the headings and a few paragraphs here and there, and in about an hour the whole secret of effective speaking was opened to me.

"For example, I learned why I had always lacked confidence, why talking had always seemed something to be dreaded. There was, it is really the simplest thing in the world to get up and talk. I learned how to secure complete attention to what I was saying and how to make everything I said interesting, forceful and convincing. I learned the art of listening, the value of silence and the power of brevity. Instead of being funny at the wrong time, I learned how and when to use humor with telling effect.

"But perhaps the most wonderful thing about the lessons were the actual examples of what things to say and when to say them to meet every condition. I found that there was a knack in making oral reports to my superiors. I found that there was a right way and a wrong way to present complaints, to give estimates, and to issue orders.

"I picked up some wonderful pointers about how to give my opinions, about how to answer complaints, about how to ask the bank for a loan, about how to ask for extensions. Another thing that struck me forcibly was that instead of antagonizing people when I didn't agree with them, I learned how to bring them around to my way of thinking in the most pleasant sort of way. Then, of course, along with those lessons there were chapters on speaking before large audiences, how to find material for talking and speaking, how to talk to friends, how to talk to servants, and how to talk to children.

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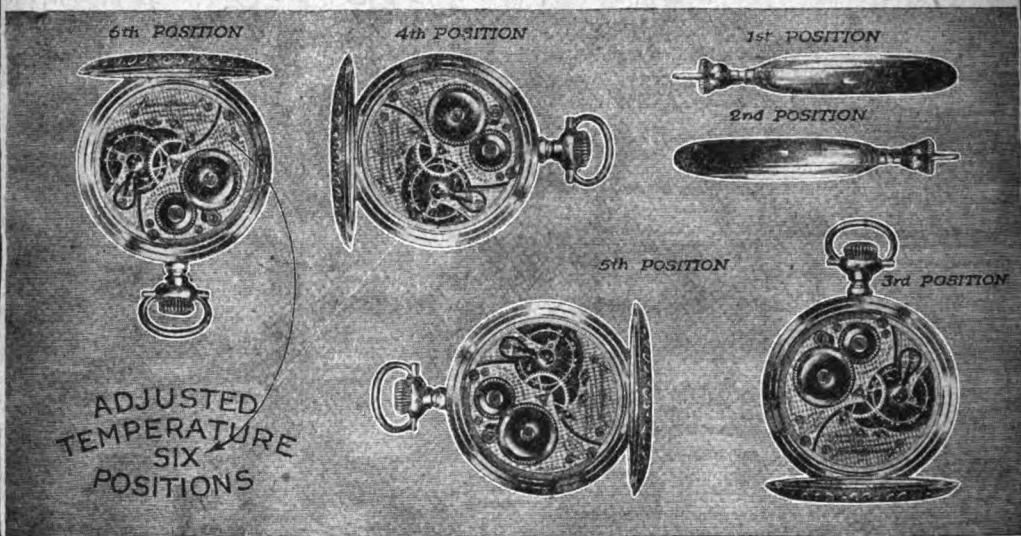
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**H**OW does it feel to earn \$1,000 a week? How does it feel to have earned \$200,000 in four years? How does it feel to be free from money worries? How does it feel to have everything one can want? These are questions I shall answer for the benefit of my reader out of my own personal experience. And I shall try to explain simply and clearly the secret of what my friends call my phenomenal success.

Let me begin four years ago. At that time my wife and I and our two babies were living on my earnings of twenty-five dollars a week. We occupied a tiny flat, wore the simplest clothes, had to be satisfied with the cheapest entertainment—and dreamed sweet dreams of the time when I should be earning fifty dollars a week. That was the limit of my ambition. Indeed, it seemed to be the limit of my possibilities, for I was but an average man, without influential friends, without a liberal education, without a dominating personality, and without money.

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In four years the entire scheme of my life has changed. Instead of living in a two by four flat we occupy our own home, built for us at a cost of over \$60,000. We have three automobiles. Our children go to private schools. We have everything we want, and we want the best of everything. Instead of dreaming of fifty dollars a week I am dreaming in terms of a million dollars—with greater possibility of my dream coming true than my former dream of earning fifty dollars a week.

What brought about this remarkable change? What transformed me almost overnight, from a slow-going, easily-satisfied, average man into a positive, quick-acting, determined individual who admits no defeat, who overcomes every obstacle, and who completely dominates every situation? It all began with a question my wife asked me one evening after reading an article in a magazine about a great engineer who was said to earn a \$50,000 salary.

"How do you suppose it feels to earn \$1,000 a week?" she asked. And without thinking, I replied, "I haven't the slightest idea, my dear, so the only way to find out is to earn it." We both laughed, and soon the question was apparently forgotten.

But that night, and for weeks afterward, the same question and my reply kept popping into my brain. I began to analyze the qualities of the successful men in our town. What is it that enables them to get everything they want? They are not better educated than I—indeed, some are far less intelligent. But they must have possessed some quality that I lacked. Perhaps it was their mental attitude; perhaps they looked at things from an entirely different angle than I. Whatever it was, that "something" was the secret of their success. It was the one thing that placed them head and shoulders above me in money-earning ability. In all other ways we were the same.

Determined to find out what that vital spark of success was, I bought books on every subject that pertained to the mind. I followed one idea after another. But I didn't seem to get anywhere. Finally, when almost discouraged, I came across a copy of "Power of Will." Like a bolt out of a clear sky there flashed in my brain the secret I had been seeking. There was the real, fundamental principle of all success—Power of Will. There was the brain faculty I lacked, and which every successful man possesses.

"Power of Will" was written by Prof. Frank Channing Haddock, a scientist, whose name ranks with such leaders of thought as James, Bergson and Royce. After twenty years of research and study he had completed the most thorough and constructive study of will power ever made. I was astonished to read his statement that "The will is just as susceptible of development as the muscles of the body!" And Dr. Haddock had actually set down the very rules, lessons and exercises by which anyone could develop the will, making it a bigger, stronger force each day, simply through an easy, progressive course of training.

It is almost needless to say that I at once began to practice the exercises formulated by Dr. Haddock. And I need not recount the extraordinary results that I obtained almost from the first day. Shortly after that I took hold of a business that for twelve years had been losing money. I started with \$300 of borrowed capital. During my first year I made \$30,000. My second year paid me \$50,000. My third year netted me \$70,000. Last year, due to increased costs of materials, my profits were only \$50,000, though my volume of business increased. New plans which I am forcing through will bring my profits for the present fiscal year up to \$65,000.

Earning a thousand dollars a week makes me feel secure against want. It gives me the money with which to buy whatever will make my family happy. It enables me to take a chance on an investment that looks good, without worrying about losing money. It frees my mind of financial worries. It has made me healthier, more contented and keener minded. It is the greatest recipe I know for happiness.

Prof. Haddock's lessons, rules and exercises

in will training have recently been compiled and published in book form by the Pelton Publishing Co., of Meriden, Conn. I am authorized to say that any reader who cares to examine the book may do so without sending any money in advance. In other words, if after five days' reading you do not feel that the book is worth \$3, the sum asked, return it and you will owe nothing. When you receive your copy for examination, I suggest that you first read the articles on the law of great thinking; how to develop analytical power; how to perfectly concentrate on any subject; how to guard against errors in thought; how to drive from the mind unwelcome thoughts; how to develop fearlessness; how to use the mind in sickness; how to acquire a dominating personality.

Never before have business men and women needed this help so badly as in these trying times. Hundreds of real and imaginary obstacles confront us every day, and only those who are masters of themselves and who hold their heads up will succeed. "Power of Will" as never before is an absolute necessity—an investment in self-culture which no one can afford to deny himself.

Some few doubters will scoff at the idea of will power being the fountain-head of wealth, position and everything we are striving for. But the great mass of intelligent men and women will at least investigate for themselves by sending for the book at the publisher's risk. I am sure that any book that has done for me—and for thousands of others—what "Power of Will" has done is well worth investigating. It is interesting to note that among the 250,000 owners of "Power of Will" are such prominent men as Supreme Court Justice Parker; Wu Ting Fang, ex-U. S. Chinese Ambassador; Gov. McKelvie, of Nebraska; Assistant Postmaster-General Britt; General Manager Christeson, of Wells-Fargo Express Co.; E. St. Elmo Lewis; Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, and thousands of others. In fact, today "Power of Will" is just as important and as necessary to a man's or woman's equipment for success as a dictionary. To try to succeed without "Power of Will" is like trying to do business without a telephone.

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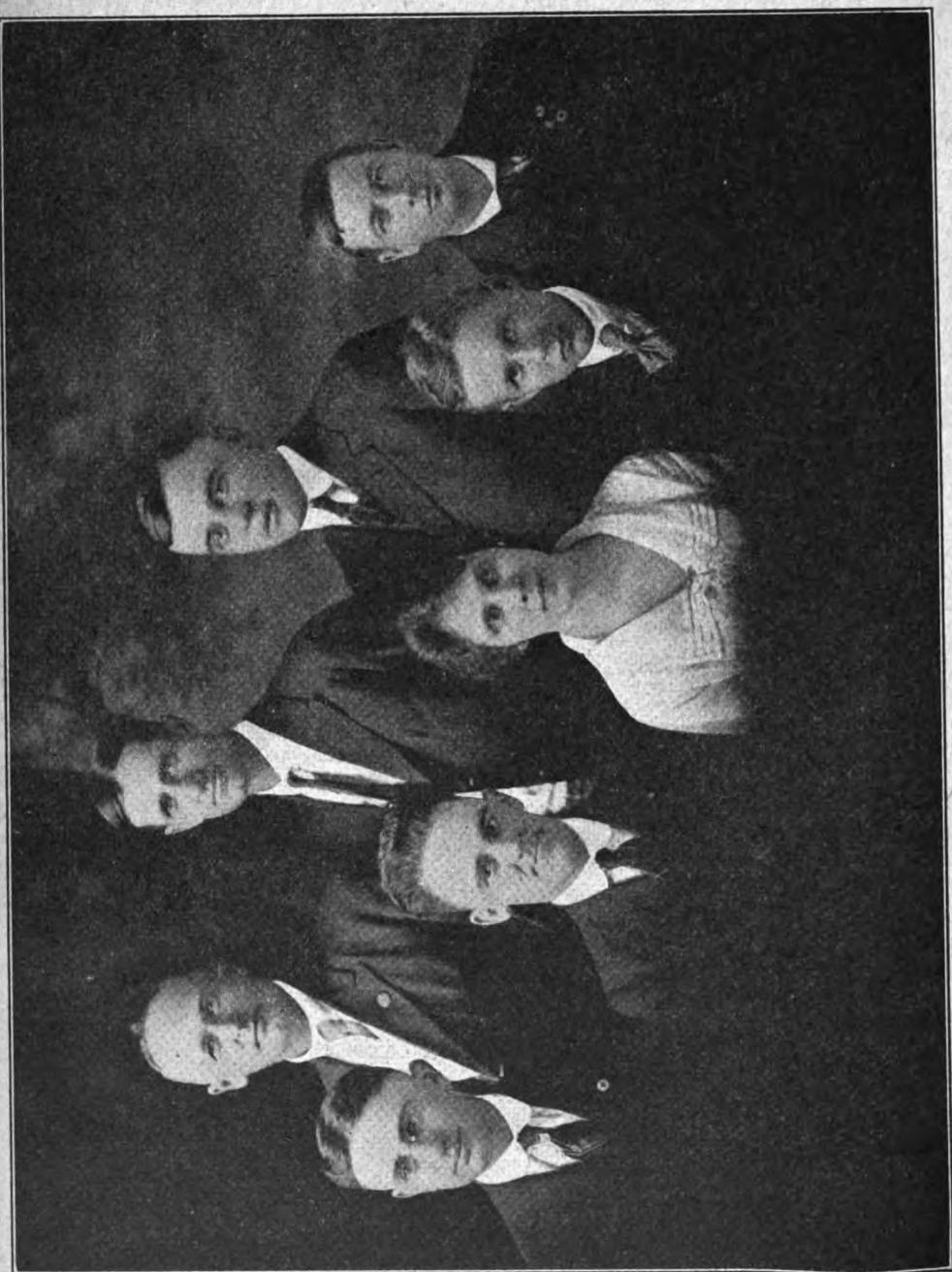
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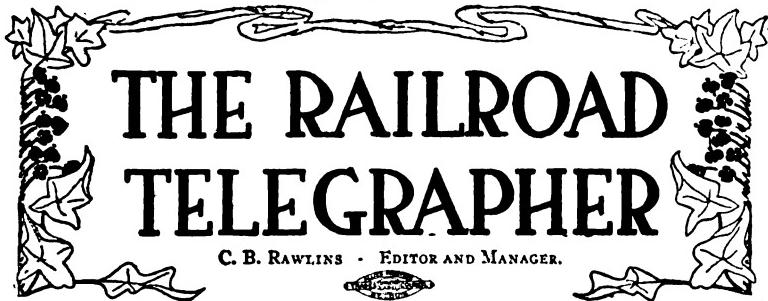
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## EDITOPIAL

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### Labor Faces a New Era

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THE workers of America have learned a great lesson from the war. A better and more friendly feeling exists today among the producers of our nation than has ever previously existed. The problems confronting labor are stupendous, but, with a clear conception of what is just and equitable, the toilers of this mighty country have decided with a firm resolve that justice to them shall prevail, and that good working conditions and wages which permit the wage earner to live in happiness and comfort shall and must be granted. Large corporations who employ many workers evidently understand that the pre-war conditions which existed for the masses will never again be acceptable in America. The unrestrained and willful determination of some of the officers of railroads in their refusal to meet committees who are members of our Order and committees of employes who are members of other organizations so that agreements pertaining to working conditions and wages may be reached between the employes and employers is nothing short of dementia on the part of these so-called fair-minded representatives of industrial autocracy.

The officers of some railroads are not alone in this unwarranted action, for it is the position taken by the Bethlehem Steel Company when it failed to abide by the decision of the National War Labor Board in the matter of wages and working conditions of its employees. Since hostilities have ceased, the Bethlehem Company challenges the power of the Board to enforce its decision regardless of the fact that the evidence submitted indicates that the president of the Bethlehem Company expressed to the Board a willingness to enforce the award.

In an address to the War Emergency and Reconstruction Conference on December 5th, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., said in part:

"The basic facts as to the fundamental relations between the parties in industry are as right, as just and as vital for the common success of the industry of today as in the earlier times.

"Various methods of representation have been adopted, of which perhaps the most conspicuous is the labor union. As regards the organization of labor, it is just as proper and advantageous for labor to associate itself into organized groups for the advancement of its legitimate interests as for capital to combine for the same objects. Such associations of labor manifest themselves in collective bargaining, in an effort to secure better working and living conditions, in providing machinery whereby grievances may easily and without prejudice to the individual be taken up with the management. Sometimes they provide benefit features, sometimes they seek to increase wages, but whatever their specific purpose, so long as it is to promote the well-being of the employes, having always due regard for the just interest of the employer and the public, leaving every worker free to associate himself with such groups or to work independently as he may choose, they are to be encouraged.

"But organization has its danger. Organized capital sometimes conducts itself in an unworthy manner, contrary to law

and in disregard of the interest, both of labor and the public. Such organizations cannot be too strongly condemned or too vigorously dealt with. Although they are the exception, such publicity is generally given to their unsocial acts that all organizations of capital, however rightly managed of broadly beneficent, are thereby brought under suspicion. Likewise it sometimes happens that organizations of labor are conducted without just regard for the rights of the employer or the public and methods and practices adopted which, because unworthy or unlawful, are deserving of public censure. Such organizations of labor bring discredit and suspicion upon other organizations which are legitimate and useful, just as is the case with improper organizations of capital, and they should be similarly dealt with. We should not, however, allow the occasional failure in the working of the principle of the organization of labor to prejudice us against the principle itself, for the principle is fundamentally sound.

"I believe that labor and capital are partners, not enemies; that their interests are common interests, not opposed, and that neither can attain the fullest measure of prosperity at the expense of the other, but only in association with the other.

"I believe that the community is an essential party to industry, and that it should have adequate representation with the other parties.

"I believe that the purpose of industry is quite as much to advance social well-being as material well-being and that in the pursuit of that purpose the interests of the community should be carefully considered, the well-being of the employes as respects living and working conditions should be fully guarded, management should be adequately recognized and capital should be justly compensated, and that failure in any of these particulars means loss to all four.

"I believe that every man is entitled to an opportunity to earn a living, to fair wages, to reasonable hours of work and proper working conditions; to a

decent home, to the opportunity to play, to learn, to worship and to love, as well as to toil, and that the responsibility rests as heavily upon industry as upon government or society, to see that these conditions and opportunities prevail."

The excerpts taken from the address, enunciated by one of the reputed owners of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, when the Ludlow massacre was committed and through the holdings of Standard Oil, one of the largest employers of labor, indicates that capital was beginning to recognize the right of the man who by his labor moves the commerce of the world. However, the antagonistic and avaricious methods practiced by officers of some of our large industrial corporations and railroads do not indicate that the benign change labor has expected and is entitled to has taken place. Therefore let each worker bear in mind that the words of Longfellow:

"In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of life,  
Be not like dumb, driven cattle,  
Be a hero in the strife,"  
should be adhered to.

The American Federation of Labor has adopted the following reconstruction program:

#### DEMOCRACY IN INDUSTRY.

Two codes of rules and regulations affect the workers; the law upon the statute books, and the rules within industry.

The first determines their relationship as citizens to all other citizens and to property.

The second largely determines the relationship of employer and employee, the terms of employment, the conditions of labor, and the rules and regulations affecting the workers as employees. The first is secured through the application of the methods of democracy in the enactment of legislation, and is based upon the principle that the laws which govern a free people should exist only with their consent.

The second, except where effective trade unionism exists, is established by the

*arbitrary or autocratic whim, desire or opinion of the employer and is based upon the principle that industry and commerce cannot be successfully conducted unless the employer exercises the unquestioned right to establish such rules, regulations and provisions affecting the employes as self-interest prompts. \* \* \**

It is as inconceivable that the workers as free citizens should remain under autocratically made law within industry and commerce as it is that the nation could remain a democracy while certain individuals or groups exercise autocratic powers.

It is, therefore, essential that the workers everywhere should insist upon their right to organize into trade unions, and that effective legislation should be enacted which would make it a criminal offense for any employer to interfere with or hamper the exercise of this right or to interfere with the legitimate activities of trade unions.

#### Unemployment.

Political economy of the old school, conceived by doctrinaires, was based upon unsound and false doctrines, and has since been used to blindfold, deceive and defeat the workers' demands for adequate wages, better living and working conditions, and a just share of the fruits of their labor.

We hold strictly to the trade union philosophy and its developed political economy based upon demonstrated facts.

Unemployment is due to underconsumption. Underconsumption is caused by low or insufficient wages.

Just wages will prevent industrial stagnation and lessen periodical unemployment. \* \* \*

There is no basis in fact for the claim that the so-called law of supply and demand is natural in its operations and impossible of control or regulation.

*The trade union movement has maintained standards, wages, hours and life in periods of industrial depression and idleness. These in themselves are a refutation of the declared immutability of the law of supply and demand. \* \* \**

**Wages.**

*There are no means whereby the workers can obtain and maintain fair wages except through trade union effort. Therefore, economic organization is paramount to all their other activities.*

Organization of the workers leads to better wages, fewer working hours, improved working conditions; it develops independence, manhood and character; it fosters tolerance and real justice and makes for a constantly growing better economic, social and political life for the burden-bearing masses. \* \* \*

The workers of the nation demand a living wage for all wage-earners, skilled or unskilled—a wage which will enable the worker and his family to live in health and comfort, provide a competence for illness and old age, and afford to all the opportunity of cultivating the best that is within mankind.

**Hours of Labor.**

Reasonable hours of labor promote the economic and social well-being of the toiling masses. Their attainment should be one of labor's principal and essential activities. \* \* \*

The right of labor to fix its hours of work must not be abrogated, abridged or interfered with.

The day's working time should be limited to not more than eight hours, with overtime prohibited, except under the most extraordinary emergencies. The week's working time should be limited to not more than five and one-half days.

**Women as Wage-Earners.**

Women should receive the same pay as men for equal work performed. Women workers must not be permitted to perform tasks disproportionate to their physical strength or which tend to impair their potential motherhood and prevent the continuation of a nation of strong, healthy, sturdy and intelligent men and women.

**Child Labor.**

The children constitute the nation's most valuable asset. The full responsibility of the government should be recognized by such measures as will protect

the health of every child at birth and during its immature years.

It must be one of the chief functions of the nation through effective legislation to put an immediate end to the exploitation of children under sixteen years of age. \* \* \*

*Exploitation of child life for private gain must not be permitted.*

**Status of Public Employes.**

The fixing of wages, hours and conditions of labor for public employes by legislation hampers the necessary exercise of organization and collective bargaining.

Public employes must not be denied the right of organization, free activities and collective bargaining and must not be limited in the exercise of their rights as citizens.

**Co-Operation.**

To attain the greatest possible development of civilization, it is essential, among other things, that the people should never delegate to others those activities and responsibilities which they are capable of assuming for themselves. Democracy can function best with the least interference by the state compatible with due protection to the rights of all citizens.

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**The People's Final Voice in Legislation.**

It is manifestly evident that a people are not self-governing unless they enjoy the unquestioned power to determine the form and substance of the laws which shall govern them. Self-government cannot adequately function if there exists within the nation a superior power or authority which can finally determine what legislation enacted by the people, or their duly elected representatives, shall be placed upon the statute books and what shall be declared null and void.

*An insuperable obstacle to self-government in the United States exists in the power which has been gradually assumed by the Supreme Courts of the Federal and State governments, to declare legislation null and void upon the ground that, in the court's opinion, it is unconstitutional.*

It is essential that the people, acting

directly or through Congress or state legislatures, should have final authority in determining which laws shall be enacted.

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#### **Political Policy.**

The disastrous experience of organized labor in America with political parties of its own, amply justified the American Federation of Labor's non-partisan political policy. The results secured by labor parties in other countries never have been such as to warrant any deviation from this position. The rules and regulations of trade unionism should not be extended so that the action of a majority could force a minority to vote for or give financial support to any political candidate or party to whom they are opposed. Trade union activities cannot receive the undivided attention of members and officers if the exigencies, burdens and responsibilities of a political party are bound up with their economic and industrial organizations.

The experiences and results attained through the non-partisan political policy of the American Federation of Labor cover a generation. They indicate that through its application the workers of America have secured a much larger measure of fundamental legislation, establishing their rights, safeguarding their interests, protecting their welfare and opening the doors of opportunity than have been secured by the workers of any other country. \* \* \*

#### **Government Ownership.**

Public and semi-public utilities should be owned, operated or regulated by the government in the interest of the public.

*Whatever final disposition shall be made of the railways of the country in ownership, management or regulation, we insist upon the right of the workers to organize for their common and mutual protection and the full exercise of the normal activities which come with organization. Any attempt at the denial by governmental authority of the rights of the workers to organize, to petition, to representation and to collective bargaining, or the denial of the exercise of their*

*political rights is repugnant to the fundamental principles of free citizenship in a republic and is destructive of their best interest and welfare.*

The government should own and operate all wharves and docks connected with public harbors which are used for commerce or transportation.

The American Merchant Marine should be encouraged and developed under governmental control and so manned as to insure successful operation and protect in full the beneficent laws now on the statute books for the rights and welfare of seamen. The seamen must be accorded the same rights and privileges rightfully exercised by the workers in all other employments, public and private. \* \* \*

#### **Freedom of Expression and Association.**

The very life and perpetuity of free and democratic institutions are dependent upon freedom of speech, of the press and of assemblage and association. We insist that all restrictions of freedom of speech, press, public assembly, association and travel be completely removed, individuals and groups being responsible for their utterances. These fundamental rights must be set out with clearness and must not be denied or abridged in any manner.

#### **Workmen's Compensation.**

Workmen's compensation laws should be amended to provide more adequately for those incapacitated by industrial accidents or occupational diseases. To assure that the insurance fund derived from commerce and industry will be paid in full to injured workers, state insurance must supplant, and prohibit the existence of, employers' liability insurance operated for profit.

#### **Immigration.**

Americanization of those coming from foreign lands, as well as our standards of education and living, are vitally affected by the volume and character of the immigration.

It is essential that additional legislation regulating immigration should be enacted based upon two fundamental propositions, namely, that the flow of immigration must not at any time exceed

the nation's ability to assimilate and Americanize the foreigners coming to our shores, and that at no time shall immigration be permitted when there exists an abnormal degree of unemployment.

By reason of existing conditions we urge that immigration into the United States should be prohibited for a period of at least two years after peace has been declared. \* \* \*

#### **Education.**

It is impossible to estimate the influence of education upon the world's civilization. Education must not stifle thought and inquiry, but must awaken the mind concerning the application of natural laws and to a conception of independence and progress. \* \* \*

To elevate and advance the interests of the teaching profession and to promote popular and democratic education, the right of the teachers to organize and to affiliate with the movement of the organized workers must be recognized.

#### **Private Employment Agencies.**

Essentials in industry and commerce are employee and employer, labor and capital. No one questions the right of organized capital to supply capital to employers. No one should question the right of organized labor to furnish workers. Private employment agencies abridge this right of organized labor. \* \* \*

Private employment agencies operated for profit should not be permitted to exist.

#### **Housing.**

Child life, the worker's physical condition and public health demand that the wage-earner and his family shall be given a full opportunity to live under wholesome conditions. It is not only necessary that there shall be sanitary and appropriate houses to live in, but that a sufficient number of dwellings shall be available to free the people from high rents and overcrowding.

The ownership of homes, free from the grasp of exploitive and speculative interests, will make far more efficient workers, more contented families, and better citizens. The government should, therefore, inaugurate a plan to build model

homes and establish a system of credits whereby the workers may borrow money at a low rate of interest and under favorable terms to build their own homes.  
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If need should arise to expend public funds to relieve unemployment the building of wholesome houses would best serve the public interests.

#### **Militarism.**

The trade union movement is unalterably and emphatically opposed to "militarism" or a large standing army. "Militarism" is a system fostered and developed by tyrants in the hope of supporting their arbitrary authority. It is utilized by those whose selfish ambitions for power and worldly glory lead them to invade and subdue other peoples and nations, to destroy their liberties, to acquire their wealth and to fasten the yoke of bondage upon them. The trade union movement is convinced by the experience of mankind that "militarism" brutalizes those influenced by the spirit of the institution. The finer elements of humanity are strangled. Under "militarism" a deceptive patriotism is established in the people's minds, where men believe that there is nobility of spirit and heroism in dying for the glory of a dynasty or the maintenance of institutions which are inimical to human progress and democracy. \* \* \*

#### **Soldiers and Sailors.**

Soldiers and sailors, those who entered the service in the nation's defense, are entitled to the generous reward of a grateful republic.

The necessities of war called upon millions of workmen to leave their positions in industry and commerce to defend, upon the battle fields, the nation's safety and its free institutions. These defenders are now returning. It is advisable that they should be discharged from military service at the earliest possible moment; that as civilians they may return to their respective homes and families and take up their peace-time pursuits. The nation stands morally obligated to assist them in securing employment.  
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**Conclusion.**

No element in our nation is more vitally concerned with the problems of making for a permanent peace between all nations than the working people. The opportunities now before us are without precedent. It is of paramount importance that Labor shall be free and unhampered in shaping the principles and agencies affecting the wage-earners' condition of life and work.

By the light that has been given to it the American Federation of Labor has attracted to its fold over three millions of wage-earners, and its sphere of influence and helpfulness is growing by leaps and bounds. By having followed safe and sound fundamental principles and policies, founded on freedom, justice and democracy, the American trade union movement has achieved successes of an inestimable value to the masses of toilers of our country.

The American Federation of Labor has attained its present position of dignity and splendid influence because of its adherence to one common cause and purpose; that purpose is to protect the rights and interests of the masses of the work-

ers and to secure for them a better and a brighter day." \* \* \*

The powerful voice of Labor is speaking at the Peace Conference—it is enunciating through reconstruction programs of Labor Unions in all civilized countries that Labor must no longer be denied the legitimate and ultimate goal we have been striving to reach for years. In the words of the world-famous leader of American Labor, Mr. Samuel Gompers, we can truthfully say "we are about to reap the harvest of what we have sowed." The editor appreciates the thought that permeates the minds of the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers that every railroad in America where our class is organized, they shall have an agreement covering conditions of employment and wages, duly executed by both the representatives of the employes and the representatives of the railroad. It has taken perseverance and arduous toil on the part of all members of the Order to complete the organization of our craft. However, the 70,000 members we have at the present time form a concrete body with a set purpose and sufficient power to assert that justice shall be meted to the railroad employes represented by the Order.

## Decisions on Questions Submitted to the United States Railroad Administration

The following questions and decisions thereon have been handed down by the Railroad Administration, and in order to keep our members acquainted with such rulings it is the intention of the Editor to reproduce in these columns such interpretations as concern them in the future:

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### UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, December 17, 1918.

### INTERPRETATION No. 7 TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.

#### CLAIM OF EMPLOYEE.

Prior to March 1, 1918, the claimant was employed as assistant passenger and ticket agent at a salary of \$80.00 per month. His duties consisted of selling tickets, soliciting passenger business and acting as telegraph operator.

On March 1, 1918, the position of assistant being closed, the employee claims that he was officially checked in as city passenger and ticket agent by the company's traveling auditor, increasing his duties due to the fact that he had to handle both positions.

The employee claims that he understood from telephone conversation

with the assistant passenger agent that he would be checked in temporarily, as it had not been definitely decided who would be appointed to the position. The employe served in this capacity from March 1, 1918, until May 1, 1918, at which time consolidation of certain ticket offices made it necessary for him to go to the consolidated ticket offices.

The claim of the employe is that he did not receive the salary of the city passenger ticket agent, which was \$120.00 per month, which rate under General Order No. 27 would have been advanced to \$131.75 and that he was only paid his salary that he was receiving as assistant.

He further claims that if he had been paid the salary of the city passenger ticket agent for the time served in that capacity, he would have been transferred to the consolidated ticket office at the same rate, as this was the practice followed in transferring other employes to the consolidated ticket offices.

In other words, the employe claims that his present rate of pay should be \$131.75 per month instead of \$112.70, which rate was applied in accordance with General Order No. 27 to the position which formerly paid \$80.00 per month.

#### CLAIM OF COMPANY.

The railroad company claims that the employe was assigned to the position of city passenger and ticket agent temporarily, and that they did not consider that he was entitled to an increase based upon the rate formerly paid this position.

The question for interpretation is:

In view of the fact that the employe was performing the work of city passenger and ticket agent and not receiving the rate applied to this position, should his rate under the provisions of General Order No. 27 be based on the rate formerly paid to the position he was filling?

#### DECISION.

The claimant was from March 1, 1918, until the date of the consolidation of the ticket offices, May 1, 1918, in charge of the office and performed the duties of city ticket agent, and is therefore entitled to the rate paid that position plus increase in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 27.

W. G. McADOO,  
Director General of Railroads.

#### UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, D. C., January 22, 1919.

**INTERPRETATION No. 9 RELATING TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.  
SUPPLEMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS AFFECTED.**

#### QUESTION.

If an employe covered by the provisions of General Order No. 27 and subsequent wage orders issued by the Director General in connection therewith, whose salary is two hundred fifty (250) dollars or less per month, is required to work overtime, and in a given month his total wage, including overtime, amounts to more than two hundred fifty (250) dollars, is it the intention to restrict his earnings per month to two hundred fifty (250) dollars?

## DECISION.

Overtime is not to be considered as salary.

WALKER D. HINES,  
Director General of Railroads.

## UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, D. C., January 10, 1919.

INTERPRETATION No. 1 TO SUPPLEMENT No. 13  
TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.

## QUESTION.

Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27, issued under date of November 16th, superseding General Order No. 27, effective October 1, 1918—Should back pay be adjusted for employes who left the service prior to November 16, 1918?

## DECISION.

Employes leaving the service between October 1, 1918, and December 28, 1918, should properly have back pay accruing between those dates adjusted to comply with the requirements of Supplement No. 13.

WALKER D. HINES,  
Director General of Railroads.

## UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

W. G. McAdoo, Director General.

## RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3.

702 Southern Railway Bldg., 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C.

## QUESTION.

Should increase in salary under General Order No. 27, to position held by general agent at Biddeford, Maine, be computed on a daily or monthly basis?

## EMPLOYEE'S POSITION.

That the rate under General Order No. 27 should be \$4.72 per day, or \$33.04 per week of 7 days; otherwise this position does not receive the same benefits as other positions in the Telegraphers' Agreement, which paid \$3.50 per day, or \$24.50 per week of 7 days in December, 1915, and under General Order No. 27 pays \$4.77 per day or \$33.39 per week of seven days. Practically all positions covered by Telegraphers' Agreement are paid on a daily basis and we feel the few that are not on a daily basis should be treated the same as if they were on that basis in 1915. Furthermore, the Boston & Maine does not pay this class of employees monthly, but once a week, and General Order No. 27 provides no table of weekly rates.

## RAILROAD'S POSITION.

That the rate of the general agent at Biddeford in December, 1915, was \$105.00 per month, and that although on account of the weekly payment laws the Boston & Maine Railroad pays employes of this class each week, the basis is nevertheless a monthly basis and that therefore under Article 2, Section B of General Order No. 27, \$105.00 per month becomes \$136.00 per month, or \$31.26 per week.

## DECISION.

The Board is clearly of the opinion from the evidence submitted that the general agent at Biddeford, Maine, was being paid on a daily basis.

Reference is had to the general manager's letter of December 2, 1918, to the effect that on August 26, 1916, this position was raised 20c per day, and on September 29, 1917, 35c per day. Also the almost exclusive practice in vogue of paying employees in this department on the Boston & Maine Railroad on a daily basis.

The rate of pay of the general agent at Biddeford, Maine, from January 1, 1918, is governed by the provisions of Section B, Article II, General Order No. 27.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,  
Washington, D. C., January 8, 1919.

.....Chairman.

## Decisions Respecting Request for Interpretations

In the January issue was printed a request for interpretations of Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27, filed by certain general chairmen who were then in Washington. For the information of all concerned we publish the decision which is as follows:

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

W. G. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads.

Washington, January 18, 1919.

Mr. H. B. Perham, President,  
Order of Railroad Telegraphers,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 13, addressed to Director Carter of the Division of Labor, requesting an interpretation of Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27, as covered by communication of Mr. L. M. Eddy, chairman Committee of General Chairmen, O. R. T., to Mr. Carter, under date of December 12:

Your letter and copy of Mr. Eddy's statement were referred to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions, under the provisions of Supplement No. 6-A to General Order No. 27, and under date of January 10, I am advised by Chairman Gaines, of that Board, that in the opinion of the Board, questions referred to are covered by Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

Yours truly,

H. H. REED,  
Special Assistant to Director.

## Some Wage Comparisons

For those who are interested in figures and comparisons, the following tabulation is a close calculation on the application of Supplements Nos. 4 and 13, using the minimum basis of 68 cents per hour applicable to various classes. A little study will clear up a subject that seems very generally to have been misapprehended:

**Comparison of Earnings of Telegraph Operators Under Supplement No. 13 With Earnings of Car Inspectors Formerly on a Monthly Basis.**

	Oper.	Insp.	Oper.	Insp.	Oper.	Insp.	Oper.	Insp.	Oper.	Insp.	Oper.	Insp.	
	\$70.00		\$80.00		\$90.00		\$100.00		\$110.00		\$125.00		\$135.00
Equivalent hourly rate, Jan. 1, 1918, prior to G. O. No. 27 . . . . .	\$0.3431	\$0.2333	\$0.392	\$0.2667	\$0.4412	\$0.30	\$0.4902	\$0.3333	\$0.5392	\$0.3667	\$0.6127	\$0.4167	\$0.6618
Hourly rates in accordance with Supplements Nos. 4 and 13 . . . . .	.4950	.58	.5425	.58	.5925	.58	.6425	.58	.69	.58	.7650	.58	.8125
Monthly earnings— 8 hours—26 days . . . . .	102.96	120.64	112.84	120.64	123.24	120.64	133.64	120.64	143.52	120.64	159.12	120.64	169.00
8 hours—30 days . . . . .	118.80	148.48	130.20	148.48	142.20	148.48	154.20	148.48	165.60	148.48	183.60	148.48	195.00
10 hours—30 days . . . . .	163.35	200.68	179.03	200.68	195.52	200.68	212.02	200.68	227.70	200.68	252.45	200.68	268.13

NOTE—The rates shown at top of statement represent rates existing January 1, 1918, prior to General Order No. 27 for 10 hours per day, 30 days per month.

## Government Possession and Control of Railroads

Many editorials and articles are appearing in the daily press regarding the Government operation of railroads, and the misinformed, no doubt, will soon believe that the Government is committing suicide in retaining possession of the transportation system of our nation unless some effort is made to offset this clever propaganda, which is evidently inspired by those who are using the "watchful waiting" policy for the railroads to be returned to private control. The following statement which was recently issued by the Director General indicates that some of the wild statements emanating from insidious sources with respect to the financial peril the Government faces if the railroads are not returned to private control are ingenious and intended to cloud the issue:

"In view of the constant discussion of the railroad problem, which naturally is now going on because of the pendency of the issue before the Congress, and since a great deal of stress is being laid upon the financial condition of the carriers under Federal control, it should be helpful to comprehend some outstanding facts regarding the so-called "revolving fund" of \$500,000,000 appropriated by Congress in the Federal Control Act for certain specified purposes.

"It is important to understand that the mere fact of taking over the railroads as going concerns involved the temporary absorption of about \$340,000,000 of the Government's money, and that if the operation of the railroads for the year 1918 had not involved any loss whatever it would still be true that about \$350,000,000 of the revolving fund would be thus absorbed all during the period of Federal control.

"On any given date a large amount of cash is in the hands of railroad conductors and railroad freight and ticket agents throughout the country. On the date the Government took possession of the railroads this amount was about \$140,-

000,000. This was, of course, credited to the railroad corporations and in settlement with them for the first year the Government has to pay that amount in addition to the rental. Of course, at the end of Government control the railroad companies will pay back to the Government whatever amount (probably the same or more) may then likewise be in the hands of conductors and agents.

"It is also true that approximately \$200,000,000 of working cash capital has to be kept on hand at all times in the hands of the Federal treasuries of the United States Railroad Administration and in the hands of the Central Administration. Since the operating expenses average perhaps \$325,000,000 per month, this working cash capital of \$200,000,000 is relatively small. Nevertheless it absorbs for the time being that much of the resources of the Railroad Administration. At the end of Federal control this cash will be released and will come back to the Government; for the time being it is tied up in the conduct of the business in exactly the same way that the working cash capital is tied up in any other business.

"The result is that in making the first year's settlement with the railroad companies, the Railroad Administration will have to use \$340,000,000, which in the last analysis must come out of the revolving fund and to that extent the use of the revolving fund represents no suggestion of loss, but purely an inevitable absorption of cash for the time being.

"It must also be remembered that it has been the policy of the Government that the Railroad Administration shall finance temporarily a large part of the permanent improvements which have been made and which still must be made by the railroads during Federal control. The amount required for these purposes promises to be several hundred million dollars, which, likewise, will ultimately be returned to the Government. It is evi-

dent, therefore, that the absorption of the original \$500,000,000 appropriation and the making of a very large additional appropriation will be needed for these essential purposes entirely apart from any question of losses which were incurred in operation during the war conditions which confronted the railroads in the first year of Government control."

The Government control of railroads is a tremendous question, and the editor be-

lieves it should be given most careful and serious consideration before any final decision is reached.

The transportation system of our country is so well interwoven into the daily life of millions of our people, that we are of the opinion the recommendation made by Director General McAdoo for a five-year plan is reasonable and should be acceptable to all.

## Employment for Returning Soldiers

The keynote of the task now resting on the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor is expressed in the following words of Secretary W. B. Wilson:

"The country now faces the obligation to return to suitable employment those whom, under the stress of war, it has induced to enter its service in the field or in the factory. Upon the manner in which that obligation will be fulfilled depends in a very large measure the well-being of the people for many years to come, as well as the vindication of those principles of justice which animated us in the pursuits of war."

Its present program is therefore especially directed toward shifting men and women from war industries to peace industries and in assisting discharged soldiers, sailors and civilian war workers to find employment. The industrial readjustment can be accelerated and unemployed and consequent suffering vastly diminished if employers and workers throughout the country use, and co-operate with, the United States Employment Service.

It would be the greatest pity in the world if, instead of co-operating with the Government, the workers on one hand should start a stampede from war to peace work, or the employers on the other hand should consider only their own selfish interests and hire and fire at will. We have to work together for the common good in this country if we are

to get any of the benefits of the great victory.

Men and women now engaged in war work need not fear that there will not be enough peace jobs to go around when the time comes, so long as they do not desert their present work in droves before the work of peace is ready for them. It is believed generally that economic and industrial conditions are going to be very satisfactory. There ought not to be any widespread unemployment.

The greatest danger seems to lie in the immediate future. In order to assist the Government in keeping labor conditions stable, it is urged that employes make all possible use of the U. S. Employment Service. Its offices are established in all the larger cities of the country. They are in existence to serve the needs of everyone. Call upon them for advice and assistance whenever occasion arises. By so doing you will strengthen the industrial condition of the entire country.

Besides guiding the transfer of civilian workers from war to peace industries, the U. S. Employment Service must help discharged soldiers to get work. To this end it has taken steps to set up everywhere central Bureaus for Returning Soldiers, Sailors and War Workers with the co-operating management in each community of all organizations ready to help. At each such bureau it is proposed to center all information as to positions available; to pool the opportunities, so

that individual soldiers and every society, labor union, or other organizations may utilize the whole field of community opportunities for work. Through its inter-community and interstate clearance system and uniform records the United States Employment Service can make surplus of jobs in one place available for men applying where work is lacking.

The whole national system of local councils of defense has undertaken to assist and supplement the work of 1,500 community labor boards set up as a war measure by the United States Employment Service in effecting such community co-operation. Promises of assistance from such great national organizations as the American Federation of Labor, Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., National Catholic War Board, and the Jewish Welfare Board, have been secured. The organization everywhere of such co-operating bureaus to help the soldier find a job is not only assured—it is already being rapidly effected. Camp representatives from the United States Employment Service are registering and referring several thousand soldiers in 78 demobilization camps of the country daily. Practically every army camp in America either has a camp representative or is in direct touch with one, and the work that these men are doing is meeting with enthusiastic approval from both Government departments and camp commanders.

The method of getting men listed and cared for is modeled after the following general plan: The soldiers are got together, interviewed, questioned as to previous occupations, special fitness for that and other business, trade or profession, and the information entered on cards. These cards are then assorted by states.

When the man is to be discharged he is urged to proceed directly to his home

to visit his family and friends, and while there to call on the local Bureau for Returning Soldiers and Sailors. The camp representative's reason for this is that it will be best for the men to proceed directly to their home towns, and, further, that doing so will place them directly in contact with the local bureaus, thus giving a wider distribution of the men.

In many instances, however, the men about to be discharged wish to find employment in other places. In this case the man's card is sent by the camp representative to the Federal Director of the United States Employment Service for the state to which the soldier is going. The Federal Director, in turn, sends the cards for each county to the superintendent of that district, and, where necessary, the cards are distributed down to the small communities, so that when the men reach their destinations the employment service at those places is prepared for them and has ready a list of jobs best fitted for each particular man. This system places the man in close touch with the exact community in which he desires to locate.

On the face of it the reconstruction program of the U. S. Employment Service is large. It links up all national and local efforts, both Governmental and private. The period of reconstruction holds fully as many perils to the laboring man and woman as did the months of war. Since the Government desires to protect the country against possible suffering due to unemployment, it has given definite responsibilities to the U. S. Employment Service. The Government expects each one of us to support its agents, so that industrial readjustment can be accomplished without entailing hardship.

# BRIEFS

Our 1919 slogan—STAY ORGANIZED.

Look before or you will find yourself behind.

The correspondents of the Fraternal Department are requested to be BRIEF.

The pessimist says it could not be done. The optimist retorted that it could—it was.

One thousand six hundred and five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of January.

Each member entitled to a vote should assert his or her suffrage during the election which closes on February 28th for local chairmen, delegates and alternates.

More annual membership cards have been issued during the month of January than ever issued in any other two months previous to 1919. Reduce our work by securing an annual.

The meat packers seem to have "packed" so tight there has been an explosion. Let the people know the iniquitous conduct of the packing combine.

The rights of labor is reported to be receiving a great deal of consideration by the world's peace conference—labor will, and does expect justice, and nothing less will satisfy the workers.

*Do not overlook the IMPORTANT fact that your dues in the Order and assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department must be paid on or before February 28th, or you will become delinquent.*

The prize contest which closed on December 31, 1918, was a complete success. We take this means of thanking each member who contributed their "bit" in making it possible for us to pass the 60,000 membership mark.

The Tacoma Division of the Northern Pacific has established a record by accomplishing the unusual feat of being solidly organized. The division has 113 positions, 125 employees on the seniority list, and 125 members on December 31, 1918.

The Grand Division will have no prize contest during 1919. However, the grand secretary and treasurer will take pleasure in giving to any member who secures five or more applications during the year, one of our gold emblem rings.

The Council of the London Chamber of Commerce has requested the British Government that a return be made to the postal and telegraphic conditions which the public enjoyed before the war, saying that first in order of importance they place penny postage.

The Order secured more concessions in wages and improved working conditions for its members during the year 1918 than had ever been thought possible to secure in one year before, remember this was accomplished by having an effective and active force of nearly 70,000 members.

The attitude assumed by some officers of railroads recalls to us the position taken by that autocrat the kaiser during the summer of 1914. Will they not take warning and understand their employes are in no mood to trifle with the industrial autocrat who denies them a working agreement?

On December 27th last, Rev. Fred W. Long, of Jackson, Miss., gave his eleventh annual banquet to the messenger boys and girls employed by the Postal and Western Telegraph companies of that city. Brother Long, who has been a member of System Division No. 93 for many years, deserves the highest commendation in his efforts to make a joyous event in the life of the messenger.

George Nicoll Barnes, labor representative on the British peace delegation, told members of the American press today that European labor, while unable to take any measures to prevent its passage, was strongly against such a law as that proposed by the American Federation of Labor, prohibiting immigration to the United States for some years after the signing of the peace treaty.

American soldiers in France who are foreign born and who have not been naturalized, will be naturalized on their return to this country provided they wish to become citizens, the Bureau of Naturalization, Department of Labor, announces. The signing of the armistice halted a plan to carry naturalization work abroad for which a representative of the bureau had gone overseas. Already 160,000 men in uniform have been naturalized.

Complete Americanization of aliens is the object of an intensive campaign being conducted by 30,000 women members of the 3,000 committees associated with the councils of national defense of Illinois and Michigan. The campaign is conducted under a plan laid out by the Bureau of Naturalization of the Department of Labor and will include a house to house canvass, and a plan of education in the advantages of citizenship.

Recommendations that several additional doctors be appointed to the United States Public Health Service with which it is co-operating, has been made by the Working Conditions Service of the Department of Labor, it was announced. The service has to do with the health of workers of the country and their conditions of employment as affecting their health. Several doctors have been added to the personnel of the Working Conditions Service, also.

The department of labor states that in normal times the building of about 600,000 homes a year is required to supply the normal growth of the country and replace losses occasioned by fire and other destructive agencies. For the past two

years this normal construction has been practically suspended. What housing construction has been accomplished has been mainly to meet war conditions. It is stated that there is a shortage of nearly 1,000,000 homes in America.

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Recognition of labor unions by employers as ordered in many War Labor Board awards does not mean a closed shop, Joint Chairman Taft declares. Taft's statement emphasizes that employers shall not interfere with the organization of unions, and shall deal with their representatives, but that the War Labor Board will not stand back of the union's attempt to force a closed shop contract on employers. Both employers and employe have misconstrued the board's meaning of the term "recognition of the unions," Taft says.

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During the week ending January 11 the United States Employment Service in forty-four states received 153,763 applications for jobs. Of this number 133,323 were men and 20,400 were women. Out of the total registrations 135,354 or 88.02 per cent were referred to jobs and 99,077 or 64.4 per cent were placed. During the week the service received 202,757 applications for help, of which 175,056 were for men and 27,701 were for women. Comparative figures for the last few weeks show that the number of registrations for jobs are steadily increasing and applications by employers for help are decreasing.

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Bitter protests against the anti-union policy of Postmaster General Burleson marked a recent meeting of organized commercial telegraphers in San Francisco. The postal chief was called upon to respect the constitutional rights of these citizens and reinstate several hundred employees who have been victimized because of their trade union membership.

The recent wage award of the postmaster general is declared to be "wholly inadequate, insufficient and out of all proportion to the increased cost of living."

and that in many cases it has resulted in an actual reduction of wages.

The protest has been indorsed by the local labor council.

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Broad Labor Reform plans were adopted in a program for peace development drawn up by the New York State Federation of Labor here. The chief features of the report were:

International action for the establishment of labor standards.

A minimum wage higher than the bulk of low pay now in force.

Shop management or "voice and vote in industry."

Continuance of the War Labor Board during the period of international readjustment.

Abolition of the powers of the courts to pass on the constitutionality of laws and the election and recall of judges.

Government control to be controlled in railroads, telephones, telegraphs and merchant marine.

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Germany is in the grip of gigantic strikes. Strikes of miners on a large scale are multiplying in the Silesia and Essen districts, partly as a protest against the murder of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. The employes of the famous Deutsche Kaiser mine have issued a manifesto declaring that their action is a demonstration against the government.

At Hamm, near Dusseldorf, the workers have proclaimed the socialization of the mines. All the industries there are stopped and traffic is at a standstill. At Oppel, near Breslau, the workers quit at no less than forty-four mines.

During the period of the strike of the electrical workers in Berlin, it is learned that the city was completely paralyzed, by the sudden shutting off of light and power in factories, shops, houses, theatres, etc.

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A bill providing for a minimum wage commission which shall establish trade boards in the different industries will be introduced into the New York State Legislature by the Consumers' League. This

league, which has made an extensive study of wage conditions among women workers in New York, declares that there has been no increase in wages for women workers since 1914, and that the great majority are working for rates far below the living level, varying from \$12 to \$8 a week.

This is the more startling, the league declares, because the present minimum wage set by the Government officials, is \$15 a week. The league also found an amazing lack of standardization and failure to recognize long years of faithful service.

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Threatened strikes in various local trades together with the increasing army of the unemployed among the discharged soldiers and sailors are the chief factors which are rapidly bringing the labor situation in New York City to a crisis. Employers are recognizing the necessity for meetings between themselves and their employes with a view to working out the problem in a spirit of co-operation in order to avoid serious trouble.

One such meeting was held at the Railroad Club, No. 30 Church street, preceded by a luncheon, at which fifty representatives of the employers and employes were present. It was the second meeting in a series of conferences for the purpose of affording a common meeting ground for the exchange of views between the heads and managers of industrial enterprises, and the representatives of all classes of labor.

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The Burnett bill to restrict general immigration for four years was ordered favorably reported to the House by the Immigration Committee. This measure is strongly espoused by organized labor, but is not understood to have the approval of the State Department, which fears that it will interfere with treaties. Some of those opposing the bill, including Representatives Siegel, of New York, and Sabath, of Illinois, were not at the meeting, and will present a minority report to the House.

Arguments advanced for the bill are

that there will be a great flow of immigration from the war stricken countries of Europe, including agitators such as have thrown sections of Europe into the throes of Bolshevism. Organized labor leaders insist that there are sufficient laborers in the United States, and contend that if immigration is not restricted wages cannot be maintained at a proper scale.

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Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson has issued an appeal to the business men of America to get their organizations going and keep them going throughout the readjustment period. At the same time he warned that if there was any broad attempt on the part of the employer to force the wage scale down the labor organizations which have grown stronger with the war, will meet such action with a resistance of sufficient strength to frustrate it.

He also warned that if America experiences any long period of industrial unrest there is no telling where the resulting social upheaval will lead us and as two of the possible eventualities he mentioned the French Revolution and the Bolshevism of Russia.

"If the principle of accepting the will of the majority is not taken," he declared, "the condition that brought about our war with Germany will continue to exist—that condition is autocracy. Democracies are slow to remedy evils within them. It was the idea of the German Emperor that power was supreme. My appeal to you is, get your business going and keep it going."

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An act amending the Workingmen's Compensation Act, raising the minimum payment of employers in the case of employees killed or totally incapacitated from \$4 to \$8 per week and the maximum payment in similar cases from \$10 to \$20 per week, has been presented in the General Assembly at Providence, R. I.

The Peace Conference is now busily engaged with the problem of an international adjustment of labor questions. The British delegation is urging the appointment of an international commission

composed of delegates from the Great Powers. This commission would convene the first labor conference, which in turn would become the central international commission for the betterment of labor.

For example, such questions as the right of the people to form themselves into trade unions might be settled by the Peace Conference. The matter of the hours of labor and similar problems would come before the international commission. In case of nonfulfilment of labor contracts the League of Nations would be called in to settle matters. The power of enforcement would be through the withdrawal of foreign trade privileges.

M. Merrheim, leader of the General Labor Confederation, says he expects the Peace Conference to grant labor's minimum demands, which, he believes, are:

1. An eight-hour day.
2. International legislation providing for old age pensions and accident insurance.
3. A permanent commission on international labor legislation.

Samuel Gompers, who has refused to attend the socialist-labor conference at Lausanne on the ground that it was dominated by radical leaders with revolutionary ideas, is attempting to form a nucleus for a purely trades union congress with the aid of British delegates. A committee of five will be appointed to represent British labor at the international conference and to aid in organizing it. Mr. Gompers will confer with the British committee in the next few days in the effort to formulate arrangements for an independent congress and to select an early date for the meeting in order that the congress may meet simultaneously with the peace conference.

Mr. Gompers also is carrying on negotiations with French labor delegates in the hope of winning them to his plan for an international labor federation.

The Parliamentary Committee of the British Trades Union Congress and the Workers' International Committee adopted a resolution yesterday supporting the movement led by Mr. Gompers for the creation of an International Federation of Labor.

# PERSONAL MENTION



The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Mulligan of Dunkirk, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. W. Nelson of Emporia, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. R. Griggs of Trinidad, Colo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Keffer of Miami, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Babington of Schuylerville, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Pressnall of Rochester, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Doherty of Kansas City, Kan., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. V. W. Burba of West Jefferson, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. F. Wasser of Northumberland, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. V. Hartley of East Stockton, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. Cotton of Virgil, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Dowden of Bloomfield, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Ross of Fisher, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C Fenstermacher of Northumberland, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Lundy of Plant City, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. W. Ogelvie of Kissenger, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. K. Sales of Forrest City, Ark., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Piper of Rupert, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. C. Spangler of Sciotoville, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Witherspoon of Sabina, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Pease of Ada, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. F. Smith of Jewell, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Skinnell of Hoard, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. H. Williams of Padonia, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. G MacDonald of Schell, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. V. H Turner of Loxa, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Larach of Hackensack, N. J., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. P. Lease of Bethel, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harley Stevens of Castle Gate, Utah, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. W. Adams of Sterling, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Puliot of Richford, Vt., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. A. Bernard of Div. 29 to Miss May Scully.

Bro. Ward Kille of Div. 16 to Miss Sophia Bery.

At Ft. Wayne, Ind., Bro. C. P. Shorb of Div. 17 to Miss Hazel Morrison.

At Ft. Wayne, Ind., Bro. Ralph L. Loyd of Div. 17 to Miss Lola Sweet.

At Hobart, Ind., Bro. R. H. Sheely of Div. 17 to Miss White.

At Louisville, Ky., Bro. C. S. Worsham of Div. 18 to Miss Ada E. Berkeypile.

At Lebanon, Tenn., Bro. C. L. Ely of Div. 180 to Miss Zella Z. Prichard.

At Iowa City, Iowa, Bro. L. R. Carbee of Div. 23 to Miss Carrie Mercer.

Bro. E. P. Babcock of Div. 20 to Miss Duell.

At Traverse City, Mich., Bro. B. D. Smith of Div. 39 to Miss Gladys Decker.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

- The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:
- At Forreston, Minn., Bro. Chester A. Palmer of Div. 70.
  - At Crestline, O., Bro. Walter Linder of Div. 17.
  - Wife of Bro. C. E. Rich of Div. 93.
  - Bro. Oscar E. Meek of Div. 93.
  - At Valparaiso, Ind., father of Bro. J. H. Bruhn of Div. 17.
  - Brother of Bros. J. M. and D. R. Harbaugh of Div. 17.
  - Wife of Bro. R. B. Salliday of Div. 93.
  - Father of Bros. H. C. and G. C. Bayless of Div. 17.
  - At Welloughby, O., Bro. A. M. Slee of Div. 18.
  - At Sand Lake, Mich., Bro. I. J. Carey of Div. 17.
  - Bro. H. F. Brown of Div. 31.
  - At Parma, Mo., Bro. R. J. Dailey of Div. 27.
  - At Rockland, Me., wife of Bro. P. L. Havener of Div. 26.
  - Brother of Bro. R. M. Carrell of Div. 26.
  - Father of Bro. A. M. Zimmerman of Div. 26.
  - Wife of Bro. O. B. Akers of Div. 23.
  - Bro. L. D. Willmering of Div. 126.
  - Son of Bro. Fred Antrim of Div. 130.
  - Sister of Bro. G. C. Gwin of Div. 93.
  - Bro. H. C. Lynch of Div. 93.
  - Father of Bro. E. J. Ritt of Div. 54.
  - At Villard, Minn., Bro. C. J. Peters of Div. 54.
  - Wife of Bro. J. M. Cauble of Div. 59.
  - At Elva, Ky., Bros. L. C. and Otto Bouland of Div. 57.
  - Bro. Z. U. Morris of Div. 17.
  - At Jackson, Tenn., father of Bro. C. H. Smith of Div. 57.
  - Wife of Bro. C. C. Laughmiller of Div. 58.
  - At Mt. Vernon, Wash., Bro. L. S. Martin of Div. 70.
  - Sister of Bro. G. D. Ellis of Div. 126.
  - Daughter of Bro. J. H. Bowers of Div. 130.
  - At Mt. Sterling, O., Bro. Chas. McGuire of Div. 33.
  - At Bloomingburg, O., wife of Bro. L. D. Exline of Div. 33.
  - Bro. T. R. Thomas of Div. 182.
  - Bro. J. L. Mayfield of Div. 130.
  - Bro. R. W. Bright of Div. 88.
  - Wife of Bro. W. A. Harron of Div. 43.
  - Wife of Bro. C. M. Dickenson of Div. 42.
  - Wife of Bro. Frank L. Gregory of Div. 42.
  - Wife of Bro. E. S. Gray of Div. 40.
  - Bro. E. O. Crecroft of Div. 40.
  - At Plymouth, Mich., Bro. E. L. Hill of Div. 39.
  - At Rodney, Ont., wife of Bro. Edward C. Easton of Div. 39.
  - Bro. W. G. Patmor of Div. 33.
  - Bro. C. A. Shaw of Div. 28.
  - Bro. H. C. Lassiter of Div. 28.
  - Bro. P. C. Sayers of Div. 27.
  - Wife of Bro. Wm. H. Wagner of Div. 10.
  - Mother of Bro. F. B. Hochadel of Div. 17.
  - Father of Bro. M. H. Sears of Div. 17.
  - Bro. Robert C. Hill of Div. 17.
  - Father of Bro. A. M. Christie of Div. 130.
  - Bro. Thomas Cook of Div. 7.
  - At Chillicothe, O., wife of Bro. E. J. Haynes of Div. 33.
  - Brother of Bro. L. B. Gaedeke of Div. 8.
  - Wife of Bro. L. T. Romaine of Div. 8.
  - Bro. Geo. R. Smith of Div. 8.
  - Bro. W. H. Ashley of Div. 8.
  - At Toppenish, Wash., Bro. W. F. Heflin of Div. 54.
  - At Sand Springs, Okla., brother of Bro. J. J. Callahan of Div. 17.
  - Mother of Bro. W. N. Day, Jr., of Div. 17.
  - Bro. W. A. Pomerleau of Div. 11.
  - At Stockton, Cal., Bro. D. M. Hamilton of Div. 153.
  - At Duran, N. M., Bro. J. A. T. Bearden of Div. 137.
  - Bro. C. B. Chapman of Div. 40.
  - Bro. R. O. Hamric of Div. 40.
  - Bro. H. B. Sullivan of Div. 40.
  - Bro. T. E. Lampin of Div. 7.
  - Wife of Bro. J. R. Leydon of Div. 7.
  - Wife of Bro. W. S. Kirkpatrick of Div. 7.
  - Wife of Bro. O. R. Rice of Div. 47.
  - Sister of Bro. J. J. Hartigan of Div. 20.
  - Bro. Lester J. Hayner of Div. 41, and wife.

Bro. J. J. Langbauer of Div. 17.  
 Bro. G. L. McAlpine of Div. 96.  
 Bro. D. I. Cole of Div. 157.  
 Bro. W. H. Lang of Div. 54.  
 Mother of Sister E. C. Bryan of Div. 54.  
 Mother of Bro. J. F. Barnett of Div. 53.  
 Wife of Bro. H. J. Stewart of Div. 96.  
 At Indianapolis, Ind., Bro. J. C. Culmer  
 of Div. 17.  
 Wife of Bro. W. J. Johnston of Div. 29.  
 Wife of Bro. C. O. Watkins of Div. 35.  
 Brother of Bro. W. J. Pape, Jr., of  
 Div. 44.  
 Bro. Alex. Pliniski of Div. 17.  
 Bro. M. L. Paulson of Div. 53.  
 Bro. G. A. Gray of Div. 53.  
 Bro. J. W. Hulett of Div. 53.  
 At Parker, S. D., Bro. H. A. Halverson  
 of Div. 76.  
 At Rolling Prairie, Ia., Bro. O. W.  
 Allison of Div. 53.  
 Bro. J. F. Bechtel of Div. 53.  
 At Atwater, Sask., Bro. M. R. Brewer  
 of Div. 1.  
 Brother of Bro. Frank Murphy of  
 Div. 42.  
 Daughter of Bro. Louis Biter of Div. 17.  
 Son of Bro. G. W. Mercoin of Div. 20.  
 Son of Bro. J. J. Mahoney of Div. 20.  
 Sister of Bro. E. H. Dayton of Div. 55.  
 At Redden, Del., Bro. R. C. Hill of  
 Div. 17.  
 At Kenton, Del., Bro. W. V. McMahon  
 of Div. 17.  
 At Airey, Md., Bro. G. L. Windsor  
 of Div. 17.  
 At Little Falls, Minn., son of Bro. J. H.  
 Hardenbrook of Div. 54.  
 At Mazomania, Wis., father of Bro. R.  
 B. Foulkes of Div. 54.  
 At Cottage Grove, Wis., Bro. C. L.  
 Graves of Div. 76.  
 At Minneapolis, Minn., sister of Bro.  
 C. W. Wood of Div. 76.  
 At Clyde, O., wife of Bro. D. L. Ames,  
 and mother of Bro. F. C. Ames of Div. 55.  
 In military service in France, husband  
 of Sister Bertha A. Houghton of Div. 18.  
 In France, Bro. R. J. Wetzany of Div. 4.  
 In camp in the U. S. military service,  
 Bro. Fred M. Brown of Div. 31.  
 The bereaved relatives have the sym-  
 pathy of all.

## WANTED.

Bro. E. D. Myers of Henrietta, Cal.,  
 postoffice Westhaven, Cal., desires to  
 trade positions with some one on Los  
 Angeles Div. His seniority dates March  
 23, 1911. Further information address  
 above.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of  
 George B. Harlestone, last heard of working  
 as conductor Cotton Belt Railroad,  
 1916; age, 27 years; tall; brown hair;  
 blue eyes, kindly confer with

J. H. GRAVES,  
 Agent Mo. Pac. Ry.,  
 Judsonia, Ark.

Present address of Bert J. Cuddy or  
 Bert J. Cudahy, last heard of working in  
 the West as operator. "Bert, if you see  
 this, write me."

C. J. CUDAHY,  
 767 South 8th St.,  
 Charleston, Ill.

Whereabouts of Mr. A. N. Leitnaker,  
 age 70 years. Last heard of working as  
 operator at Monroe, Mich.

C. E. HORNER, Agent,  
 Plainville, Ind.

## LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 11178, Cert. 1498, Div. 6 for  
 term ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Card No. 56575, Cert. 2138, Div. 59, for  
 term ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Card No. 6542, Cert. 2873, Div. 93, for  
 term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 41972, Cert. 267, Div. 39, for  
 term ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Card No. 1494, Cert. 45, Div. 26, for  
 term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 2555, Cert. 720, Div. 5, for  
 term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 54133, Cert. 2063, Div. 76, for  
 term ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Card No. 40075, Cert. 4400, Div. 17, for  
 term ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Card No. 11178, Cert. 1498, Div. 6, for  
 term ending June 30, 1919.

# LADIES AUXILIARY

## OUR PART IN THE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

(By KATE E. CARR, President.)

The awful nightmare is at an end. The cruellest, most destructive war which the human family has experienced has, for the time at least, ceased. It is with much anxiety that we await the home-coming of those dear ones who offered their lives for the protection and the welfare of democracy. Many will wait in vain. But whether we are blessed with the restoration of those sons and daughters of justice who have been absent from our hearthstones, or whether our share of this worldwide joy is to be but memories, we must not cease our activities for democracy at this particular time. The greatest sacrifice on record of lives, wealth and beauty has been given that liberty, justice and freedom might live. Surely it becomes the duty of the living to pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to the great task of reconstruction—else the lives of those dear ones shall have been given in vain.

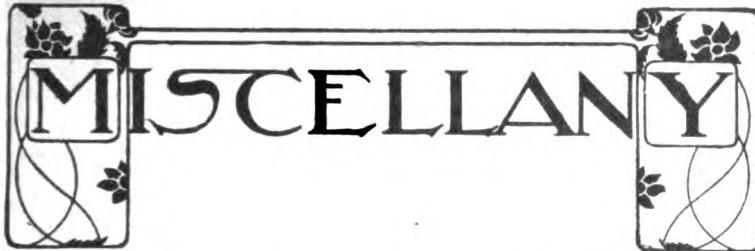
Before the war ours, the richest country on earth, carried a shamefully bad debt—or poverty—with its ever present allies of disease, degeneracy, vice, and crime. We now face a world immeasurably poorer than it was before, and short-handed, by what is roughly estimated as a loss of ten million men. Ten million of the most capable gone, billions of dollars worth of property destroyed, the most fertile farming lands put out of commission, many of the best coal mines ruined, famine spreading fast in nation after nation; these are the conditions which the world now faces. Financially, America fares, in a measure, as she did before the war. While the terrible carnage that existed in Europe has reduced our man power, it did not destroy, tem-

porarily or otherwise, the productiveness of our fields, and our industries still remain intact. But the poverty which is making itself so alarmingly evident the world over is manifested in greatly increased degrees in the land of millionaires.

With the cessation of the demand for war materials, hundreds of our largest industrial plants were automatically forced to discontinue operations, thus throwing men and women out of employment in every section of the country. The army of unemployed, which is increasing rapidly in numbers and may continue to grow for some time to come, is becoming a menacing issue. The problem of reconstruction is as stupendous in scope as was that presented in the world war.

Our defeat in the war against kaisersim could not have been more menacing to the human family than will be the failure to adopt a reconstruction program that will not be beneficial to the people as a whole. Organized labor is prepared to solve this great industrial problem. All the ammunition that is needed to ascertain this victory is the proper support of its membership. Unwaveringly, we have given our time, money, and intelligence to help win the war; let us not be slackers at this important hour.

The work of woman in helping man to kill and destroy may be a bitter necessity, but the work of woman in helping to heal the wounds of the war is wholly natural. During the great combat we have shown immediate and amazing ability for doing the work incidental to warfare; after the combat let us centralize this developed knowledge for new work in one of the greatest factors for good on the reconstruction program—the development of our union.



# MISCELLANY

DAN CUPID, S. O. S.

(Written for **The Railroad Telegrapher**.)

**A** COMBINATION of junction point and paralleling competition was responsible for the lonesome, all night ticket office in Eldridge City passenger station, a scant half mile west of the single track Nonpariel Ry., skirting Eldridge Junction train order office, on the city's southern boundary.

Night ticket agent, Walter Farnham, was also operator for a pair of way or message wires connecting Queen City terminal and the superintendent and train dispatchers' offices at Coalton. After the departure of train No. 12, Walter, having an idle interval until No. 23, due at 5:40 a. m., would carefully plug the disturbing telegraph relays with a pair of battered pen-holders, stretch out and drift into dreamland, leaving the corpulent water tank opposite the station to guard the company's interests. Westward from Eldridge City, the tracks made a sweeping five-mile arc to a passing siding dubbed Nypenn, then straightened out into a level five-mile run to the next train order office, carded Charlotte, also a coaling station equipped with cinder pits.

This particular night was moderately dark and cloudy, with just enough keen edge to induce the lonesome telegraph operators to keep enough cheerful, mellow fire in the pot-bellied cast iron stoves to make them yawn and stretch between trains, and young Frankie Phillips, at Charlotte, was no exception, other than being a trifle younger, and held his responsibilities a trifle lighter than Ross Knight, at Eldridge Junction, who had

boomed from coast to coast and therefore was hardened to night office work.

In the meanwhile, Frawley, third trick dispatcher, seventy miles away at Coalton, studying his dispatcher's sheet, figured that although Engineer Maloney, east bound with second fifty-six, the "Q" stock, was making a good run, his engine, for the good of the service, would probably take coal and clean the fire at Charlotte; therefore, first forty-three, the crack west bound merchandise run, now being held at Eldridge Junction, was in a good place to get a 31 order, annulling their meet order with the "Q" stock at Nypenn and advance first forty-three to Charlotte. This was quickly accomplished, and Ross at Eldridge Junction, repeating the order and signatures of Engineer Baldwin and Conductor Whitback, received Frawley's "Complete" and goodnight at 9:50 p. m., swung up on the engine with Engineer Lish Baldwin, intending to drop off at Eldridge City station and ask Walter to post a tender missive to a tender maiden, on the mail car of No. 23, and then turn in for the night.

At Charlotte, his red board against east bounds, Operator Mingus put down five to the line, 31 order No. 35, following up Ross's "Gn" with his own version of the new meeting point at Charlotte, instead of Nypenn, the same being correctly acknowledged by Frawley.

Operator Mingus tossed the book of tissues, ready for the second fifty-six's signatures, onto the side take to keep company with a half dozen more of its kind addressed to a dozen trains both east and west bound. But 31 order No. 35 had another idea, and slid on and over its fellows, quietly dropping out of sight over the edge of the table.

Promptly at 10 K. P. M., Frankie Phillips carelessly signed Mingus' transfer of orders on hand, gave him a drowsy goodnight, as Maloney and his "Q" stock came to a stop at the office for orders. Maloney signed order No. 27 to meet Exa. 426 west at Volusia, swung back on the 551 and pulled slowly by the office.

Frankie cleared his order board, sleepily figuring Maloney would stop at the coal dock. Conductor Fred Dorman dropped off about ten cars ahead of the caboose, also signed up order No. 27, Frankie making it "Complete," delivered it before getting the final O. K. or complete from the dispatcher. The caboose rattled by the office door and Dorman swung on as Frank opened his key and said to Frawley:

"Cr 31 order No. 27 signed Maloney and Dorman, 2nd 56, Fr."

"Complete 10:12 p. m.," answered Frawley, closing his key, waiting for Frank to go ahead with the signatures on Order No. 43. Nothing doing, so in half a minute he snapped out:

"Go ahead, order No. 43."

"Nothing here," says Frankie.

"Go ahead, signatures for order No. 43," repeats Frawley slowly.

"Don't see it," answered Frank, frantically pawing over the collection on the order table.

"Hold 56," snapped back the dispatcher, figuring the train was standing at the order board. Wide awake now, Frank grabbed his red and white lantern and dashed out to signal the flagman of 56, but Maloney had a crafty scheme to make Queen City terminal in ample time to allow a certain charming young widow to share the maiden trip with Hank in his brand new flivver. Maloney had worked the 551 pretty well up toward the center notch with just that idea of passing Charlotte coal dock and save 30 to 40 minutes delay.

So Frankie vainly stumbled along the track, wildly signaling the three red caboose lights that twinkled mischievous farewells around the curve. The "Q" stock had gone without meet order No.

43, Little Dan Cupid sitting on the right hand side of the engine urging Hank faster and faster toward the oncoming westbound preferred merchandise run.

With the desperate hope that the dispatcher could hold Whitback at Eldridge Junction, Frankie raced back to the telegraph office and stammered out his story.

"Krist," Frawley exclaimed, "Ross got his complete and good-night at 9:50, Whitback must be by the junction, hurry," to Graineney, his copier, "Try Eldridge City station, No. 43 may have stopped there for water."

They made that pair of way wires fairly sing, "Kc Kc Kc Fx 21 Kc Kc Kc 21 Fx," they pounded away, working desperately on this one forlorn chance, the sensitive armatures of the muzzled relays vainly straining against the tightly wedged penholders, little knowing the canny Baldwin figuring on a clear run through to Charlotte, had drifted to a stop at Eldridge City water plug, left off Ross while the fireman leisurely proceeded to fill the engine tank.

Ross hurried into the ticket office and asked Walter to mail his letter without fail on No. 23. Walter lazily rolled over saying:

"Stick 'er in the relay, Ross, and I can't miss it."

Ross awkwardly fumbling around to place the letter as requested, knocked one of the penholders loose, releasing the relay, and Frawley's frantic, "Kc Kc Kc 21 Fx," filled the office with an insistent clamoring appeal.

"Whew," says Ross, "Fx wants you bad, Walt."

"Answer 'm," murmurs Walt.

"I, I, Kc," answered up Ross.

"Is 43 there?" snapped out Frawley.

"Hold 'm," snarled back the sounder.

Trained and disciplined by years in a most exacting service, Ross asked no questions, but seized Walt's lantern, ran out and swung onto the rear of 43 as the caboose rolled by the station. Breathlessly he explained Frawley's peremptory order to Conductor Whitback, adding his own vague fears and surmises for its

cause, persuaded Bill to try signaling the engineer to stop.

Old Baldy had settled down to make a highball run of it, and didn't look back for the first few miles, but finally the glare of burning fuses brought him to a reluctant stop within half mile of Nypenn siding. Poverty Bill and Ross ran forward to explain and flag, if needed, and it WAS needed, for Bill and his red lights had just reached the switch stand when the 551 came poking along, making about 45 per to the widow's credit and the widow's admirer came within ten-car lengths of being kissed on the main track by Engineer Baldwin and the 551 instead of his fair charmer in a flivver; but a generous application of emergency brakes prevented this catastrophe.

Maloney stopped. Baldy took the siding for the Q run to pass and some few minutes later when being reported as passing Eldridge Junction caused Frawley to stare across at Grainey and emit grateful profanity in picturesque modulations, and Ross, returning on the engine with Maloney, told him the tale of the tender missive and the displaced pen holder, to which Maloney added thereto (mentally, of course) the charming widow's complicity, chuckled and observed to the mystification of the fire boy and head shack:

"The women, God bless 'em; what would we do without them?"

—By Reta Creek Silver.

#### THE TOWER GIRL.

**C**AL WEBSTER, who rode at the throttle of the big 1001 on the Palm Beach Limited, said she was a beauty—one of those beauties that remind you of a sylvan dell, a vineclad cottage and trellised back porch, a path through a riot of wild violets to the orchard with its apple boughs in blossom and the bees buzzing in the sunlight. Cal's description of her made you associate her with new-mown hay, a meadow, a little brown jug, and babbling brook where bare feet caressed each tiny ripple.

The girl lived amid just such sylvan solitude, but instead of ever being enthroned upon a milk-maid's stool and "paling" a gentle cow at sunrise, or churning as soon as the milk turned, she was the autocrat who handled the telegraph key and semaphore down at the tower, where Cal Webster hung out of the cab and waved at her so long that his fireman was afraid he would get hooked off his engine by the mail crane.

Willie Rollins was her best bet, though; and the boys at the roundhouse told Cal if he didn't roach his hair and let it grow down his back Willie would get his goat. When Rollins felt so disposed, he left his "trick" at the crossover and went up to the tower, causing the dispatcher to pull a few wisps of hair from his partially denuded plate. The girl had to set her semaphore dead against a fast train to get Willie back to his key, a proceeding that grated on the trainmaster's nerves, the three men and one girl winding up with a lively "set-to," wherein the latter finished first in the controversy.

Griggs, the lineman, was another admirer. When the girl wished to see her sister, who lived on a little farm near the overhead bridge, Griggs was her willing slave, and his motor-car was placed at her disposal. But Griggs was a sort of silent worshipper, who stood off and admired her to his heart's content. He wasn't in the running.

To one man—and the only one on the system—the girl was a pet aversion. The fellow who enjoyed the distinction of being the minority was Tab. Porter, the dispatcher, who gnawed his stylus and scraped his lean fingers through his sparse hair if you mentioned her name in the telegraph room at the wickup. Any love-sick swain would have voted him into the society of cranks or cast him into limbo, but the boys at the office knew better and only sized him up as a crusty bachelor who didn't appreciate repartee and good looks. The girl had both, and also had Tab. bothered.

She answered his "calls" the same as she did those from an operator marooned from civilization at some distant siding

with nothing but a water tank to relieve the woodland of its wantonness. The girl never worried over trifles, and she had Tab. catalogued accordingly. Her "sending" nettled him—the Morse beginning with soft, liquid purrs like a gentle zephyr on a spring day, and invariably ending with a rasp rattle like a tornado around a sawmill.

We passed through a nerve-racking spell of blockaded traffic before the crisis came. A trestle burned on the N. & D. Division, and put everything out of kelter for a week. The first morning after traffic was restored to its normal condition, Porter came late to the office, his first tardy arrival in the old man's memory. Tab. commenced his day's work with a grumpiness that knew no bounds. He was sour enough to hand a lemon to anybody on the line.

Within the stuffy office the boooming of the big box stove kept time to the chatter of the instruments, and through the smoke-stained windows the sun cast its feeble rays upon the dozing form of the call-boy. The hum of traffic attested the activity of the train crews down at the great yards, now frost-covered and resplendent in the sunlight.

Porter took his train-sheet and started the morning movement of his daily pawns over his narrow chess-board of prodigious length. While he was in the midst of his duties the master mechanic came in to see him. The interruption perplexed the dispatcher. He knitted his brows and cast annoyed glances at the head of the machinery department.

For a while the instruments were silent. For all the sounders to be hushed in a big telegraph room is a rare occurrence, and the stillness is oppressive, ominous. Tab. brushed aside his train-sheet and called the tower. There was a malicious gleam in his eyes when he got his "O. K." "The next time that crossover cub leaves his key open and comes up there I am going to fire him. Savvy?"

Tab. sat, or rather crouched, like a tiger ready to spring. The girl was sending, replying in repartee, the little soun-

der jerking and dancing the telegraph tango, as Tab. termed it.

"Cut out that nonsense." Tab.'s lean fingers rasped the words on the key. "What is the trouble with you, anyway?"

"Oh, nothing is wrong here; you see, you are not here," she explained. "Why did you interrupt me? I wanted to throw a kiss to the conductor on second 71. Say, you just ought to see the big lump of coal I've got down here for you."

"Second 71 went by there?" he repeated. Porter's form leaned over his instrument, gripping the edge of the table.

"Yep; they passed here a-kitin'," replied the girl.

The dispatcher dropped into his chair. He clutched at his train-sheet and passed a shaking hand across his glassy eyes. "My God!" he shrieked, hopelessly, his eyes staring at the shimmering steel that swung majestically out upon the prairie and beyond.

Jim Egan was the first to reach the dispatcher. Jim caught him by the shoulders, and gently shook him. "What's the trouble, Tab.?" he asked.

"Jimmie, I've lapped second 71's order with No. 4," was the disconsolate reply. Tab. made a frantic effort to reach his key, but the boys gathered about him and led him into the old man's office to quiet him.

Egan hastily scanned the train-sheet and then called the operator at the cross-over. The little brass sounder hammered out the letters "CO, CO, CO," but no one answered.

The tower girl broke him. "He is up here."

"He ought to swing to a cross-arm of the nearest telegraph pole," Jim replied. "Well, it is no use then; Tab. has lapped second 71's order with No. 4. The best we can do is to order out the wrecker."

"I can fix it," said the tower girl.

"How?"

There was no reply to Egan's query. He beat a tattoo on his key and called until his hand was exhausted. Receiving no response, an expression of hopelessness came into his face. The minutes

seemed like hours to him as he waited for the girl to reply. In his imagination he saw the big mikados rear and plunge in a hissing, deathlike grapple—titans of steel and steam battling for supremacy of the right of way; the twisted rails, the gnarled steam pipes, the crackling flames of the burning debris, the dead and dying pinned beneath the wreckage. He hid his face in his hands to shut out the awful picture.

The tower girl brought the operator back to a sudden realization of his duty. The Morse came in soft liquid purrs and then feebly died, leaving an ominous stillness in the telegraph room. The "sending" was tantalizing. Egan bent an eager gaze upon his instrument, and hungrily waited for each dot and dash as it sparked in from across the thin strand of copper between him and the girl.

"No. 4 is backing into the siding at Whisper."

"How do you know?" queried Egan. "Whisper isn't a telegraph station."

"I know heaps of things," the girl re-

plied. "My sister has just phoned me about it. You see, I got her to grab her old red calico dress and flag the first train through the cut at the overhead bridge."

"Thanks, little girl."

"I'm not such a little girl, I'll have you to understand," she retorted.

"Well, little lady, then. How does that suit you?"

"Oh, very nice; considering that it comes from the dispatcher's office." There was a brief silence. "Say, you are not going to fire Billie for leaving his office, are you?"

Egan felt a trembling hand upon his shoulder. He looked up and a haggard, sorrowful face met his gaze. "Let me have the key, Jimmie," said Porter. The lean fingers did not rattle the instrument. There was a touch of tenderness in them as they sent the girl the following reply: "No; but we will have to arrange to give you both an office together."—By Jo Custer in Express Gazette.



# POETICAL

## Throwing Stones.

One morning, on my way to work,  
Diverting from my path as if to lurk,  
I saw a bird upon the ground,  
Panting as it suffered from a wound—  
Once I started to pick it up,  
And relieve it from its bitter cup.  
Fearing and flitting, it seemed to say:  
"Oh! pity, have mercy on me, I pray;  
Leave, O leave, and pass me by,  
My wing is broken and I cannot fly.  
My life, once so sweet and bright,  
Is now disappointment, pain and blight.  
I do not feel that I can sing  
As I've always done in early spring;  
I cannot soar up in the sky,  
Or flit amid the treetops high.  
I must now submit to my fate;  
For a cripple bird cannot mate.  
'Twill be so hard to live alone,  
No little birdies to call my own.  
I cannot gather them under my wing,  
As I used to do in the spring.  
But what does it matter that I should fall;  
I'm just a little bird, that's all;  
And the boy who carelessly threw the stone,  
Has no thought of what he's done;  
But chanced to see me while passing by,  
And seized a stone and let it fly.  
He seemed to say: 'I'll see how hard I can  
throw.'  
And with a swing of the arm he let it go.  
He did not see if he'd hit his mark,  
But passed on heedlessly into the park."

Thus it is with human life—  
Woe, misery, trouble and strife.  
We're finding fault in our fellowman  
When he's doing the best he can.  
Our tongues are running at high speed  
And causing hearts to ache and bleed;  
Our cruel acts and unkind words  
Are worse than throwing stones at birds;  
For when once spoken are like balls of snow,  
Grow bigger and bigger the further they go.

By F. A. KEY.

## Rubaiyat of a Train Dispatcher.

The harsh alarm foretells the coming day,  
I stretch my limbs and roll from out the hay;  
Then gulp a cup of coffee while I dress,  
And munch a chicken sandwich on the way.

The third dispatcher beats a quick retreat,  
As languidly I take the proffered seat;

And check his transfer so that I may know,  
Where he arranged for trains to pass and  
meet.

Alas; he figured wrong! An extra west  
Is doubling o'er the hill at Eagle Nest.

I'll have to change his meet with 92,  
And stick him at Mud Hollow for the rest.

What ho! The tallowpot on 84,  
Says: "I will work twelve hours—and no  
more."

'Tis plain they'll have to run the cars at  
Lime;  
He should have tipped me off to that before.

"B.N., B.N. D.S."—"I, I, B.N."

"Get hold of Murray quick and ask him  
when—"

Say! what's the matter with this string of  
rust?

It feels as though it's crossed with No. 10.

O. K. It's working now. "B. N., you there?—  
Get hold of Murray quick and ask him where  
He figures he can get for No. 6?"

(I'd like to quit this business—on the  
square!)

Hello! An engine failure on the branch.  
Let's see; I guess the switcher from Comanch  
Can haul 'em in. (Lord knows, if I but had  
Some money, I'd invest it in a ranch.)

Hey, chief; that nutty gink at Plymouth  
Rock,  
Is raving for a car to load his stock.  
What's that? Tell No. 9 to give him one?  
Fat chance! They left the last at Walker's  
Dock.

Good night! The helper engine's off the  
track.  
We'll need the wrecker out to put them back.  
And Engine 415 just jerked a lung,  
While picking up a drag with too much slack.

This game has got me headed for a hearse!  
If I could make a living writing verse,  
I'd quit. Hello; I'm off, here's my relief.  
Oh, well: it's not so bad—it might be worse.

By ELMER EDMOND JOHNSON,  
Cert 2564, Div. 76.

# FACETIOUS

## Chiefly.

Inquisitive Old Lady—What difference do you find between the French and American girls?

Yank—About 4,000 miles.

## For Revenue Only.

"With all your debts you have the assurance to ask for the hand of my daughter? What are you thinking of?"

"My debts."

## Adjusting the Matter.

"I'm sorry, madam, but hats in this theater can't be worn."

"Well, mine's not worn; it is brand new."

## Strict.

Delia—What kind of a woman is she?

Bridget—Sure, if yez break a piece of news she takes it out av yez wages.

## Consideration.

Tommy (at Red Cross concert)—What's that man got his eyes shut for while he's singing?

Friend—Because he can't bear to see us suffer.—*London Opinion*.

## No Hero.

Doctor—Tell your wife not to worry about her deafness, as it is merely an indication of advancing years.

Mr. Meekman—Er—would you mind telling her yourself, doctor?—*Tit-Bits*.

## Playing Safe.

"What would you say," asked the fair theosophist, "if I should tell you that I was born in Egypt 3,000 years ago?"

"Well," said the man addressed, "I should say you don't look it."—*Boston Transcript*.

## Idle Tears.

Member of Touring Company—My good lady, the last place I stayed at the landlady wept when I left.

Landlady—Oh, did she? Well, I ain't going to. I want my money in advance.—*Pearson's Weekly*.

## Her Punishment.

"Mama, did you love to flirt when you were young?"

"I'm afraid I did, dear."

"And were you ever punished for it, mama?"

"Yes, dear. I married your father."—*Sydney Bulletin*.

## Greater Experience.

"You know," said the lady whose motor car had run over a man, "you must have been walking very carelessly. I am a very careful driver. I have been driving a car for seven years."

"Lady, that's nothing! I've been walking for fifty-four years."

## A Successful Combination.

Judge—You say this man was at the performance last night and that he took aim and fired an egg at you?

Actor—Yes, your honor.

Judge—And was it bad?

Actor—The egg was, your honor, but the aim was not.—*Yonkers Statesman*.

## He Knew.

Virginia mentioned the name of one of her schoolmates and said he was as "silent as the Sphinx."

"The Sphinx! The Sphinx!" exclaimed Paul, her young brother. "Oh, gee! I know what a Sphinx is—that's one of those things that grows in Egypt and looks like George Washington."—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

**Inquire Within.**

A vaudeville performer who used to tour the English provinces with a flock of trained ducks found managers no longer willing to book his show. After he had been "resting" for some time, he received a telegram asking him to open on the following Monday at a variety theater in the north of England.

In reply he wired:

"Regret cannot come. Have eaten my troupe."

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**The Early Mistake.**

"Didn't Eve ask Adam to eat the apple, thereby bringing sorrow to the human race?"

"Yes," said the woman with snappy eyes. "And I'll bet many's the time Eve wished that instead of inviting him to have something to eat she had asked him to carry in wood or mend the roof or something he'd be sure to refuse."—*Washington Star*.

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**An Explanation.**

A friend came across Dodson engaged in vigorously polishing his shoes.

"What are you doing that for?" the friend asked. "I always thought you wore patent leather shoes?"

"These are patent leather shoes," replied Dodson, painfully straightening his back, "but the patent on them has expired."—*Paterson News*.

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**A Far Cry.**

The two friends met on the street as they were hurrying to their respective offices one morning.

"Hello, Linder, old man!" cried one, as he grasped the other's hand. "Congratulations. I hear you have a new youngster at your house."

The new father glanced around appre-

hensively. "For heaven's sake, you can't hear him way up here, can you?"

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**Got Cold Waiting.**

John Masefeld, the English poet, said at a dinner in New York:

"The conscripted soldiers, of course, are not treated with as much honor in England as the volunteers."

"A young conscript, just called up, complained the other day about his tea."

"'Sergeant,' he said, 'this 'ere tea o' mine's quite cold.'

"Well, o' course it's cold," snarled the sergeant. "Ain't it been waitin' eighteen months for you?!"

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**The Light of Love.**

The great shortage of matches reminds us of this story. A widower had engraved on his wife's tombstone the words, "The light of my life has gone out."

A little later he married again, and one Sunday was standing with No. 2 before his first wife's grave.

Reading the above sentiment, the lady inquired in a rather huffed tone, "Is that so?"

"Yes," replied he, "but I've struck another match!"—*Edinburgh Scotsman*.

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**Killing Off a Competitor.**

"I want to know if you will give me a recommendation?"

"I should say not. I discharged you for incompetency."

"Your competitor tells me, sir, that if you will write a letter of recommendation, he will give me a position. I hope you won't stand in my way."

"That's different. I don't know any quicker way of crippling his business than to get him to hire you. Sure I'll give you a letter."—*Detroit Free Press*.

# Our Correspondents



CONTINENTAL HOTEL  
New York City, Jan. 12, 1919.

**Editor RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER:**

It is seldom that I write for publication, but today I am inspired with the knowledge that the *Big Battle has been won* and the joyous thoughts that are coursing through my mind should permeate the hearts and minds of all true members of the glorious old organization which has been the medium through which so much has been accomplished for the downtrodden men of our class.

Rally 'round the flag, boys, rally once again. Wage slavery has been abolished, and the long hours of dismal service are banished and will soon be only an unpleasant memory. At last, we have been emancipated; let us rally, once again.

I have carried the union card of our craft into the thirty-second year, and never have I been so proud of that fact as now. I know there are many other old-timers, and with them I rejoice. Long association and a wide acquaintance cause me to know that many thousands of the present generation have taken the vow to do likewise; therefore, let us rally once again.

Fraternally yours,  
T. M. PIERSON,  
Vice-President.

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## PLAY THE GAME WHILE THE CANDLE BURNS.

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The question now uppermost in railway circles is whether the Government will retain control of the railroads or pass them back to private control. Director-General McAdoo has asked for a five-year test of Government control to determine which system of management would prove best. This proposition has

met with some opposition from the high-salaried officials, who had formerly occupied sinecure positions, dealing out favors to some and slavery to others. Why do the former executives fear this five-year test, unless it be that, at the expiration of the five years, Government control will have proven itself so superior to private control that there will be no question as to which system the people desire. We can easily understand why the so-called "higher-ups" favor a return to the former system. Under it their word was law, and the late demented kaiser never assumed a more autocratic position over his subjects than did these same officials over the wage earners. I have not met anyone among the engineers, firemen, conductors, flagmen and operators who is not heartily in favor of the Government retaining control of the railway lines. We are today receiving better wages and better treatment than ever before in the history of railroading. The holders of railways securities are in a safer condition than ever before. So now the only sane opposition that can come to the present system would come from the autocrats and wage reducing managers. Under Government control the wage earner feels that he is a *man*, and takes a pride and pleasure in his work. He realizes that he has a place to go to for the redress of his grievances, and that he will receive a fair and just decision. He knows that he cannot be beheaded at the caprice of some "official" whom he has failed to salute in the good old-fashioned way. Aside from the question of the wage earner, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the railroads were taken over by the Government because private control failed utterly to meet the increased volume of busi-

ness, and Government control was necessary in order to do the transportation required by war conditions. After the very first hour the Government took charge, conditions began to get better. They have steadily improved, and today we are just getting to a place where we can see a thoroughly efficient and complete railway system in the United States. For the next five years we will have the greatest volume of transportation ever known in the history of any country. To turn the railroads back to individual control at this time, with all the accompanying readjustments, would mean practical bankruptcy to our transportation interests. To turn the railroad wage earners back to the old conditions would mean that our victory over German autocracy is but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. The day of strikes has passed. The ballot box is the place where labor may meet capital face to face and demand its dues. No friend of labor in the halls of Congress today favors the return of railroads to private control. Ask your Congressman to vote for the five-year test proposed by Director General McAdoo. You can size up the little group who are clamoring for a return to private control, and there is not a friend of organized labor in the bunch.

We are getting more today than we could have gotten under private control in many years. Don't stand idle, and be garroted back into railroad slavery. The proposals to regulate the wages by law are simply sugar-coated pills. We know the rock we are now standing on is a firm foundation. Let us retain our present footing. Five years of Government control will see a happy, contented and prosperous set of railroaders, with cozy homes and happy families. Let the world hear from you, and know how you stand on this proposition now. Tomorrow may be too late.

FRANK HASTINGS.

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#### THE TRAIN DISPATCHER.

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I assure you it was with great pleasure that I read the able article by Cert. 10 in

November issue headed "The Dispatcher." I would like to say with the Brother that his views are concurred in by a great many of the dispatchers today and it would appear that the dispatchers are about to fall into several errors and mistakes that they have made in the past. As the membership is well aware, the dispatchers have looked askance at all invitations for them to affiliate with the O. R. T., or become members of that body. This is due in part to inherent selfishness on the part of the dispatchers themselves. There seems to be a fear on their part that they would be belittling themselves by such action. This applies particularly to the older dispatchers of the country, who have for years deluded themselves with the false idea that they were officials. A good many of them have learned, to their sorrow, that they were not, they have learned that when injustice sought them out that they were less than the lowest organized laborer on the railroad. They have learned that their security in their positions is entirely dependent on the whim or favor of their immediate superior, who could dismiss them without one word of explanation, with no means whatever at their beck and call to remedy such injustice. Any dispatcher can recall hundreds of such cases that have come to his notice and, no doubt, could be persuaded to divulge more than one instance where he himself suffered at the hands of some petty official who was empowered to dismiss him without the least investigation into the merits of his case whatever.

How many dispatchers of this country today own the homes in which they live? A dispatcher of years' experience recently remarked to me, "I sure would like to buy a place here and settle down, but what is the use, the first time some little trivial thing turned up they are liable to fire me and I would be just that much out." How many times, Mr. Dispatcher, have YOU thought or SAID that very same thing? WHAT guarantee have you that when you report for work at the office tomorrow morning you won't find

some one sitting in your chair "breaking in?" How much guarantee have you that you will be able to finish paying for that lot you bought back in your old home town depending on what you can save from your salary to do so? How many times have you been made the goat for some one else's errors? How many times have you been raked over the coals for faults of train operation over which you had no more control than the man in the moon? How many times have you had to shoulder the responsibility for some petty official's errors that were shouldered onto your already overloaded shoulders by a superior whose only idea was to "pass the buck." How many times have you been mercilessly criticised by your immediate superiors for "poor train dispatching" when you knew and THEY knew that the fault was not yours, and was due to the faults of other employes who failed to co-operate with you or deliberately laid down on you, but WHO were organized and WHO the officials were very careful to avoid criticising? Wake up, Mr. Dispatcher, and come out of your dreams. How long are you going to be deceived and blinded by the idea that the hirelings of these corporate powers are your friends?

During the existence of the T. D. A., headed by Mr. Mackie, the dispatchers were kept in bondage for years and years by the corporations. They are only now beginning to taste the fruits of united effort and united labor. Two years ago, had you approached a dispatcher on the subject of joining a labor organization, he would have regarded you as the rankest kind of a Bolshevik or anarchist. They are coming out of it, slowly, but sure. Stay with them, boys; be patient, give them time and careful attention. Though sometimes we are tempted to believe that there is more of the mule in their makeup than the Lord intended, let's be patient and trust to their good sense and wisdom in eventually figuring their way out.

CERT. 1994.

#### THE TELEGRAPH LINE REPAIRER.

The industrial importance of the line repairer is paramount at certain times. His social importance is equal to that of any other class. A Line Repairer's position furnishes one of the best fields for scientific investigation and research among the many different classes of railroad employes. They are peculiar to themselves. There are no other positions on a railroad similar, or have any resemblance. Because there are so few many think they are of little importance. The fact is he is one of the most important (at times). His position compares favorably with that of a man on his journey through life. To be prepared for death a man must be ready at all times. So, a Line Repairer is expected to be ready at all times, day or night, if he expects to succeed, because he may be called at a moment's notice. The Line Repairer is to the telegraph business what a doctor is to sick people, only much more so. A doctor tries to effect a cure, while a Line Repairer must be able to effect a "cure" right on the spot. He must know how to make a permanent cure, otherwise he cannot make good.

His class among employes should be with those who receive a living wage with necessary road expenses. It is some better now, but in the years that have passed his salary has been so meager that he could not live up to the American standard. Employers of labor are learning that a living wage and a square deal cause their employes to give their best services while the reverse causes them to be careless and indifferent. Many railroad managers have observed this principle and acted on it and salaries have been increasing for some time.

The telegraph department is necessary to the economical operating of a railroad system, and the telegraph "Doctor" cannot be eliminated. His duties are many and varied. He comes nearer being a "Jack of all trades" than any other man in the railroad service. He must be a carpenter, he must be a tinsmith, he must be a cable splicer, a cable stretcher,

a construction man and, above all, he must be an expert at finding and removing any and all kinds of wire or instrument troubles. These features of their work might be less if the telegraph operator understood the causes for circuit interruptions and how to look for them with a view of removing them. It is not the duty of the operator to clear wire trouble, but they could frequently do so without any effort on their part if they concerned themselves by looking about their office, as the following incident will show:

On the International and Great Northern a "cross" was located between Gause and Valley Junction, forty miles from headquarters. Line Repairer was notified and took the first train to the place. He looked for the trouble between the two stations, but not finding it he inspected the office at Valley Junction and found the trouble was caused by an old-style brass baggage check being used for a paper weight, which lay against two keys, crossing the wires.

Liability to wire interference usually depends on the territory through which the line is built, the amount of timber and foreign wires that are near by. When

wire trouble is reported, usually by the wire chief or Chief Dispatcher, the "Doctor" must move right now. The quickest way to get that trouble clear is too slow. Serious consequences may follow if any delay. A good Line Repairer is the man that clears his trouble the quickest.

In 1907 there were 228,128 miles of railroad in the United States. Considering the average Line Repairer's Division to be one hundred and fifty miles it would require one thousand five hundred and twenty men to man these divisions. They are eligible to membership in the O. R. T. Some inform me that their membership has never been solicited and they have held the position for years. The railroads seem to be against incorporating them in the schedules. Information reaching me through the Journal indicates they are now affiliating with the Order. The O. R. T. is better suited to their needs than any other union and the insurance is gilt edge. So, I appeal to all to line up. The Latch String hangs on the outside the door and we invite you inside, where you will find Peace, Prosperity and Protection.

N. W. SMITH.





# FRATERNAL

## NOTICE

All items for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 25th day of the month in order to insure their insertion in the following issue

### New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

*New Haven Div., N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—*  
Preparation for the conflicts of war diverts the mind from the thoughts of life to those of death. Bravely and gallantly prepared to make the "supreme sacrifice," the house is set in order that the interests of loved ones may be preserved.

In the peaceful pursuits of life we rest in fancied security as though the thread of life were never to be broken. Thoughtlessly, carelessly, or wilfully, the interests of loved ones are postponed or thrown aside.

In the recent epidemic which swept the country, taking more lives than the rigors of war, this fact was emphasized by the number of former brothers who had allowed their policies to become void. Unable to lay up any fund for such time of need, when the breadwinner has been taken away, sorrow has often been followed in its wake by actual privation, humiliation and suffering to those who are left behind.

Whatever gymnastic feat of the mind may be indulged in to excuse the lapse in membership of the organization as such, it would seem to be swept away in a final sense of obligation and duty to those whom we hold near and dear, for their protection in that uncertain hour in which we must all be taken away.

Five hundred or a thousand dollars, of course, seems a very meagre sum, now that we are accustomed to think in terms of millions and billions, but who would dare calculate the infinite blessings of this commonly regarded pittance, to those who are left crushed and helpless, seemingly alone in the world with the hand of God and man against them.

If the Order of Railroad Telegraphers had done nothing else, the blessings it has bestowed on the families of its deceased members would alone justify its existence.

Nowhere else can there be found insurance at such nominal cost. Think it over carefully before you let your policy lapse.

Numerous changes have recently been made in the territory of the dispatching staff in New Haven, Hartford and New

London, thereby doing away with a number of men. In New Haven, the first and second trick Canal dispatcher handles in addition thereto the Air Line, third trick on the Canal being abolished entirely. The Shore Line dispatchers now have charge to Midway, thus abolishing the terminal sheets in New London. The Shore Line man also inherits any clean-up or emergency work on the Canal and Air Line at 10 p. m. when the Canal closes.

Bros. Enos and Hazeltine of Boston, and Clark of Taunton, were visitors at our last night meeting after a meeting of the General Committee held in New Haven on that date.

As soon as contact can be had, congratulations await Bro. Jack Bernard, who was united in matrimony to Miss May Scully of New Haven; on January 6th. A cut glass set, a wedding gift from the boys, also awaits his reappearance.

Of course, you have turned over to the General Committee that voluntary assessment of one day's pay. Its recent expenses has been large, but results have been in proportion, which your new rate of pay will prove. If you have not done so, do it now.

Bro. A. J. Nolan, third Mill River, New Haven Terminal, who passed away on December 22nd, after a short illness of influenza, was laid to final rest on December 26th. A host of friends will mourn his loss, as he was liked by all who had the privilege to meet him. His last words in life were to ask about "the boys on the road."

Bro. Culver, of "NH", Bro. Skibbe of "KY", and Chief Train Dispatcher Dodan have sufficiently recovered from the influenza after several weeks' illness to resume duty. The latter had an attack of double pneumonia.

Bro. J. W. McCormack, who recently returned after fifteen years' sojourn in the Far West, has accepted a position in the new tower in Cedar Hill classification yards. This is a large electric tower used in connection with the gravity yard, better known as the "hump."

W. B. SHOLKOF, Div. Cor.

**Hartford Div., N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—**

Our pay roll for the division has almost doubled. There is not a man who has not received a straight increase of \$11 a week and in a great many cases more, and yet some have the nerve to go to the pay car each week and draw from \$30 to \$40 a week and fail to pay \$6 twice a year for their dues and protection, obliging the loyal members to pay voluntary assessments to raise money to pay the expenses of the General Committee at Washington, who were fighting there in their interest. Any men with any self-respect who will not pay promptly now we will know where to place them.

Boys, let us all show our appreciation for the good things that we have received and bolster up the percentage of this division.

We are all glad to hear Bro. Stoughton back on first "HM" yard office again. Fred has been off a long time on account of sickness.

Bro. Casey, first Willimantic, resumed work December 21st after being quarantined account sickness in the family for two weeks.

Ex-Bro. Riggles was successfully operated upon for appendicitis December 24th at the Hartford Hospital. We are glad to hear he is improving and expected back shortly on third Vernon cabin. We will look for his application soon now. Bro. W. F. Johnston, first there, started a subscription to defray the expenses of the operation, which was generously contributed to by all.

The grim reaper has taken the wife of Bro. Johnston, Vernon cabin, after a week's illness; also the brother of Bro. Haynor, second trick dispatcher Highland Side, a dispatcher on the B. & M. working out of Greenfield, Mass., his brother's wife and a small child. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire division is extended to the brothers in the loss of their dear ones. Bro. Connors, second Steeles cabin, who also lost his sister-in-law with influenza, is off duty owing to an attack of the malady, but is improving and will soon be with us again. Bro. Grobert, second "CA" Vernon tower, and H. B. De-Wolfe, agent at Bolton, and his wife, who have been sick with the "flu," we are glad to learn, are recovering.

Several jobs on 12 hours and club house closed on account of sickness and shortage of men; trainmen copying their own orders over the 'phone, etc. We hope conditions will soon get back to normal.

Bro. Burke, first Hartford superintendent's office, covered first Manchester while Bro. "Bob" Johnston attended the funeral of his brother's wife.

Freight business has fallen off considerably. Still most of us are kept busy.

Boys, send me some news, especially on the Short Line and Valley Road, if you want to see a good write-up. R. G. H.

**Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.**

Following suddenly the death of Bro. Rivers at E. Greenwich, comes the death of Bro. J. E. ("Buster") Smith, second Auburn, R. I., tower, both from influenza after illness of but a few days.

Bro. Smith, who frequently attended our division meetings, always took an emphatic stand for everything that would tend to advance the interest and improve the working conditions of his brother members, and was always ready to do his part, frequently setting the pace. We mourn the loss of these brothers, and our sincere sympathy is extended to their bereaved families.

We are passing through the second visitation of the influenza's visit to our section and many are or have been sick. Among this number are Local Chairman Joslin, Past Chief Telegrapher Dupony, T. J. McCann, Phil Farley and W. E. Moore. Sister Welch, wife of Bro. M. J. Welch of Auburn, is also on the sick list.

During week of January 5th Bro. C. O. Watkins has lost his wife by influenza.

Bro. Beauchaine, who has been discharged from the army at Fort Monroe and resumed work as operator at Centerville, R. I., is heartily welcomed home by his co-laborers; Bro. Petvarca returning to the spare board.

Bros. Bourne and Murray, Riverpoint, R. I., who have moved into the new station there, find it "some" improvement over the old coach.

Our January meeting was a rouser and much work done. We were pleased to have Local Chairman Joslin with us again after his recovery from the "flu." We regretted the enforced absence of General Chairman Ross, owing to a severe cold. A motion was passed extending the sympathy of the division as a reminder that, although absent, he was not forgotten.

Resolutions upon the deaths of members of our division, previously referred to, and upon the death of Bro. Terry of Division 39, were adopted, and also a motion that the division stand silent for one moment as a mark of respect to the deceased brothers.

Applications came in in bunches—one after the business of the evening had passed to the good of the order, and the chief referred back that it might be put through.

The following nominations were made for the next convention at St. Louis in May: Delegates—H. E. Johnson, E. J. Hadley, C. H. Wilson, A. H. Haddock, J. D. Vanderbeek, W. J. Brenner, D. M. Callis and J. J. McCabe; alternates—W. E. Moore, H. P. Webster and J. C. Springer. Nominations were also in order for local chairmen on the Providence, New London, Midland and Old Colony Divisions, but only one nomination was offered, that of Bro. Joslin for the Providence Division.

At our December meeting, because of the efforts put forth to assist Division No. 35,

General Chairman Ross presented to the division a \$100 gold watch, donated to aid our charity fund by that veteran watch man and loyal friend of the O. R. T., Mr. Webb C. Ball of New Haven, Conn. It is similar in beauty to one presented to us a few years ago as a prize to be contested for at one of our Crescent Park outings and won by Bro. Johnson, now of Auburn, R. I. Neither Mr. Ball nor his watches need any introduction to the men on the New Haven road. Mr. Ball did much for us at the time of the watch agitation, not long ago, showing that he was a "true blue" friend, and any wishing a reliable timepiece will wisely consult Mr. Ball before purchasing elsewhere.

The auditing committee will meet prior to the February meeting to audit the secretary-treasurer's books.

Bro. Charles Weeks, dispatcher on New London Division and located there, while in Providence January 20th paid the Ladies' Auxiliary a visit and was royally entertained by them. They are strong on entertaining, and any brother visiting them is assured in advance of a hearty welcome.

Supplement No. 13 was put into effect on our division week ending January 16th and, aside from minor details to be worked out by the general committee, seemingly gives pretty general satisfaction. Being made retroactive from October 1, 1918, instead of January 1, 1918, is perhaps its most disappointing feature.

Mrs. James E. Smith, Auburn, R. I., extends her grateful appreciation to the members for their kind words of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings at the funeral of her beloved husband. Div. COR.

#### New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

Once again Division No. 37 has suffered a great loss in the death of Bro. Gordon E. Duryea, which occurred at Stamford, Conn., recently as a result of an accident. Bro. Duryea had the misfortune to fall on the track in such a manner that one of his hands was run over by an electric engine and later amputated at the Stamford Hospital. He did not respond to medical treatment, developed pneumonia and passed away after much suffering. He was one of Division 37's best members, a regular attendant at monthly meetings, and always up to date. He came to the New Haven road from Coxsackie, N. Y., where his parents reside, and leaves them, also a wife and little girl 2 years old, to mourn his loss. The remains were taken to Kingston, N. Y., for burial. Resolutions were passed at our January meeting extending sympathy and condolence to his family and friends.

The friends of our popular up-to-date member, Bro. Nolan, former ticket clerk and telegrapher at Rye, N. Y., have been considerably concerned lately for his welfare,

having heard nothing from him since Sept. 2, 1918; but are now delighted to learn through a column article in Portchester and Westchester County, N. Y., daily of Jan. 7, 1919, the following account by Major-General Robert Alexander of "Smiling Tom," one of the coolest, bravest and most determined young Yankies in the Seventy-Seventh Division, on a French battlefield. As issued the citation reads:

"Corporal Thomas A. Nolan, No. 1718554, Company B, 302nd Field Signal Battalion.—On the night of September 7, 1918, between six and seven p. m., the telephone line between 154th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at Blanzy-les-Fismes and 307th Infantry Advance Headquarters at Le Grotte was broken in sixteen different places by shell fire. Communication was resumed at seven p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the line was again destroyed by hostile shell fire. On account of many breaks and heavy rain the wire was necessarily abandoned, and the emergency demanded that a new line be laid immediately from Brigade Headquarters to Regimental Advance Post on account of an attack that was to be made. At 7:45 p. m. a party of men, of whom Corporal Nolan was one, began to lay a new line by hand a distance of two miles. At eight p. m. a barrage was laid by our artillery, which was followed by a heavy hostile counter barrage through which the line was being laid. These men continued their work without hunting shelter, in utter disregard of their personal safety, and completed the line at 9:30 p. m. All the men of the Signal Detachment had been on duty for eighty hours previous to the abandonment of the line, and when informed that a new line was required these men, without hesitation, volunteered their services."

Those who know Bro. Nolan all agree that such things are but a practical expression of the spirit that always actuated him. He came to Rye when but 23 years old and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Godde, in the Arcade Building. His ready smile and pleasing manner readily won friends for him. An expert telegrapher, he first entered the service of the New York Central, that company's lines running through his home town, Saugerties, N. Y., and later took the position with the New Haven road heretofore noted; enlisting in July, 1917, in the Signal Reserve Corps of the regular army, with the rank of corporal. The following September he reported at Camp Upton and was assigned to Company B, 302nd Field Signal Battalion, attached to the Seventy-seventh Division.

We had with us at our January meeting Vice-President Pierson, always a most welcome guest. His presence was greatly appreciated on this occasion, because in his address he gave valuable information not

only to our members but to everyone interested in the labor question.

Bro. Pierson never misses an O. R. T. meeting when it is possible for him to attend, and the members of his district are very fortunate when he comes around because he always has a fund of information in regard to the doings in the labor world.

The meeting was well attended and much interest shown in the proceedings. Local Chairman Tiger also addressed us with a report of the doings of the general committee.

Bro. Bell is now at S. S. No. 12, Westchester. Some change for "Jim" after his four years and two months service in the English army as a machine gunner. We are all glad to see him back again safe and sound.

Bros. Frake and Coyle, South Norwalk, had to work 12 hours several days, during Bro. Chapin's illness, and Bro. F. C. Merrifield of Stamford was relieved a few days on account of illness by Bro. Larry Woolley.

Bro. Marsh has gone to Westport, Conn., leaving Westchester up for bids, and Bro. Dan McDonald is now working as extra dispatcher.

Mister Donovan of New Rochelle Jct. again on the sick list, relieved by Mister Hanquet. A good combination, both in the same class. Bro. Pat Brophy was off with the "flu" several days.

Bro. Joe Sheridan is assisting Station Master Bro. W. A. Chard as west bound ticket job in Stamford. M. M. Steed is now second signalmen at New Rochelle, and Bro. E. S. Crowe ticket clerk at Port Chester.

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#### New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

*L. I. R. R.—*

Bro. Wm. Miller, North Shore relief agent, residing at Auburndale, was burnt out on the night of January 17th. We extend our sincere sympathy to the unfortunate brother.

Bro. Gaffney, third "PD" tower, is laid up with a bad case of the "flu." Bro. H. W. Holderer, first "HQ," is in St. Anthony's Hospital, Woodhaven, for an operation for throat trouble. We hope for a speedy recovery. Sister Loeffler, second block operator, Central Park, was off several weeks with the "flu", relieved by Bro. Hawkins, who is now laid up, relieved by Bro. Lamb. A number of other "flu" cases and other cases of sickness are still in evidence. The brothers and their families have our sympathy. Bro. Leonard, first at "RJ" tower, off three weeks with a bad knee, was relieved by Bro. Gregory.

Bro. C. A. Small transferred from the station department to the tower department, and Bro. Smith, "A" cabin, to third "SW" cabin, Hempstead Branch.

Every man working for a living in this country should be organized. Every member should get a member. If we live up to this we will get results. It is much easier to organize when you have assistance of the membership. We have noticed it in the last year, and there is still room for improvement. Let us all get interested in this kind of work. We will accomplish more by co-operation and working together.

CERT. 332.

#### Chattanooga, Tenn., Div. No. 73.

As a result of the complete success of the O. R. T. dance given at Chattanooga Armory on last Thanksgiving night we are now enjoying one of the neatest clubs ever known, which is being maintained by the telegraphers in and around Chattanooga, known as the Chattanooga O. R. T. Club—four rooms, 501-504 Temple Court Building, with headquarters also for Local Division 73, and also office space for Q. & C. System Division 62, where General Chairman Anderson and General Secretary and Treasurer Higdon of that division carry on their business transactions while in Chattanooga, and which we hope to be their headquarters in the near future. Regular monthly business meetings will be held in addition to weekly meetings to be held by the club.

The club officers are: A. C. Craighead, president; W. T. Roush, secretary; J. D. Cochran, treasurer; official board, W. Hanson, chairman; H. B. Griffin, H. J. Gang and J. W. Chandler, committee.

For the local pending next election, A. C. Craighead, chief telegrapher, and W. Hanson, secretary and treasurer, appointed until next election, when other lodge officers will be elected.

On Monday night, January 13, we had a rousing big meeting at the club and were honored by having with us Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins from St. Louis, also General Chairman Anderson of 62, Hamilton of N. C. & St. L., Bryant of L. & N., and many members throughout this vicinity.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the good talk by Bro. Rawlins. We hope to have him with us again, and all we ask is a little more time. We only had a few hours' notice of his coming, but filled our rooms full at that.

We hope all the telegraphers who have just joined our club will come in and look us over, and we know you will like it.

We will be represented in each issue of this journal hereafter. CERT. 2, Div. 73.

#### Boston, Mass., Division No. 89.

Your correspondent was taken sick with the influenza and pneumonia at the time when the January write-up was due, which accounts for the absence of the notes for that month.

The January meeting was well attended. Supplement No. 13 was thoroughly explained by Bros. Riley and Clark, members of the General Committee, delegated by General Chairman Ross, pressing business requiring his presence in Washington.

Second Vice Chief Robitchan presided, the Chief being absent on account of sickness. This was Jim's first try-out and he handled the unusual amount of business with the sangfroid of an old-timer.

Now that Supplement No. 13 is in force, we hope no fault will be found with its intent and purpose.

Our committee, acting upon the instructions embodied in the several resolutions adopted at the two big union meetings in Boston, have served you in a most able and admirable manner. Let us give praise to those who labored so jealously for our interest and also loosen up with some of the cash, to defray the expenses incurred. General Chairman Ross is a hard worker and one of the greatest leading spirits in our constructive and executive work.

The annual refund of the Benefit Association netted the boys \$7.50, at the same time being protected to the amount of \$75.00 in case of sickness for the small sum of \$4.50.

Bro. McDermott reports old 89 as very prosperous and with a happy smile tells of the new members admitted, old hardshell delinquents paid up, and the regulars paying up ahead of time. Some appreciative members have contributed their entire week's wages to the General Committee fund voluntarily.

Bro. Suereth, sick several days, was relieved several days by Mr. Young, a new man, and Sister Dutton, Clarks Corner, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, relieved by James Lacey from South Bay Junction.

Bro. McKenney, Blue Hill Ave., and Bro. Tom Malloy, Medway, relieved for exams on V. C. P. & H. by Sutton.

Bro. Bardol is a candidate to succeed himself as Chief Telegrapher.

Bro. Johnny Hodge, of First St., was a recent Lowell, Mass., visitor.

Third Cook St., B. & A., joint "NH", abolished. The remaining two tricks put on a six-day basis. Bro. Johnny Ottenheimer, on third, reverts back to Newtonville Tower, carrying all his "pets" along with him.

Bro. Kelly, Willimantic, spends his Sundays carving initials in the ice on the Willimantic River.

Bro. Casey was absent several weeks, owing to the illness of his wife, and Bro. Stevens was relieved a week by Bro. Harry Curran at S.S. 234, Readville, for the same reason.

We should be careful to merit no criticism from the management for not blocking trains according to the rules, but endeavor to show that O. R. T. men are the best and are

deserving of any and all betterments they seek. Examiner Barrows is around checking this up.

Bro. H. A. Sheehan, dispatcher's office, is having two operations performed, and Bro. George McCue, South Bay, is off with a slight attack of gripe, others doubling on this account.

New Year's morn found the interlocking all frozen up by sleet during the night.

H. J. BARDOL, Div. Cor.

#### *Grand Trunk, Ry., Div. No. 1. Second and Third Districts—*

"Happy New Year" to all.

I wish to unite with all the other O. R. T. members on this division and felicitate our ex-local chairman, Bro. J. A. Tardif, who has been promoted to train dispatcher, with headquarters at Richmond.

We should get right after the "nons". "Papa" Duchesne, at "CA", Joe Nolin, days "H", H. A. Demers, nights "RF", and a few others and give them no rest until they join.

I will have a write-up every month. Do not forget to send notes. CMRT. 2781.

#### *Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Districts—*

Bro. T. G. Wright is back at West Bay City from the Puget Sound Naval Training Station.

Bro. C. S. Stuart took Goodells agency, relieved by extra Howard at third Lapeer.

We regret to report the deaths of Bro. Dewar, first Capac, and the father of Bro. Burns, Flint. The telegraphers sympathize with the relatives in their sad bereavement.

Owing to the death of Bro. Hibbard, I have been appointed correspondent for these two districts. Members having items of interests will please send them to me so we can have a good write-up each month.

G. A. PECK, Cert. 2613.

Flint, Mich.

#### *Winnipeg to Watrous Division—*

The membership of this division have been saddened by the death of Mered Roy Brewer, general chairman for the Grand Trunk Pacific lines, which occurred on January 4th. Bro. Brewer was born in Fredericton, N. B., in 1888, and had been railroading and telegraphing all his life. He was local chairman on the Melville, Sask., Division of the G. T. P. for several years previous to his election as general chairman of that road in 1916, and has held that position since that time. He was very popular in labor circles, and was a conscientious and hard worker in the interests he served, and being taken away right in the middle of important work connected with the recent McAdoo award, his loss is keenly felt, especially by the rest of the committee. In the last year he had brought the organization to the highest standard it has ever attained, the last schedule he worked out bringing the G. T. P. up

to the level of the older and larger roads, for the first time in its history.

His life work was just beginning and he was full of hope for the future, when called by the All Wise Chief to other and higher duties. He was loved and respected by everyone, as a father, husband, friend and neighbor, and as chief of the division he represented was always ready to give a kind word of advice and do his duty as he saw it.

Being master of several musical instruments, he was prominent among a large circle of friends as a musician; also in such activities as the Red Cross, Returned Soldiers Aid, Tennis League, etc.

The funeral services held at his home in Atwater were very impressive, the remains being laid to rest in the cemetery there. The great esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the many wreaths and floral offerings.

The O. R. T. burial service was used, the ritual being read by Bro. McKibbon; the necessary evergreens being obtained from the Christmas tree sent to him by Bro. Gurwell of the Edson, Alta., District for his children, which had never been used, on account of them all being sick.

The pallbearers were selected from among members of the Order, some coming two hundred miles to pay their last respects.

Telegrams of condolence to the bereaved family poured in from his many friends and relatives from coast to coast. He leaves a wife and two children, a mother, two sisters and two brothers to mourn his loss, besides all the members of the O. R. T., to whom his work had endeared him.

Mrs. Brewer desires to express her gratitude for the fellowship and good feeling shown by the members of the O. R. T. of this division generally, and is deeply grateful to the brothers and sisters who came such great distances to assist her in her great affliction.

H. L. GURWELL,

General Chairman Pro-Tem.,

G. T. P., Division No. 1.

#### *G. T. P. Winnipeg to Watrous Div. Notes—*

Among the many who attended General Chairman Bro. M. R. Brewer's funeral were: Bros. Triplett, Bent and McKibbon of Melville; Gurwell, Spruce Grove, Alta.; Walsh, Pacific, B. C.; Waddell, Rivers; Price, Waldrum, and Sister Graham, Portage.

Bro. Harrington is now first and Bro. Walters second trick dispatcher on the Regina Division, Bro. Carson relieving on third, relieved by Bro. Lyute.

Bro. Nolan has returned to Tate after his illness, relieved by Bro. Palmer, third Watrous.

Sister House, Punnichey, on leave several days, attended Operator Myers' funeral while in Saskatoon.

Bro. Kerwin, "V" office, spent two weeks in Calgary.

Bro. Bessler, Otthon, has resigned, having bought a moving picture house in Yorkton, which he will operate himself. DIV. COR.

#### *Fourth and Fifth Districts, G. T. P.—*

The meeting held at Biggar on Sunday, January 19th, proved a real success, both in numbers and business dealt with. It was called for one o'clock, but on account of No. 1 being late, it was about 2 p. m. when Bro. Triplett, of Melville, took the chair.

Several matters of interest were discussed and disposed of quite satisfactory to all. Among the business transacted was the nomination of Bro. Dodds, Viking, as local chairman, and the nomination of delegates and alternates for the general convention. Bro. Dixon gave the boys a line-up of the C. P. R.'s new schedule. The following brothers were present: Blaine, Yorath Junction; Vogal and Everitt, Saskatoon Commercial, and Pike, Saskatoon; Smith, Nokomis; Macreache and Porter, Watrous; Craggs and Salter, Young; Debenham, Leney; Tetreault, Kinley; Perry, Clavet; Harnett, Zelma; Triplett, Melville; and Nault, Lyons, Saunders, Keefe, Folsom and Dixon, Biggar, C. P. R.

It is with deep regret we chronicle the deaths of two of our members of "flu", that of our general chairman, Bro. M. R. Brewer, of Atwater, on January 4th, and Bro. M. L. Meyers, at Edmonton, on December 31st.

Understand a subscription is being taken up by the boys for Mrs. Meyers and family.

Bro. Skelf is expected back to Prince Albert shortly, when Bro. Debenham hopes to be able to spend a few days at his home burg, Leney.

Business is increasing so fast at Duro that Sister Woodman is figuring on getting a mill in order to beat the fast ones at "SA" and to relieve wrist pains through 23s.

Who are the lucky agents that can get matches to light the station lamps with?

Bro. "XO", of "SA", says he is no good at pumping a handcar.

One of our brothers has hit on a novel idea of beating the high cost of living. He says fish can be bought for six cents a pound at Prince Rupert, Government pays two-thirds of the express, which makes cost to him about eight cents, and when the neighbor farmers have helped him out his costs are nothing, besides increasing express commissions.

Bro. Bryant, Juniata, is now at Yorath Junction days and Bro. Blaine nights.

Bro. P. A. Nault, formerly at "AR", will soon be an A1 dispatcher at "BI".

Bro. Salter, "P" Cudworth, bid in "NU" agency. Glad to see him on the main line again.

All the boys are waiting patiently for our new schedule, which we expect shortly.

Have to thank a few of the boys for the notes. Wish the boys on the west end and branches would send me some news.

CHEAT. 815.

**"Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 3.****C. U. D. Division—**

The methods employed to defeat organized labor by corporation representatives during the days of private manipulation apparently exist at the present time in a subdued, elusive sort of way. It has been apparent that efforts were being exerted to induce members to disregard Order proceedings and enter into their own negotiations, so to speak.

The General Committee is doing everything in its power to expedite matters in obtaining one of the very best schedules in America. All negotiations in the United States were held up pending the settlement at Washington, and recent work to incorporate the various supplements into system agreements dates from its close. The exact time required to complete them depends entirely upon the ability of road officials to spend sufficient time at single intervals to avoid numerous delays. Patience is the keynote to success. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

February is the last month in which you can pay your dues without becoming delinquent. Until the pending negotiations for a schedule are settled the dues for the first half of 1919 will be four dollars. After that the dues will be the "Big Four" standard rate of seven dollars. Pay early and avoid the extra costs on the first half. Div. Cor.

**Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—**

Acting Chairman Bro. Engle spent some time in Indianapolis recently on O. R. T. business, relieved by Bro. Wyegandt on second Cold Springs.

Bro. Edwards, first Sharon yards, off a few days on account of his wife's sickness, relieved by Bro. J. B. Sullivan, and Bro. G. D. Berthisel, sick with the "flu", relieved by Bro. V. H. Banes, on first East Sharon; Bro. W. L. Rose, second there, is back after two months off on account of operation for acute appendicitis, J. O. Read relieving. Bro. S. A. Gardner was off a week account death of his father. He has our sympathy. Bro. G. C. Chance, third Mauds, was off a week account of sickness.

A number of jobs closed on Columbus and several on Cincinnati side. Enon station was closed January 9th, Bro. H. S. Christ, first there, to interlocking plant at West End, and Bro. Swanney to third Erie Crossing. All our jobs on Cincinnati Division are interlocking now. A new second was opened at Franklin.

Bro. Mike Nickels is just out of the Army and back on third "CU".

Bro. O. Grutch was off with the "flu" over a month and Bro. E. Stevix two weeks.

Bro. Wm. Sautters is relieving Bro. Pete Gallerger on third Dayton yard.

Brothers, keep after the nons around you. See that they all get cards before they slip

by you with their back pay and the raise they got. Read the various write-ups and get next to the benefits of a strong organization.

Our local chairman suggests that I act as correspondent of this division. Brothers on the Sandusky side and up around Columbus, send me some notes.

First Trick Dispatcher Sister Ogle is working as night chief now on account of sickness.

Bro. C. E. Smith, Bates Point, has a new speeder to ride to and from his work.

Bro. Tom Golden, second West End, was displaced by Bro. Christ, Enon first.

E. J. SHEPARD.

Bro. D. A. Roebuck, Cert. 483, Division No. 58, and Mrs. C. D. Roebuck and children of Cynthiana, Ky., desire to thank the brothers of the Cincinnati Northern Division, "Big Four" Railway, and especially Mr. Lampson, for the kindness shown them during the last sickness and death of their brother, husband, father and brother, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Karl F. Artz and family desire to thank the members of this division for the beautiful floral wreath sent them as a mute token of their sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement by the death of their infant daughter.

Too much phone work is being done on this division by men who have no right to use the phone, while there is a man on duty getting paid for doing this work, and I ask each one of you to do your bit to break up the practice. Talk this matter over with the men guilty of doing this so they will see it in the same light as we do. If they take offense at this, drop me a line and I will take action.

The membership on this division is increasing satisfactorily and we are again looking forward to being 100 per cent solid. Our increase under Supplement 18 is big enough to make all self-respecting telegraphers join the organization and pay their share the same as you have done. See that they do so.

H. T. SLOAN, L. C.

**Cleveland Division Notes—**

Local Chairman Sloan, on committee work, relieved by Bro. Etzel, who also relieved Bro. Tripplett, third Galion, a few days.

On sick list: Bro. McCartney, relieved by Potter; Bro. C. M. Young, third A Tower, with the "flu", relieved by Bro. Clutter.

Bro. Scott was relieved several weeks on second Edison by Bro. Gallagher from third Cardington.

Sister Miss Corwin was relieved a few days by Mrs. Capple.

Let's kept after the nons and line them up. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1499.

**C., St. P., M. & O. R. R., Div. No. 4.  
Western Division—**

**NOTICE.**

The minimum salary on the Western Division in 1915 was \$57.50. Order No. 27 is based on the salaries paid December 31, 1915, and automatically raised the minimum to \$81.78. I am advised by Mr. Prentice that this is being adjusted and that all those positions which, through error, were set at less than \$81.78 since January 1, 1918, will be brought up to that minimum and, no doubt, back pay will be coming to those who have worked these jobs. I wish, therefore, that you would write me the length of time you have worked in these positions, giving date.

D. O. TENNEY, G. S. & T.

**Western Division Notes—**

New members: P. W. Mynard, from the N. P.; M. M. Keer, Elmore, from the Grand; Leigh A. Clements, Black River Falls; Thos. A. McCready, Stillwater; G. B. Windal, Mason; John P. Hogenson, leverman, of Superior; E. S. Mellinger, of Chippewa Falls; Mrs. Kathryn G. Wenzel, of Nicols; and Misses H. A. Motzkus, Cameron, and Ethel E. Magnusen, Ashton.

The General Committee of seven members met at St. Paul, January 9th, and have things shaped so that as soon as a date is obtained the sub-committee, consisting of Liddane, Tenney and Sisterman, will meet the management to incorporate Supplement No. 13 into our schedule.

Bros. R. O. Block, J. G. Kaudy, A. P. Wagner and R. J. Stelter have written from France recently, sending their very best wishes to the members of Division No. 4.

C. F. McCarthy, Savage; Geo. Kleeman, Avoca, and A. G. Jansma, Beaver Creek, have been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues.

We acknowledge holiday greetings from Brother W. W. Nicholas and family, now located at Yorkton, Sask., with a photo of Bro. and Mrs. Nicholas and their son.

Bro. P. W. Mynard went to second Minneopa, relieving Miss Burce, who visited relatives at Eau Claire during the holidays, and Sister Walvoord to Minneopa third, relieving Miss Tollerfson, visiting friends at Eleva, Wis.

Bro. Gabbert, honorably discharged from the training camps, has resumed at Belle Plaine, vice Sister Brooks, who went to Blakeley. Bro. R. P. Warner has also returned from the service to his former position. Bro. W. I. Story is now at Garden City, and Bro. A. Backer is on second at the new "UN" office, Minneapolis.

Bro. Ketteman, St. Peter second, in the hospital with the "flu", is improving. Miss Wood relieving.

Bro. B. F. Fuller, Jordan second, who has been in ill health for some time, died at his home in Arkansaw, Wis., December 7th; and

Bro. R. J. Witzany, of Belle Plaine, made the supreme sacrifice that this world might be a safe place in which to live, being fatally wounded November 11th, the day peace was declared. His mother wrote Bro. Sisterman at Belle Plaine, asking that a gold star be placed on the honor flag. Bro. Jesse M. Black, of Luverne, Minn., one of our new levermen members, died November 5th from influenza. To the relatives and friends of these members the membership of Division No. 4 extends their heartfelt sympathy.

In the rush of committee work and other duties which have become very heavy, we were unable to get our items in on time to appear in the January Journal, and they have been merged into this issue.

D. S. Josephson, at Kasota, claimed that he was one time a member on the N. P. and that all the benefits he had received since he was on the Omaha would not reimburse him for the cost of maintaining his membership while on that road. The General Secretary and Treasurer of Division 54, however, informs us that Josephson has not been a member of that division within the past six years, and Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins advises that there is no record of D. S. Josephson ever having been a member. Further comment seems unnecessary.

Pay your dues promptly. The General Committee has grown with our added membership and we must not retard its progress by being slow in cancelling this obligation.

Accept my earnest and sincere best wishes for a Happy New Year.

D. O. TENNEY, G. S. & T., Cert. 2.

**Nebraska Division—**

The meeting at Emerson, January 19th, was a decided success, there being twenty-six members present. General Chairman Liddane gave us an interesting recital of the negotiations that secured for us the well-known increase in pay and working conditions of Supplement No. 13, as well as a clear understanding and interpretation of its provisions.

Local Chairman Coyle, Bros. Moran, Peterson and various other members gave interesting talks, relative to the progress made by the O. R. T. in the last ten years.

A flower fund was created by assessing each member twenty-five cents, to be used in the event of a deceased brother or any member of his family. This has been needed for some, and the members should support it faithfully. Those who have not, as yet, sent Bro. Coyle this amount because of not being present at the meeting should do so at once. When by reason of a death the fund is depleted, each member will be under obligation to contribute again.

The next meeting was fixed for the second Sunday in March, and in each alternate month thereafter.

Sister McCarn, Hubbard, on leave, relieved by Bro. Gabrielson.

Bro. C. F. Cotton to Crofton, vice Bro. King, who expects to engage in other business, now relieving temporarily at Wakefield, vice Bro. Lindberg, gone with the W. U. at Sioux City.

Local Chairman Coyle has at last placed the division upon a 100 per cent basis, and it is up to the members to keep it there. Occasionally when a member overlooks paying dues, we should call his attention to it before the time for payment elapses, when he has to be dropped.

The dues have been increased to \$9.00 semi-annually, which we should be willing to pay gladly, as General Chairman Liddane will now be able to devote his entire time to the interests of the members of Division No. 4, which means a deal of good for all. Remember, the increase in your dues is but twenty-five cents per month, while the increases in pay have been more than as many dollars.

We want as many at the next meeting as possible; matters will come up at each one of them in which you are vitally interested. If you are absent, you are the loser. If you don't come to meetings, don't ever "holler" about not being able to interpret your working conditions.

Supplement No. 13, soon incorporated in our schedule, means a handsome increase for all represented, as well as an eight-hour day, time and one-half for overtime, and two hours' pay at the overtime rate for a call.

Bro. C. D. Cartland, Craig, had the extreme misfortune to lose his wife through influenza illness. The entire division extends its heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved brother. Bro. Coyle relieved him.

Bro. Wallace has returned and bid in Calhoun second, and P. S. Plumleigh bid in Hartington days. Bro. Vicroy has been working Wakefield second since returning from his layoff.

CERT. 305.

#### *Northern Division—*

We closed the year 1918 with a 100 per cent membership. This has been attained through the splendid support given the local chairman, which he deeply appreciates. Let's close 1919 with the same splendid record.

Bro. Filbey, Duluth, was off a few days to bury his brother, a victim of the "flu". He has the sympathy of all the membership in his great loss.

We were grieved to learn of the death of the wife of Bro. Welch, December 6th, while visiting her old home in Illinois, with the same malady. She left George and two little babies to mourn her sad loss. George has the sympathy of the whole membership, especially the local chairman personally. Only a few months ago I was entertained royally at his happy home.

R. S. Nelson goes to Shell Lake third, and P. S. Peterson to Washburn days. Both of these men just recently returned from the Army. They were dropped from the rolls, but we hope to have them with us again soon.

We contemplate calling a meeting at Spooners shortly for the purpose of getting the membership together and to analyze the new schedule. Our general chairman has assured us he will be present, and we should have a good turnout to greet him.

Bro. E. Swanson, Deer Park, advises us he will soon introduce his new and latest scenario entitled, "Boys, Oh, Boys." He has become very popular of late with his noted screen stuff.

Sister Blanche Amans, Hawthorne, relieved by Sister Mestaugh, recently called home on account of the death of her brother, and Sister Blaha and Sister Svobodsvy, owing to the death of relatives. They all have our sympathy.

Bro. Sinclair relieved the dispatchers in Spooner during their two days off each month, Bro. Webber relieving in "K."

Bro. F. R. Kozlik, off two weeks with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Kingelm, recently returned from the Army.

T. J. Wright, a new man who relieved our local chairman while on committee work, promises to be with us next pay day.

Bro. Imusland, Ashland, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Welsh, who has taken second Superior.

The wife of Bro. Hansche, who has been in the sanitarium some time with a nervous breakdown is home again.

Bro. Packard has moved his family to Bayfield from Park Falls, where he was located before the Soo Line and Omaha were consolidated there.

Supt. Stockwell has gone South for the winter, owing to a nervous breakdown. He has taken an active interest in Red Cross work in addition to his heavy official duties.

The writer recently met former Trainmaster Congdon in St. Paul.

Bro. F. Morratto was off a few days recently visiting relatives in Duluth.

Remember the watchword, brothers, "No card, no favors." We must apply it this year, good and strong, if we can expect to close the year with the 100 per cent mark.

"X," Cert. 330.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. Donahue, agent Valley Junction, is back after several weeks' vacation.

The broad smile displayed by Bro. Grays, second Sheppard, is owing to the return of Mrs. Gray from her old home in Missouri with a fine baby girl after several months' absence.

Bro. Clements, relieved on third Sheppard by Mr. Beach, went to St. Paul to take a

course in a telegraph school, as he had not yet qualified as an operator.

Bro. Moore, first Sheppard, off several weeks with the "flu", was relieved by Bro. H. L. Nelson, first Fairchild, and he by Sister Pearl Lockwood.

Boys, pay your dues promptly. It took a lot of money to secure this new rate which will soon be put in our schedule. We must stay 100 per cent strong to hold it. Keep after the few still out.

Our soldier boys are coming back, so it should not be hard now to get some of the back vacations we tried to get last summer.

Bro. J. O. Olson stopped off a few days at the Falls to see old friends, enroute to his home at New Richmond, and Bro. P. Peterson, formerly at Cameron, went through on his way to Warren, where his folks live.

Bro. O. Krogstad is back on third North-line, after a hard struggle with "flu" and pneumonia. Bro. Judd relieving, returned to Stillwater Junction.

The Twin City telegraphers club held its meeting at Trades Union Hall, St. Paul, Monday, January 13th, about 125 being present including four general chairmen, who were at the Chicago meetings and at the conference in Washington, and gave very interesting talks on the interpretation of Supplement No. 13, including General Chairman Sam Johnson of Division 54. Division 4 was well represented from out on the line by Bros. Hurst, R. S. Roe, Davis and Engbretson from Hudson; G. B. Reed, Ellsworth; E. B. Jaconson, J. Seigel, C. A. Judd, Heldloff, Wolhupter, East 7th St.; C. A. Pope, Myron, Wynne, and Tracey. Bros. Liddane, Bone, J. B. Head and Richards from St. Paul were also present.

Bro. Hurst, relieved by Bro. Tronstad, went with his family to Des Moines, Ia., to attend the golden wedding of Mrs. Hurst's parents, on New Year's Eve. It also being the old gentleman's 80th birthday anniversary. The entire family, four sons and four daughters, with their wives and husbands were present.

CERT. 6.

#### Kansas City Southern Ry., Div. No. 5.

Bro. E. C. White, second dispatcher Heavener, has resigned and will return to Pittsburgh shortly.

Sister T. M. Merchant gave up second Panama for the extra board, relieving Bro. B. C. Austin, third Spiro, relieving Bro. W. T. Leach, agent Gans, on the sick list.

Bro. Frank Ragain is relieving Bro. H. Londagin, agent Marble City, also on account of sickness.

Bro. A. R. Hurd, who had another stroke of paralysis, is slightly improved but still in serious condition. Bro. S. N. Shadell is relieving him on third.

*Don't forget to pay your dues, thereby helping yourself and the division by having*

*an up-to-date card all the time and plenty of money in the treasury.*

Former Chief Dispatcher Stevens at Heavener is now at Muskogee on the Midland Valley. We all wish him success, no better men are made.

Bro. James Harrington, formerly our South End lineman, is also on the Midland Valley at Pawhuska.

Bro. E. L. McRaven advises that he is now a "daddy."

Roscoe Hooper has been appointed Superintendent of Telegraph, vice R. L. Logan, deceased. We miss his ever welcome smile and friendly chat. We have lost one of our best friends. We wish Mr. Hooper success in his new position.

You people South and North wake up. Let's know what happens on your end of the road. Get some life into yourselves, as well as the membership on those other divisions. This is *no time to sleep*. Make the *nons kick in, or kick out*, and everyone pay their dues promptly.

CERT. 652.

#### Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6. Kansas Division—

Bros. John Pommier, L. B. Skaggs and F. L. Allen have received their honorable discharge and are back again with us, the latter returning to Frankfort third, Bro. Skaggs to Rossville third, and Bro. Pommier to Onoga first, both on bids.

Bro. R. H. Walker is now on the Colorado Division at Union, Colo. He is a first-class telegrapher, a member in good standing and always will be.

Bro. Erwin, resigned, is now in MOP dispatcher's office at Concordia, succeeded on first in the U. P. there by Bro. Jacobs; Bro. L. O. Shamblin to Bonner Springs second, vice Bro. Gosnell resigned, now with the Sinclair Refg. Co.; Bro. A. P. Cole to Central Division relief, vice Bro. Anderson to Eastern District relief, vice Bro. Hockensmith to Ellis agency; Bro. W. B. Pierson to Perry third; Bro. L. I. Horstman to Junction City second, vice Bro. Roll to Camp Funston second; Bro. O. C. Babcock, Linwood, to the new third at Abilene, making it a continuous office again. Nearly every position on the division has been reduced to eight hours.

Bro. Gresham is back on Manhattan third, owing to reduction of force in "GN".

Bro. H. G. Hayes, Morganville, down with influenza, relieved by Bro. Cole, relieved on Manhattan second by Bro. Sullivant, extra.

Bro. A. C. Cosley is back on third "RI" Junction after an encounter with the "flu".

Bro. R. B. Smith transferred to the accounting department and is now assistant traveling auditor on the Central and Kansas Divisions.

Every member on the Kansas Division is in good standing, but there are still a few nons left. Boys, remember that old slogan, "*No card, no favors,*" and put it into practice.

tice; you will be surprised how fast the nons disappear.

Some of the boys have already received back pay from Supplements 10 and 11. We hope to soon have a complete new and revised schedule.

CERT. 1103.

#### *Central Division—*

Bro. J. E. Birch, agent Steele City, was late to his Christmas dinner with friends at Hiawatha, Kan., as No. 4 was tied up three hours three miles west of there. Bro. Bert Hopkins, agent Morrill, Kan., on the same train, failed to get to St. Joseph to see the movies and get back on No. 1.

Bro. Tryon, Marysville, spent a day with home folks in Hiawatha, since recovering from an attack of typhoid, spending two months in St. Joe hospital.

Station Agent Lemoine at Hiawatha sprays the waiting passengers with a powerful germicide just before the arrival of each outgoing train. The germ-killing fluid fills the air of each waiting room so that all go into the cars thoroughly fumigated.

The Highland Branch has been regraded and a \$52,000 bridge built across Wolf River. All of the help at the various stations on this branch are now working eight hours. One run has been taken off to comply with the eight-hour law.

Bro. Martin spent Christmas with Brother Locier at Milford, enjoying a big hunt, and Bro. Late spent Christmas with his mother and father-in-law at Broughton.

Bro. Calander, Onaga, suffering with an attack of the "flu" and measles, was relieved by Bro. Graham from Emmett, third trick closed, on account of shortage of operators.

Bro. C. O. Wilson, travelling agent, is relieving at Winchester.

W. T. Vaughn, agent Della, operated on for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

C. E. Brock, formerly on first at Sabetha, returned from the U. S. service at Camp Funston, is relieving at Delta.

Bro. Cantwell, agent Irving, called to Blue Springs on account of the illness of his father, and station closed, no one to relieve him.

Z. T. Singleton, agent Herkimer, died in Kansas City recently.

The train dispatchers are now taking their two days a month off.

Local Chairman Tompkins is "snowed under" with work. Let us all lend him a hand and show that we appreciate his efforts in giving us such efficient service.

New members: C. T. Sheppard, Upland Junction, and Benjamin T. Hart and R. W. Mester, Hiawatha, making the latter solid Q. R. T.

CERT. 1538.

#### *Nebraska Division, First District—*

Having been assigned to represent this division, I'm at your service. Send all your news to the operators at Schuyler.

Bro. L. R. DeFrance relieved 30 days on account of sickness by Extra Snodgras.

Bro. R. R. Vath, first Lane, has recovered from the "flu" and expects shortly to take a trip to Cheyenne. His motor truck was demobilized by a freight train recently while going from work. We are glad to learn that he escaped.

Bro. Biggs, agent Schuyler, while recuperating from operation for appendicitis, took first there, vice Bro. F. P. Vybiral, who relieved him on the agency. Later Bro. Vybiral went to Papillion agency, relieved on Schuyler first by Bro. Sulc, and he on third there by Bro. I. E. Gier, now on vacation, relieved by Edith Cruson.

Bro. T. D. Grimes, agent North Bend, is back again after several weeks' siege with pneumonia following the "flu." Bro. Hoover, first there, is being relieved by Gorham, a new man.

Bro. S. S. Provorse, second Valley, has our sincere sympathy owing to the recent death of his wife.

We are very close now to 100 per cent. Let's do all we can to reach that goal.

CERT. 712.

#### *Nebraska Division, Second District—*

We regret to report the death of Bros. Martin and Wilson of Gibson, caused by pneumonia after battling with the "flu" five days, each. Bro. Martin leaves a wife and two small children. His remains were sent to Kansas City, Mo., for burial. Bro. Wilson leaves a wife. His remains were sent to his former home at Anselmo, Neb., for burial. Both families have our heartfelt sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement.

Bros. Martin and Repleglo, both laid up with the "flu" at the same time as Bros. Martin and Wilson, are on the job now. Gibson closed part the time while these brothers were combatting the "flu." Bro. McMara and Mr. Volz are relieving at Gibbon pending bulletin and assignment on vacancies caused by death of the two brothers.

Bro. Field, who relieved Bro. Repleglo, later relieved Bro. Bussel at Alda, who was taken to Grand Island Hospital sick with the "flu."

This district surely has had its share of sickness. Due to the "flu," many offices were closed on account no extra men to do the relief work.

Local Chairman Phillips took an eight-mile hike to and from work while the street car strike was on at Omaha and also informed us as to our negotiations going on at Washington.

Bro. Hansen, Elm Creek, is on vacation in Texas, prospecting for oil, relieved by Bro. Dewhirst.

Bro. Langenegger, Odessa, off 13 days account "flu," relieved by helper, Miss Goodsey, from Oconto.

Bro. Fountaine, Grand Island, also off several days account serious illness of his wife with the "flu." She has passed the danger point.

Bro. Hansen, Wood River, to St. Joseph Hospital, having his appendix removed, is getting along nicely; relieved by Bro. Root.

Bro. Parker Maxwell, called home account serious illness of his father, who was taken to the hospital at Columbus, getting along nicely. Bro. Fields from Third District relieving; later to Gibbon, relieving brothers there sick with "flu."

Bro. Snyder, Grand Island, called to Gothengburg account his mother sick, relieved by Miss Cruson from First District, sister of Bro. Cruson, Lexington.

Bro. Carroll, Gothenburg, wearing a smile and stepping high on arrival of a nice baby girl.

Bro. Hannum, Gothenburg, was a recent Omaha visitor. DIV. COR.

#### *Colorado Division, K. P. District—*

Bro. C. A. Paul, visiting relatives in Carterville, Mo., bumped off first Wakeeney by Bro. R. R. Edwards returning from military service. H. A. Thom, a former brother, who helped out during the shortage of operators on second Wakeeney, is back at Quinter in the lumber business and renewed his membership.

Bro. L. C. Duenwig, Oakley, in Denver recently, made the usual call at "UD," also Bro. S. C. Lummis, attending the safety meeting.

Bro. Niswanger's wife, who had the "flu," is O. K. again. Bros. J. F. Ley and M. A. Pounds, Sharon Springs, were off a few days on account of having the "flu" in their families, who are all well again. Bro. C. E. McCauley off a few days, sick, relieved by Bro. L. H. Flint, relief agent, who also relieved Bro. J. F. Hannon, off a few days with the "flu," and Bro. F. J. Frankling, Bogue, a few days. Sister Susie Drury from Hill City went over to Zurich and made up the monthly reports for Bro. McCulley, who was sick with the "flu."

First pulled off at Deer Trail, and Bro. I. J. Martin has been going round and round.

Bro. Roy Collins, taken out of the service for 30 days on account of reporting sick, was reinstated and paid for time lost; then bid in second Kit Carson.

Bro. (Ill. Cent.) E. E. Rickert, third Deer Trail, made the boys in "UD" a visit.

Bro. Doherty from Morland, off a few days on account of sickness of relatives in Kansas City, relieved by Bro. C. E. Phillips from Penokee.

#### *D. P. District —*

Bro. Griffin Carr, off a few days sick, relieved by Bro. R. L. Henry; Bro. Skinner, agent Pierce, by Bro. Flint, and Bro. Dickens by an extra man.

Bro. Grayson from Greeley called to Illinois on account of the death of his brother, and Bro. Frost from "UD," called to Minnesota, also on account of the death of his brother. We extend them our sympathy.

Bro. Geo. R. Vickroy from Greeley and Bro. Kane, LaSalle, visited the boys in "UD."

#### *J. B. District—*

Bro. Myers from Orchard, off duty a few days with "flu," is O. K. again and made a trip to Denver recently. Bro. Meikle from Kersey, also off a few days with the "flu," is back with us again.

Bro. Gibbs, at Hardin, passed away after a short illness of the "flu." The division furnished flowers and Bro. Sutherland assisted Mrs. Gibbs all he possibly could.

Bro. Kimsey from Crook bid in Hardin agency.

Bro. G. F. Frost has been appointed division correspondent. Send him all the notes you can to Room 231, Union Station.

Bro. Sutherland wishes to thank the Colorado Division members for the purse handed him for his services as L. C. during the year 1918.

Send in your dues for 1919 soon as possible. We need the money.

G. F. FROST, Div. Cor.

#### *Wyoming Division—*

The new year opened up with a good increase for telegraphers, also putting many of us on 8-hour day, and we should make the best of it by showing our ability towards our work.

First "NY" North Platte yard bid in by Branch Dispatcher Hatch. Branch work being given to main line dispatchers, leaving Bro. Laursen on extra list; now on third Rock River, Wyo. Bro. Hagey, who has been working report job at North Platte, is back in "NO," bumping Frye to extra list; now on Nebraska Division. C. A. Lawson, first lieutenant in Signal Service, has returned from the army, bumping Bro. Morris, who bid in Hershy agency. Bro. B. F. Poole, third Julesburg, has resigned to go on his farm in Missouri. Sorry to lose him.

Bro. Engleman, first Julesburg, off on account of his wife having the "flu," relieved by Extra Peterson.

Bro. Burton was called home account death in his wife's family. Bro. C. O. Dohner, agent Chappell, called to Omaha on account of illness in his family, relieved by Clerk Green from Chappell.

New members are: Clark, Ogallala; E. B. Norman, at "NO" North Platte; Shoemaker, agent Sidney, and Sister Doherty, at Kimball.

The old slogan, "No card, no favors," should be practiced more now than ever before, for everyone should be able to pay

his dues now with the increase and still be money ahead. It's not a fair deal for part of us to pay dues and those who do not get the benefit of it just the same as we do. Let's line up the nons, be 100 per cent strong and better our conditions.

Bro. T. D. Pyle, agent Julesburg, on Christmas vacation in Kentucky and Tennessee, relieved by Bro. Engleman from first, and he by Extra Peterson.

Bro. J. G. Burton, North Platte, will be glad to receive any notes from the brothers and represent us with a write-up each month. A note or two from each one will help.

CERT. 1515.

#### Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.

##### Moose Jaw District—

A joint meeting was held at Moose Jaw Sunday, December 22, 1918, Regina and Moose Jaw Districts being well represented, with Local Chairman Cheney in the chair, assisted by Bro. Barry, Regina.

Several items of business were discussed, and after the meeting the members were addressed by Traveling Freight Agent McLean from Regina on freight tariffs.

A settlement with regard to increase in wages was reached with the company on January 11th. Every member will be advised later what it will be.

We would like all the members to send in some news so we can have a write-up in the Journal every month.

Bro. Dumas, Herbert days, goes to Leipzig agency; Bro. A. E. Kirkpatrick, Strongfield, to Simpson; Bro. Thomson to Mossback agency, vice Bro. Begin to Creelman; Bro. Higgins to Boharm; S. Platt to Dunkirk, and Bro. Dickson, Outlook, to North Portal. Bro. Crosby has withdrawn his bid on Outlook, and Bro. J. Cavanagh is there temporarily. G. T. King goes to Pambrun agency, vice J. E. Foster to Malaval agency.

Bro. A. J. Cunningham, working as third trick dispatcher at Regina on the branches for a few weeks, has returned to Moose Jaw, relieving Bro. Coons, who goes back to "YD" third.

Bro. Cunningham, agent at Woodrow, has resigned to enter business for himself, succeeded by O. McAuley.

It is Bro. S. A. Inglis again. We are glad to welcome him back into the Order.

Bro. Dave Anderson will soon be back on third Swift Current to relieve Bros. Ormond and Stone, who have been doubling for some time.

CERT. 2860.

#### Island Division, E. & N. Ry., Vancouver Island, B. C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cook wish to extend their sincere appreciation for the floral tribute and sympathetic expressions and assistance in the bereavement of their beloved son, Thomas Cook. Our loyal Bro. "Tommy"

was loved by all who came in contact with him for his open-hearted manner and his unselfish devotion to duty. May our Heavenly Father keep his soul in peace and grant him eternal rest. Our sympathies are extended to his bereaved parents, whom he loved and by whom he was loved.

All the stations that have employed help have been hit pretty hard by the "flu," some points being at times without even a flunk, rather like pre-Order days, emptying ashes, lighting fires, selling tickets, taking telegrams, train orders, answering 'phones, checking baggage, sealing cars, and then settling down to do a little work after.

We are glad to hear that Bros. Fawcett, Firth and Barr have recovered from their recent illness and are back on deck again. We regret that Bro. Barr has found it necessary to go South to regain his health after recovering from the "flu." Every good wish follows you, Bro. Barr, and may your destination fulfill the necessity.

Bro. Dey has been like a cat on a tin roof trying to relieve two stations at once; but what he does, he does well.

Brothers are reminded to remit their dues promptly. It should be just as easy to meet our obligations when they fall due as a month later. Don't allow it to be a penalty, but instead make it a pleasure.

Don't leave all the interest to the local chairman. He is not elected to be the sole representative. The membership are also the representatives; the Order belongs to them, and the brothers you elect take care of you; if not, get 'live ones. Remember all this in the February elections.

Brothers are asked to reply promptly to correspondence sent them by the local chairman. It is all in their interest. It should not be necessary to repeat the request, and the local also has some work to do but has not yet pleaded too busy.

If you find any "nons" on the line, send in their names and addresses and The Local will mail them application blanks. On account of so much sickness this has been a little neglected, and if the old slogan is applied—"No card, no favors"—they will find themselves a little lonely in the brass-pounders' world.

Peace on earth, good will to all men of good will; happiness and prosperity, my wish for 1919.

N. F. L.

#### Lethbridge District—

The "flu" is not so severe as it was a month ago.

We deeply regret the loss of Bro. G. R. Smith, agent at Warner, from its effects after a week's illness, and extend our sympathy to his family. Mrs. Smith, who accompanied the remains to New Brunswick, desires to thank the boys for their sympathy and the beautiful floral wreath sent. CERT. 2797.

*Saskatchewan Division, District Three—*

Superintendent McKay, Chief Dispatcher Marshaw et al. made a trip of inspection over Lanigan Sub. recently. A great many brothers were pleased to meet the C. D., as this was his first trip over this end of the line. Let us show our appreciation with good service and unity in helping him handle his district with ease.

Local Chairman McOrmond in Montreal on schedule negotiations, Bro. Francis acting local chairman during his absence.

Brothers, if there are any non-members or any assistants eligible to membership, keep after them and help make the division 100 per cent strong.

Someone on the west end send me some notes. A man down on this line cannot get all the news. Some of the brothers on the main line can. Let's hear from you through CERT. 2929.

*Saskatchewan District, Regina Division—*

The "flu" gave the telegraphers a hard time of it. Bros. Stubbings and Lampin were victims of the epidemic, while nearly every telegrapher on the division had an attack more or less severe. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, wife of Bro. Kirkpatrick; Mrs. Wagener, wife of Bro. Wagener of Estevan, and Mrs. Leydon, wife of Bro. Leydon of Stoughton, also were victims of the disease. The families of the afflicted brothers have the sympathy of all the telegraphers.

Bros. Gordon of Grenfell and Leydon of Stoughton are now on sick leave. The boys at Grenfell are doubling and Crosswait is relieving at Stoughton.

Bro. Carfat of Creelman transferred to the Alberta District, Medicine Hat Division, on sick transfer arrangement. We wish him health and prosperity in his new field.

Bro. T. W. Davidson returned from overseas and expects his discharge shortly from military duties.

Bro. Johnson, Moosejaw Division, relieved Bro. Abramovich at Tribune, who relieved Bro. Williams, on leave of absence from Halbrite agency. Bro. Barber, Pangman, also on leave, relieved by Bro. Assistant Agent Ruddell.

Bro. Godard, discharged from military duties, is at Weyburn extra, Bro. Bailey taking charge of the tickets and Bro. Fadden, a new man, working nights.

Bro. Lonergan, Indian Head, called East on account of illness, relieved by Bro. Turner.

Bros. Jones and Track of "RG" Regina yard, on leave on account of sickness, relieved by Bros. Mansfield and Kinne and Sister Morrow.

Bro. Cunningham, Moosejaw dispatching office, is now on third Regina dispatching office.

A joint meeting of the Regina and Moosejaw Divisions, held at Moosejaw, Sunday,

December 22, was largely attended, about fifty being present. It was a good, lively meeting, and the interest that is being taken by the individual telegrapher is sure to bring about good results in improving working conditions.

At the next meeting, in February, a chairman will be elected for the next term of two years. We hope to get the best man on the division for this important office. There is not much of a salary, but if a certain person is called for this office we hope he will make the sacrifice for the benefit of his fellow workers.

CERT. 208.

*Ontario Division—*

Bro. (Cert. 1014) and Mrs. W. W. Hill wish to thank the brethren of the Trenton Division for the beautiful floral offering at the time of the death of their baby.

*London and Windsor Sections—*

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings since London Division was organized was held in London, Saturday, January 18, the forty-three brothers present including every member available from all the subdivisions, who listened to one of the best and most interesting addresses on schedule negotiations for Division No. 7 we have ever heard, delivered by Bro. A. E. Chapman, chairman Eastern Lines.

Every detail of the proceedings relative to working conditions, from the first sitting to the closing of one of the grandest schedules now in effect on any railroad in the world today, was gone into.

Among those present was Bro. W. Vickerman, a returned soldier and former relief dispatcher, who is going West to recuperate. We were pleased to see Bros. Walcott, McLeod and Smith of the London office around again after a siege with the "flu."

A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. G. T. Elliott, first trick dispatcher, for the able manner, discretion and judgment evinced in assisting Bro. Chapman to distribute the increases of our respective positions.

Bro. L. B. Arscott of Appin was elected local chairman, meeting of the 18th, Dispatcher Bro. Elliott declining the position. Any assistance we can render him will be appreciated. Several motions were made and carried for the comfort and welfare of our members interested, owing to circumstances surrounding their positions.

We regret to chronicle the following recent deaths among our members and their families: Bro. Bert Nicholls, our former local chairman; Mrs. Elliott, wife of Bro. G. T. Elliott, London; Mrs. Piercy, wife of Bro. J. Piercy, Elmstead, and Bros. Holtorf and Churchill of the G. & G. Sub. All the bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy.

CERT. 152.

**Farnham Division—**

Everyone appreciates the benefits gained through the eight-hour day and the substantial raise in pay received in the new schedule just signed up. Lots of us get a pretty good cheque February 15th, the biggest I ever drew. By the granting of the eight-hour day a third man has been put on at Megantic, Sherbrooke yard, Farnham yard, Brookport, Lenoxville and Iberville Junction.

Local Chairman Levesque is in Montreal, distributing the money allotted this division. Every one should now pay up the first month's increase as called for by a recent circular letter from the schedule committee. I trust that the brothers who failed to do this last year will do the right thing now by squaring up.

Bro. Manny, agent Milan, off sick, relieved by Patenaude, relieved by Bro. Bourdon nights, and Bro. Wahl, agent Centre, by Boulais, a new man.

Bro. Bourdon, off for two weeks with the "flu," and Bro. R. H. Fenton, after over three months' illness, are now back to work.

Sorry to announce the death of Former Agent Chaudiere, a brother to Bro. F. N. Carriere, agent West Shefford. Our sincere sympathy to Bro. Carriere in his sad bereavement, who has lost two brothers within the past few months.

Glad to see Bro. R. J. Gibbons from Smiths Falls back with us on second Farnham and Adirondack Subs.

Bros. Vicary from Sudbury and R. E. Taylor from London are down here helping out working East End as dispatchers.

It is now Bros. R. Lefebvre, Spruce days, and E. N. Ford, Sutton nights. Congratulations, brothers.

Bro. A. Belisle, discharged from the U. S. Army, will soon be with us again.

Members who have not yet paid up their dues should do so without further delay. February 28th is the limit.

F. A. P., Secretary.

**Quebec S. of N. T. Ry.—**

We had quite a number of cases of the Spanish "flu" on this division. It is with much regret that I chronicle the death of Bro. W. A. Pameleau, agent "Cap. Range." We deeply deplore the loss of this fine young man and sympathize with all the relatives. Among others afflicted were our chief dispatcher, J. F. E. Bro. Lawless, Gignoc, Raymond, Praulx, Trepanier, Larhaye, "AU" Cature, Augers, Massicotte and Dayon, all now in proper shape except Bro. Cature.

We are sorry to hear that Local Chairman Arconi, taken suddenly ill January 7th, was unable to attend the special meeting of the 15th at Montreal, Bro. T. A. O'Neill representing us in his place.

We welcome Bro. J. A. Marneau back at "CA" after being eight months in the army.

There were present at the meetings held at O'Brien and Quebec, December 15 and 22, Bros. Arcand, McKeown, Dayon, Gingmoss, Chorland, Mortineau, Daoust, Paquin, Hamel, Patry, Lessard, Bally, McMakers, Fro-neveur. Due to troop trains others had to stay on their jobs who would have attended.

Bro. Lessard married recently, and we all wish a long, happy and prosperous life.

Boys, stay close to your jobs during assigned hours and help the dispatchers all you can. Let us all co-operate in running this division for our country. Keep up to date. Ask dispatcher when you want to go out. Don't let him call you; that's a waste of time.

Remit promptly for your cards and back up our committee to the limit.

Drop me a few lines for next month.

U. N., CERT. 39.

**New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8.****Syracuse Division—**

There was a day and night meeting held in Rochester, January 10th, at which we had a very interesting talk from General Chairman Morey.

At the morning meeting there were seventeen members present, including Local Chairman Miller from the Auburn road and our general chairman.

There were thirty members present at the evening meeting, including Bros. Blim and Mansell.

The West Shore brothers and sisters who failed to attend the morning meeting missed a treat. We all learned some things we did not know before.

A rising vote of thanks was given Bro. Morey for the hard fight he, with the other general chairmen from the different roads, made for us at Washington.

Our schedule is being revised and we will all be paid on the hourly basis, with an eight-hour day.

We hope Bro. Mansell will give us a few days' notice when the next meeting is to be held at Rochester, so we can get the bunch there.

Everybody pay their dues promptly and get in that non working with you or next to you. The main line is solid. Let us make the W. S. solid.

Bro. Dewey, get Agent J. H. Retan's application just as soon as possible. The new men on the W. S. are coming in rapidly. Sister Tilton is doing some fine work lining them up.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Agent J. F. Hayes of Port Gibson in Clifton Springs with the influenza. "Jack" had a host of friends, who mourn his demise. He had promised to send Bro. Mansell his dues and be reinstated just a few days before he was taken sick.

Sister Hassenthaler has taken Fairmont, N. Y., agency, on the Auburn Road. We

miss hearing her give "Ray" the makeups from "AY."

Sister Cole, Amboy, goes to Byron days.

Bro. Day, relief agent, whose position was abolished on account of our vacations being changed, goes to Elba agency.

Sister Lewis, Newark, was off January 16th and 17th on account of death in her family.

Bro. Mike Flarathy relieved Bro. Floyd Palmer at "SS37" Byron several days during the investigation of the wreck of Nos. 11 and 17.

It is now Bros. C. D. Hutchinson, agent Alabama, and F. B. Winkstern, Byron, and Sister Miss Rose Tilton, Memphis. Welcome!

Remember, "*No card, no favors.*"

Watch for the next meeting dates and make an effort to attend.

I wish the main line brothers would send me the "doings" over there for next month.

"HO," CERT. 1949.

#### *Hudson Division—*

Bro. W. H. Ashley, first "SS91" Stuyvesant, one of our oldest members, passed away after a very short illness of pneumonia on November 23rd. We extend fraternal sympathy to his bereaved mother in her very sad bereavement.

Bro. Geo. B. Smith, agent Cold Spring, an old employe of the N. Y. C. and a very faithful member of the O. R. T., passed away very suddenly on January 4th with heart trouble. This division extends to his bereaved friends its fraternal sympathy in their very sad loss.

One of the very saddest cases occurred on this division recently in the death of Mrs. Romaine at Chelsea, N. Y. Bro. Romaine enlisted last fall in the army and is still in France. Bro. Munger cabled to him through the Red Cross the very sad news of his wife's death. The three children have been taken by the grandmother and therefore will have a good home and be well taken care of. It will indeed be a sad home coming to Bro. Romaine, and we extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his beloved wife.

On account of Mr. McAdoo abolishing our vacations on January 1st, the two positions of regular relief signalmen and operators have been eliminated, Bro. Clark displacing Bro. Secord at "SS54" and Bro. Baes displacing Bro. Buckley at "SS93." Some other departments still enjoy vacations and holidays, and our general committee will strive to have this matter adjusted when it meets for an adjustment of the schedule and working agreement.

Vice General Chairman Fraleigh, off two weeks organizing on the St. Lawrence and Rochester Divisions, relieved at "SS60" by Bro. Neal.

Bro. A. A. Smith of "SS54" working a few days in the dispatcher's office, relieved by Bro. Clarke.

At the meeting held January 10th Bro. Fraleigh was nominated for local chairman and delegate unanimously and Bro. A. A. Smith for alternate-delegate. Bro. Fraleigh has held the office of local chairman for three terms—six years—and delegate to the convention four times, and by the spirit shown at the meeting and the unanimous vote, his services in the past are highly appreciated.

This division extends to Bro. L. B. Gaedeke our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his brother Ben, who has made the supreme sacrifice for his country in France. Before being drafted Ben was stenographer in the superintendent's office and made many friends, who will remember him for his pleasant manner and kindly ways.

Have you paid your dues that are now due? If not, do so at once and show your appreciation to the Order that is looking so well after your interests. CERT. 149.

#### *Mohawk Division—*

There are twenty-three jobs up for bid, all posted at 48 cents an hour. It seems mighty good to be working eight hours a day. "CQ" Little Falls is still a twelve-hour position, but expect it to be made eight hours most any day now.

Bro. Tighe relieved Bro. Crosby at "SS24" first while he was sick with the "flu." Bro. Harter, who has been off with it, is back at "CQ" days again; also Sister Ferro after a siege with it. We are sorry to say that five members died on this division recently from this scourge.

Brothers, keep after the two nons on the division, the one in the Rock City and the other on the safety committee in Albany, and make it 99 per cent strong. Application blanks will be furnished upon request. Remember our motto, "*No card, no favors.*"

Give the best service possible, so our superintendent and chief will see that union help is the best to employ at all times.

Bro. Geo. Sutherland spent five days in New York City recently, and Bro. Bogardus was also off five days, relieved by Sister Brown.

Bro. Bailey, who is in France at the front, writes that he is in Berlin well and happy, and wishes to be remembered to all the boys and girls on the division, especially the little queen at Herkimer.

Bro. Shannon was out hunting rabbits north of St. Johnsville recently.

This division went 100 per cent strong for the Red Cross drive.

Brothers and sisters, if you want a good write-up of this division, send all the news you can to Bro. E. H. Bogardus, Little Falls, N. Y.

CERT. 1890.

**Phila. & Reading Ry., Div. No. 10.****Harrisburg Division—**

I got "Hail Columbia" from various quarters for falling down in the January number. I have had my hands more than full and would have had a write-up in that issue but matters of much greater importance took up all my time.

The general committee is now preparing to put through an up-to-date schedule on the Reading.

An extensive circular letter to the membership is being prepared, giving an exhaustive and detailed resume of its work from the time of our organization. Among other things it will show the heavy expense forced on us by a handful of disgruntled soreheads and the heavy opposition the committee had to fight against to win out. Please be patient; events are bobbing along on high speed.

Personally, I hope the boys will return the present committee in its entirety during the coming elections. We are willing to stay in to see a well-done job finally finished, as we have obtained all the honor possible. We have won on this system something we have always yearned for but could only gain through the aid of the O. R. T.

Try and encourage your officers by better attendance at meetings. Harrisburg Division meets first Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., at Labor Union Hall, 223 Market street, Harrisburg. I am trying to arrange a meeting once a month on the G. & H. Branch somewhere, realizing it is impossible for the boys over there to attend otherwise.

Keep your local chairman "wised up" on nons. If you have any kicks, don't spread them on the street corners; put them up to him; maybe things can be brought around to meet your views. You will find him anxious to keep up interest and harmony. A talk with him might prove interesting, especially a look into his letter files, which will prove he is a mighty earnest worker. Up to this time he had not found anyone willing to serve with him on the local board. He needs an agent representative.

Expect to have a more interesting letter next month. Meantime don't be falling for any rumors. Anything you hear, put it up to him. Above all, keep the Harrisburg the banner division in point of up-to-date members on the whole system. If you possibly cannot attend meetings, send a letter to be read, which may prove of some value and show that you have our interests at heart. We must pull and stick together to better our interests, present and future. Make up your mind no matter how many lodges you belong to, the most important to you is the Harrisburg Division.

M. A. MCNEIL, G. C.

**New York Division—**

The meetings held at 1606 North Broad street, Philadelphia, morning and evening of November 19th, were well attended. Matters of importance were discussed, and a committee appointed to arrange for a regular meeting place convenient for the membership to reach.

Bro. Jose Roderquez has resigned. We wish him success in his new venture.

Bros. Mild, Cassel, Buchenauer and Messrs. Powers and Clymer are qualifying for dispatchers, Bro. Cassel working second trick "GS" Myres, one of the relief dispatcher's jobs, and Bro. Kaufmann appointed relief dispatcher.

Plymouth Jct. tower closed on account routing coal trains via Renderson and the Trenton Cutoff to Woodbourne, thence via P. & R. to Port Reading.

Several additional passenger trains added to the time table, for which the extra men are thankful.

Bro. Burkart has resumed duty after two weeks' illness.

Bro. O'Neil enjoyed Thanksgiving at home, relieved by Bro. Wycoff.

Some brother please secure the application of C. N. Johnson, a new man from Trenton.

CERT. 439.

**Philadelphia Division—**

There is now in service at Nicetown Jct. one of the most complete, up-to-date combination telegraph twelve-point cabinet sets on this system. With this anything can be done in the shape of connections. At present the cabinet is being used for telegraph extension set, and just as soon as permission can be granted I will complete this set by connecting in multiple all the telephone lines we have on the pole. When this is finished we will be able to connect any one to any office which we have lines for. After this it will be a pleasure for an operator to work at Nicetown tower.

Ed. Fenstermacher, for four years a dispatcher on this road, now agent at Pelham, N. Y., on the N. Y. & N. H., was at our last meeting. He had some rare experiences while on the Panama Railroad in the Canal Zone. The Hamilton Watch Company presented him with a grand open-face watch for information concerning that part of the country.

W. C. Pfefferle, a first-class private, somewhere in France, writes me, wishing to be remembered to his friends. His address is Private W. C. Pfefferle, Co. E, 406th Telegraph Bn., A. E. F., via New York.

Joe Larkins' name appears on a bill of amusements at Monte Carlo for a little bout. Joe seems to be getting to be a boxer as well as a soldier. Hock Mansfield writes me that he is now major general of the Railroad Engineers' Corps. Last word from Harry Evans

he was still captain of the Railroad Engineers' Corps.

The Midvale Steel Company has built and shipped to France for the British and American Government 477 type 75 mm. howitzer guns, and the Baldwin Locomotive Works turned out over 500 French type locomotives for France, the kind we had in service last winter, when the export docks were over-loaded with engines for export.

The writer and his entire family were laid up ten days with the influenza.

It would be a grand idea to have a sick benefit attached to our local division, to pay \$5 a week while sick. One dollar paid in every month by each brother would finance the plan. If the brothers would not care to undertake such a proposition, I would be very glad to start it going myself. I would like to see such a plan in operation.

We are glad to see Bro. Krasky back on duty again.

Lougherty, second Fair Hill Jct., is now with the Penna. R. R. on the P. T. Division. Brothers on the Penn., take notice and land him.

All who desire a gold-filled button, apply to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins direct. Price, \$1.

I have been sending my TELEGRAPHER to our friends in France, to let the boys know just as how things are going on in our division and on the good old Reading.

Signalman Geo. Metzger, at "WS," was among the new-comers the first of the year. It will be only a short time before this division will be 100 per cent strong.

Bro. Reighter is back again at "NI," Bro. Farlow relieving. A. L. BYLER.

#### *W. & C. Division—*

The general committee was recognized by the management of the Reading System on January 16th at a conference with Federal Manager Ewing and General Manager Falek.

Now, brothers, show your appreciation for what the O. R. T. has done for you by not allowing any "nons" to exist in your territory. If you can't convince him, let me hear from you.

Regular joint meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. at 612 Franklin street, Reading, Pa. Attend these meetings and help make them a success, irrespective of what division you are employed on. At these meetings will be the place to bring your trouble.

We are very sorry to hear that Bro. A. Mosser is still sick in bed and all wish him a quick recovery.

Don't forget the membership drive is still on—90 per cent or more. Help this division go "over the top." East Penn. and Perkiomen Branches need about ten, Main Line South about twenty, and Reading Section

about six more for a 100 per cent, and most of these men have promised to join. "No card, no favors."

Pay your dues promptly to Bro. O. L. Farlow, general secretary and treasurer, 2513 North Bancroft street, Philadelphia, and your insurance assessment to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, grand secretary and treasurer, St. Louis, Mo. "MR."

On the Little Sch. Branch we need only two, on the Sch. Valley and Frickville Branch one each, to be 100 per cent, and they have promised to join. On the Main Line north of Reading there are three on first trick with bright prospects of soon landing one of them at least; three on second trick (two have promised), and two on third trick.

We all extend our sympathy to Dispatcher S. K. Smith, whose son fell down an unprotected elevator shaft, breaking both wrists and injuring his hip. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Geo. F. Kuntle, third Kruger, died with influenza at New Ringgold, Pa., January 9th. He is survived by a widow and three children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. B. Fryer of Auburn relieved Lesser, second Perry, while he attended court for a week.

Bro. F. C. Rarick relieved Bro. Wm. Lutz, first Hamburg, several days recently.

Bro. Wm. Wagner, second Hamburg, Pa., whose wife died in December, has our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

Bro. F. C. Rarick is relieving Bro. K. N. Weidman, first Sand Siding.

We have an agent on this division who should be in the Order. Any brother can have his address who will promise to keep after him until he lines up.

The operators in "SK" and "DO" have been classed as clerks. This means a cut in pay. See that they fall in line and we will do the rest.

When a new operator drops in to see you ascertain if he has a card; if not, drop me a line and I'll send you an application blank.

A. S. Mengle, dispatcher in "D," after a serious attack of nervous breakdown and pneumonia, is back again at "CU," putting Bro. E. M. Mengle back on third "AR" and Bro. Leddy on third "KG."

Sister Florence Neiswender, assistant agent New Ringgold, Pa., is laid up with influenza.

Bro. Bernard McArdle, "RA," please send me the news on Sch. Valley, and Bro. Downey, on Frackville Branch, to reach me by the 17th of each month. CERT. 423.

#### *P. & R. Div., West of Susquehanna River—*

Every office on this end of the P. & R. is solid O. R. T. 100 per cent organized, and there is not a more efficient body of men

working on any road, as the discipline bulletins will attest.

There is no reason now for anyone to become delinquent. Pay up, stay solid, and back up our local chairman, who is also our general chairman. We fought a hard fight and won.

Give the company the best in you and show officials that it pays to have good, satisfied O. R. T. men. M. E. S., CERT. 228.

#### *Shamokin Division—*

The local chairman was not able to hold any meetings on this division during January owing to general committee work.

Bro. R. S. Fisher, who relieved Shade several days while off with an attack of the "flu," also relieved Bro. Shank a few days and Bro. W. C. Piper while he took in the sights at Scranton.

At the recent meeting in Catawissa, presided over by Local Chairman Maroney, all voted unanimously to back up our local and general committee in its stand against Mr. Tatlow and not recognize any schedule whatever between him and the management, as he represented no one but himself.

The C. & W. Branch is nearly 100 per cent strong now.

Get your up-to-date cards. We were never better organized than now. "*United we stand, divided we fall.*" Let's stand to a man.

Bro. H. D. Munningey was married on Christmas. Congratulations and best wishes to the "newlyweds."

We are glad to see Bros. Castishion and Kantner back again after an attack of the "flu"; also Dispatcher Nattress, C. & W. Branch, after being sick with the gripe, and Bro. John W. Wolfe, who also had the "flu."

Bro. Burd D. Stover is now third trick copier on the C. & W. Branch.

Bro. Karick visited the operators in "DS" on January 17th.

Dispatcher Jas. J. Keating is mourning the death of his brother John. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

E. M. Ludic of Ringtown, now in France, has written that he expects to soon be home again.

Bro. H. J. Dresher shot a large fox and had a very nice fur made out of it for his wife.

Harry Shuman is back from the L. & N. E. at "SV" tower, Tamaqua.

W. G. Kistler has returned from the army and gone back to work.

Walako, general clerk to Chief Dispatcher Williams, is on duty again after an attack of the "flu," and Operator O'Donnell is recovering from a severe siege of pneumonia.

Hazleton Jct. office, closed during the illness of the operators there, has been re-opened.

Fred Steimling, who resigned several months ago, is back with us again.

"QS" Tamaqua closed after 5:30 p. m., the operators in "QA" handling the paid business after that hour.

E. W. Parry from the L. V. is now on third "DS," vice John Wolfe, on sick list. Bro. R. J. McLaughlin was off sick four days recently, and Bro. A. F. Reeser is now off sick.

I wish to thank the brothers of the C. & W. and D. S. office for their notes. Keep up the good work and let's make this the banner division of the P. & R. System for write-ups.

Don't forget to send in your dues for the first half of 1919 and get an up-to-date card.

Remember our slogan, "*No card, no favors.*"

H. R. C., CERT. 257.

#### *Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 15. Columbia District—*

We closed the year 1918 with almost as many members paid up to December 31st as we had men on the district, which does not mean, however, that we have one hundred per cent, because it includes brothers who have quit the business but still carry their cards. Some nons on this district are making \$150 who this time last year barely made \$80 or \$85, and we should see that they join and pay their share of the expenses for securing this raise.

Until I can count on your individual support I cannot afford to guarantee the hotel fifty or sixty dollars for the minimum number of plates for our banquet. Will be glad to have expressions from all interested.

I want to be both your local chairman and delegate to the convention. Don't send me and elect someone else your local chairman. Let me or the other fellow fill both places.

Under Supplement 13 the call, as it is being interpreted by the officials, is not a call any more. Quite a number of the men had to refund on this new way of doing things. I suggest that each man making overtime or calls keep a close record of it for a few months, to refer to, to know if you have gotten all due you.

Non-telegraphic and exclusive agencies should make a claim to the superintendent immediately for overtime for October, November and December. I was told by the chief clerk that this was not included in any back time checks for October and November, as they did not know what hours such men actually worked. Until this is done you will be short.

I have made up my new "nons" list for the first half of 1919 and will furnish you a copy on request. If half a dozen men on the district would get interested in this matter the non question would soon be eliminated entirely. Send for a copy and try to get at least one application this term.

C. BOLICK, L. C.

*Columbia District Notes—*

Bro. Heard Florence in Rocky Mount Hospital for operation. We are doubling again, Bro. Thomas filling the vacancy. Bro. Schipmen, Florence yard, in Florence Hospital, relieved by Bro. Manning, who bid, in a trick at Florence yard.

Bro. Graham, Florence yard, off with "flu," relieved by West from the W. A. Bros. Carter and Crosswell, Timmonsville ticket and freight office, both down with it, clerks handling freight and an extra man the ticket office.

Doubling Orangburg, someone having the "flu," also at Lynchburg again. Understand Bro. Sasser will soon return and make a full force. Bro. Ham Sumter, third, off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife, Bros. Boon and Anderson doubling. Bro. Liles, Denmark, off a few days account sickness; also Bro. Smith Barnwell, relieved by C. D. Dolwing.

Bro. Hyatt, at Hot Springs for treatment, bid in Mayesville clerk-operator.

Bro. Newman, first Sima, is being relieved by Harris, Columbia.

New clerk-operator jobs opened at Mayesville and Lamar.

Local Chairman Bolick secured thirty-one new applications during 1918, entitling him to one of the grand prizes. Two have been received during 1919 so far.

Recent new members: D. M., Wm. and H. B. B. Dixon, C. & D. tower; W. A. Gless, Pinewood; J. R. Schipman, and W. E. Thomas, Florence, and T. P. Collier, Eastover.

It is very necessary that each man vote this year for a delegate to the convention, owing to the fact that the entire First Division will be pooled, the five districts sending four delegates. This means that the four receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. We have 114 paid-up members on this district. Heretofore not over 45 per cent have voted. Unless at least 100 vote this time, we may miss having a representative directly from our district.

Let me have your notes by or before the 15th of each month in order that I may get them to Bro. Bolick by the 18th for compilation with his monthly letter.

T. A. BOONE.

*Norfolk District—*

Bro. Parker was relieved a few days by Bro. Savage, and Bro. Ball, while off to Balt., by Bro. Johnson.

We were all very sorry to lose Bro. Harper from "RA" and wish to express our most profound sympathy to Bro. D. S. and family. Mr. Whitehurst, a newcomer, is now at "RA". Next brother to him, please see if he has a card.

Bro. Hale recently resigned to enter the banking business. We wish him success. He was succeeded at Plymouth by Bro. Flau-

gher and he at Scotland Neck by Bro. Pender, clerk telegrapher Greenville. Bro. Bailey to Hobgood second, succeeded on the agency there by Bro. Harrell.

Brothers, secure your new cards for the 1919 period at once. Don't make it necessary for Bro. Williams to write you. To cast that big vote this year, we all want to be lined up.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. CERT. 1140.

Mrs. Sheppard, Cert. 1323, wishes to express her sincere heartfelt thanks and appreciation for our kindness, also the beautiful floral offerings presented by us at the funeral of her dear beloved husband, C. A. Shepard.

*Richmond District—*

The modern joint station of the A. C. L. and R. F. & P. on Broad street, Richmond, was put in service January 6th. Said to be the finest terminals south of Washington and handles all passenger trains that formerly came into the Belt Line and old Byrd Street stations. The latter will be used, however, as district headquarters and the train dispatchers will remain there for the present.

"B" Tower, "CN" Clayton and "CG" Tower are closed, and "FA" Tower, "JS" South End James River Bridge, and "JN" at North End opened up. "FA" by Bros. Cofer, Taylor and Gee; "AS" by Bros. Graves, Adams and Miles, and "JN" by Bros. Lowery, Bennett and Lanier.

The new concrete bridge across the James is not yet complete and the old bridge is being used as a gauntlet temporarily.

Bro. Krouse, second "CY" Tower, rolls Bro. Adams, second "BG", who bid in second "JS". Bros. Lowery and Bennett, bidding in new jobs, leave second and third Shops open.

Bro. Foster, on 60 days' furlough, has resigned and accepted a position at Leaksville, N. C. Our best wishes go with Bro. and Mrs. Foster in their new home.

Two additional tricks are to be opened up at Whitakers to take care of trains doubling Slaters grade, as soon as men can be found to fill them.

Three men hired recently: Messrs. Herrell, Barfoot and Macklin, all old-timers, who promise to take out cards. Some brother slip them the blanks lest they forget.

Bro. Heist, second Emporia, is relieving Bro. Williamson, first Weldon yard, on sick list. Bro. Heist is a hustler, having secured the applications recently of W. A. Connor, R. L. Connor and Eddie Stevens, levermen at Southern Crossing, Emporia, and has three more in sight. Brothers, don't let the nons working with or near you get by with the time-worn excuse, "No money." If they have been working at all, they can raise the money.

Our last raise, effective October 1st, represents over one year unceasing effort on the part of our officers. We were the first to ask for an increase and the last to receive it.

Boys, keep up-to-date. It's your only salvation and its going away above par within the next year or two. It has always been a source of wonder to the writer how any man could accept the increases in pay and other valuable concessions and refuse to drop in his mite to make these things possible.

Thanks are due Bro. Heist and others for news items for this write-up. Come again.

DIST. COR., Cert. 2039.

#### *Second Division, Montgomery District—*

On the last payroll our men pulled in from one to two hundred dollars for December. That makes us feel like we are getting a little pay for our services, and when Supplement No. 13 is put in force we will draw still more. We now draw our pay every two weeks.

Let us not fail to arm ourselves to hold what we get. There is now no reason why every man should not pay his dues in full before February 28th and not have a single delinquent. We see right here on our district what these increased advantages we have won for our craft mean, and it is necessary we stand solidly together. Give the company that is paying us the best service possible and everything will be well for us. Don't close up and go to dinner without getting permission from the dispatcher on duty, because you are unable to get any answer to your "SFD" signal. If he is not interested enough to reply to your signal before 12:30 p. m., stay on the job and send in overtime ticket for one hour. We get time and a half for it and we can have our dinners brought to us. Don't leave your office on your own hook.

Local Chairman Stokes has gone to Brinsford, Ga., agency; Bro. Bramlette to Donaldsonville; Bro. L. W. Martin to Ozark, and Bro. O. V. Horace is back from the Army to his old job second there.

CERT. 120.

#### *Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16. Bay City Division—*

Bro. Towns is back in "F" office again, and Bro. Rossow, relieving at Pleasant St. Tower, is being relieved by Bro. Black, third Utica.

Bro. Bradshaw, second trick dispatcher, Detroit, off couple days sick, and Bro. Towns relieved Bro. Woodruff, first trick dispatcher a few days. Bro. Brotherton, Colling, off a few days with the "flu" relieved by Sister Schaffer.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Bettis, agent Bach, after being sick several days with the same disease, leaving a wife and baby.

Bro. Helferich, agent Columblaville, spent Sunday with his son at North Detroit.

The boys at Vassar were recently installed in the tower.

Bro. Price and wife were off twelve days visiting his parents.

Several new positions were opened up. Bro. Doc Bishop is on second Wellington pending its assignment.

Everyone is on an eight-hour day. It has been a long and hard fight to get it; now we want to keep it. Watch the new towermen and operators being hired and line them up. I have plenty of application blanks and all necessary information. Ask me for them or send me the names of these new men. It is the duty of each member to line up the non working with him and not wait for your chairman to make a trip over the road to do it. It makes extra expense.

The meetings at Detroit and Jackson were well attended. L. L. WRIGHT, Cert. 1165.

#### *Northern Division—*

Bro. Diffenderfer, third Sheboygan, relieved on third Mackinaw City until the arrival of Bro. I. L. Baguley, relieved Bro. Bourassa, West Branch, sick with the "flu". Bro. Wagner is back on first Gaylord after a severe attack of the disease.

Sister Jennie Baxter, second Topinabee, is relieving on third Sheboygan, and Bro. Stewart is working twelve hours at Topinabee, relieved on third Roscommon by the return of Bro. Preston.

Frederic and Linwood are now two, and Chesaning and Hamilton Street Tower, Saginaw, three trick offices. All twelve-hour jobs are cut down as much as possible and several one trick offices made two and three trick jobs.

Bro. Stanley Flower, Algert second, was off a few days on account of sickness, and Bro. Jim McIntosh is back at Standish agency after a long tussle with the "flu".

Bro. A. N. McQuade, wire chief Bay City, was sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Wm. Berry.

Bro. L. Wolf is relieving at West Branch, while the brothers there are wrestling with the "flu".

Bro. W. J. Shaw relieved Bro. W. L. Peck in dispatcher's office during the illness and death of his father. Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Peck in his bereavement.

Bro. Flood is in Detroit with the committee finishing up our schedule negotiations, relieved by Bro. O. E. Gilbert.

Bro. M. C. Salter, of Jackson, visited friends and relatives at Saginaw and Zilwaukee recently.

Division dues have been increased to \$16 per year. Let us not have any delinquents for this term.

Official ballots have been received for the nomination of local chairmen, also delegates and alternates to the Grand Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., in May.

The wages as fixed by U. S. Wage Board, giving us a 48-cent minimum for all classes of telephone and telegraph jobs, will not cause any scramble among operators to get freight or relay jobs, as a block phoner will make as much and in lots of cases more than an agent on account of getting in full time Sundays, where agents are let go with little or no overtime on Sunday.

CERT. 63.

#### Pennsylvania R. R., Div. No. 17.

Members System Division 17:

Your attention is called to Article 15, Mutual Benefit Department Statutes, which requires the payment of all dues and assessments within two calendar months from the beginning of the semi-annual dues-paying period. I mention this, as quite a few of the brothers in the past have neglected to pay these within the time limit, and as a result their beneficiaries have suffered from this neglect.

We also desire to express our appreciation for the many kind letters received, wishing us the compliments of the holiday season and a prosperous year. The enormous amount of work has prevented us from answering each individually, and this means is taken of acknowledging same.

Fraternally,

W. M. SKINNER,  
G. S. & T. 17.

#### Philadelphia Division—

Regular meetings first Tuesday each month beginning January 7, 1919, will be held at 221 Market street, Harrisburg, Pa., 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., jointly P. & R. and P. R. R. All members in this territory are cordially invited to attend as there will be very important business to transact, which will require your most hearty co-operation.

C. S. MELCHIOR, L. C.

#### Philadelphia Division Notes—

We are all pleased to hear that Bro. Harry Nice's wife is convalescing after a severe attack of the "flu".

We wish to thank our old friends, Bros. Mercer and Cubbage, for their kind Christmas greetings, also "Joe" Lorraine, "NC", New York, for his Christmas card and hope that by this time he has a "regular" card.

Sergt. "HM" Longo, from "GO", Williamsport, writes from France that Barney McMahon, "MH", is convalescing from his recent injuries.

We have the majority here now. Keep after the rest of the old-timers, boys. Let's make it 100 per cent.

Bro. Apfeld, "AF", is now visiting in Florida, the guest of the Mayor of Palm Beach.

Shake with our new brother, "Lou" Campbell.

Bro. Pallies is pushing the baby carriage every morning, now occupied by "the prettiest" girl baby in "Philly."

Chief Operator J. L. Osmond was retired January 1st, succeeded by M. F. Haughey; George Murray, "M", appointed assistant chief operator nights, and Bros. Curl and Wade moved up.

We are all glad to have Bro. Butler, "BU", back with us from Camp Dix and look forward with pleasure to the return of the rest of the boys from "over there."

Recently appointed a committee of three to take care of matters in "PO" office.

SCRIBE, Cert. 713.

#### Philadelphia Division, Lebanon Branch—

When working for the Cornwall & Lebanon with not an operator in the O. R. T., we agent telegraphers were getting \$55 a month for 12 to 15 hours every day, week-day and Sunday, the most of the time without a cent extra. Now we are a part of the Pennsylvania System on an 8-hour basis at a larger salary, two days off each month and members of the largest system division of the O. R. T., with Divisions 17 and 36 consolidated. We are only about 80 per cent strong now, but the other 20 per cent have promised to sign up and wear the wreath and sounder, as the O. R. T. is the only organization representing operators and our shorter hours and increased salary is entirely due to its efforts, which has been working for years to bring about these better conditions.

Now that we have been granted an increase, let's all join and boost the O. R. T., as it will take care of any grievances we have.

Bro. Ben Wise died recently of influenza and John Killinger from the effects of a stroke.

Bro. A. H. Eppler, extra dispatcher from the main line, is relieving our brother dispatchers, E. H. Donley, first; Adam Hollinger, second, and Harry Hostetter on third.

Bros. A. W. Garman, W. E. Doxtater and Fred Hitz, agent-operators, were all put on eight hours straight January 1st, when the new timetable went into effect, instead of working 13 hours or having their 8-hour split up as at present. Boys, the O. R. T. done this for you.

This is our first attempt; maybe you will hear from us again.

CERT. 5501.

#### Philadelphia Terminal Division—

History has been made the world over and we have had our share of it. The experience through which we have passed has proved a valuable lesson to the rank and file, and we are trying to be agreeable and forget the past. Wages have been increased \$25 to \$50 a month through organization and co-operation, and considerable back pay received. "No card, no favors" should be rigidly en-

forced when we find anyone who has the nerve to say that he cannot now afford to join the organization. A real traveler, to be a good sport, must join in the procession if he is to gain the goal he seeks.

The following block stations on this division have been changed: "GV", Girard Ave., to "JO"; "GC", Race St., to "RS"; "C", 20th Street, to "CY"; "D", 32d and Market, to "HM".

Morse has again been adopted on this division and the telephone in use for a number of years is now only an emergency agency, and the burdensome headgear is virtually a thing of the past.

The unsightly coaches used as offices near "A" Tower have been dismantled and removed and a bridge erected connecting the building on Filbert street just west of "A" for the use of the former coach occupants.

There have been some heavy "move-ups" recently, assistant trainmasters and yard-masters on every bush. Go after the nons at M3. We need a little missionary work in a few of the towers through the freight yard. Many of them already are solid O. R. T.

Some of the men at "PD" have promised to join. Let's land them this month.

We are now to be paid by check by the heads of our various departments.

The ladies are very much interested in our monthly meetings and "turn out to a man." They also know how to propagate the faith and are constantly after the nons. Keep it up, sisters, and also give the new division correspondent a hand.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday monthly at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. at McKelvey's Hall, 42d and Lancaster avenue, West Philadelphia, and are very interesting. The presence of General Chairman Miller and General Secretary and Treasurer Skinner at the January meeting was very much appreciated. Everybody come out and start something. We won't need any more money for a while.

Your new (?) division correspondent's address is 183 Ardmore avenue, Ardmore, Pa. Put this in your hat, make out your "bench warrants" and mail them to him on or before the 15th of each month without fail.

"B" Tower successfully installed a new 83-lever pneumatic machine Sunday, January 19th. It was a full union shop that day sure. It's a hummer—all the latest improvements.

Make it an annual this year, boys, before all that big back money is spent.

Until fired, in jail or out, I am yours fraternally,

JAMES HUTTON, Div. Cor.

#### West Jersey and Seashore Divisions—

Boys, pay up before February 28th. Don't become delinquent. Don't forget your M. B. D. dues promptly. Recently several men who had neglected to pay and were but a week

or two behind died and their families could not get the money, as no claim can be paid or collected if you are not paid up on February 28th. Attend to this important matter. You don't know when the summons may come.

New members are coming in right along and this division is in good shape. We should see that the agents come in now, as the only way they can be represented in Washington is by our organization. Through it Supplement 11 was cancelled, placing them on the same basis. Those agents who are now members should make a special effort among their class to bring them into the organization. They are now getting more money per month secured through our organization than it will cost them for a year's dues.

We expect soon to hold monthly meetings at the Goff Building, where we can all get the news first-hand and correctly.

The P. R. R. was the only road in the country that gave the two days cut off and that was only east of Pittsburgh. About 50 per cent of the roads in the United States gave no vacations at all and in order to make it equitable they abolished all vacations and put us under the hourly pay.

Supplement 13 gives us another increase and is far better than ten and eleven combined, and we are now getting a fair rate of pay, considering what it was before Government control. Matters which are not quite clear will be taken up and decided by the proper boards at Washington. Every man in the telegraph department owes Bro. Perham his thanks for the way he conducted the matter for us.

The Camden Terminal men are now lining up.

CERT. 74.

#### Delaware (Southern) Division—

If you haven't got your new card, lose no time in getting one, and all stand solid. "Self preservation is the first law of nature"—a word to the wise is sufficient.

The closing of "FY" and "RU" towers caused B. W. Mills, second "FY", to displace Bro. C. V. Lewis, first Seaford, who displaced Bro. C. E. Anderson, clerk-operator Bridgeville, Bro. Anderson going to Kenton, Del., agency, vice Bro. Wm. V. McMahon, deceased.

Bro. L. S. Russell, third "FY", displaced Bro. J. E. Owens, first "GD", to "RS" first. Bro. Thompson will land somewhere on the north end of division.

Bro. C. A. Timmons, first "FY", displaced Bro. Davidson, second "SA", to first "CK", vice Bro. Price, who pushed Bro. Al. Dobson off the relief schedule.

Bro. A. J. Fleetwood, second "RU", to first, and Bro. C. G. Allen, "RU", to second "DA", vice Bro. Wothers to operator Delmar, displacing Mrs. Coulbourn, displacing Miss

Walls. Bro. Woerner from "RU" to third "WS".

Bro. E. L. Hudson from train dispatcher's office to first "BD", vice Bro. L. H. Wright to first "SJ", vice Bro. Weaver to third "DA", vice Bro. O'Neal, who, with Bro. Dickerson and Bro. Nichols, third "WS", goes on the extra list.

Bro. Ellis, Franklin City, displaced Sister Johnson at Snow Hill, who went to Ellendale, vice Miss Veasey.

Bro. Easom, suffering with hiccoughs, is at "RS", owing to Bro. W. F. Allen being disabled with a broken arm, due to winding his "flivver."

Bro. Megee is back on Greenwood again, due to reduction of force in Wilum dispatcher's office. Bro. R. C. Robinson is now working No. 5 and Bro. J. L. Halloway No. 4 relief schedule.

Bros. W. A. Easom, W. E. Bright and J. G. Whitlock have been off on account of sickness.

Bro. McCauley bid in clerk-operator at Smyrna, Del.

We regret to announce the death of our dear brother, Wm. V. McMahon, agent Kenton, Sunday, January 12th. His brother agents and operators on the division showed their respect by purchasing a fine floral tribute, which was displayed at his funeral at Federalsburg, his former home.

Bro. R. H. Moore, Goldsboro, was a recent Dover visitor.

Bro. Wothers, who recently bid in second "DA", was succeeded at Easton by Bro. Bill Clough from extra agents' staff.

Bro. Joe Hummer, agent Marydel, was relieved lately by Bro. D. Russell, and Bro. Charlie Koeneman, agent Trappe, by Bro. Clough. Both on account of sickness.

Bro. W. J. Poore visited his home in Hartley a few days.

Bro. W. N. Pippin and A. C. Todd have been released by Uncle Sam. When the latter returns to work we must see that he signs up.

Bro. Bright, at Kenton, has been off with the "flu", also Bro. Thomas, agent Bishop, relieved by Bro. Phillips, and Bro. H. W. Wilkins, agent Linkwood, latter relieved by Bro. Davis from Federalsburg, Bros. Wheatley and Clarke doubling meanwhile.

It is now Bro. C. Davis at Federalsburg, and Mr. Levin, "SE" Cates, is now the only non on the C. & S. Boys, note and be governed accordingly.

Bro. A. C. Hayden, agent Cambridge, while attending court at Parkersburg, W. Va., was relieved by his chief clerk, Bro. R. G. Adams.

Airey and Oak Grove now close at 4 p. m. and all day Sunday.

Bro. Guy Windsor, operator Airey, Md., was accidentally killed on January 6th by a large auto truck. We all extend our sympathy to his father, Bro. T. B. Windsor, agent Airey, and family. Bro. T. R. Newman relieved Bro. Windsor, agent at Airey.

Bro. Windsor, the father, and the widow and sister of Bro. Guy wish to thank the employes on the C. & S. Branch for their kind and sympathetic remembrance in sending the beautiful flowers as a token of love from his dear friends and brothers.

We have also heard with great sorrow of the death of our genial and highly esteemed Bro. Robert C. Hill, agent Redden, on Sunday, Jan. 19th. He suffered a stroke on Saturday, January 11th, and never recovered. He was very popular with his large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Interment was made on Tuesday, January 21st, at Milford. We regret that there are not many more men of the caliber of Bro. Hill.

Leon Bailey has been appointed acting agent at Redden, assisted by Carlton Bennum, "GU" nights.

Georgetown ticket clerk has been abolished, Bro. Legg bidding in a trick at Easton.

Bro. Geo. H. Bynum, agent Milford passenger station, was off a month recently, relieved a few days by Bro. Clough, later by Bro. Prettyman working both tricks.

ROBERT D. PRETTYMAN,  
Div. Cor., Cert. 3989.

#### "WD" Wilmington, Del., Relay Office—

Bro. M. B. Wharton and family, who were on the sick list, are all much improved.

Bro. John Parsons has been promoted to train dispatcher.

The company is installing a phone system on the Maryland Division to supersede the Morse on local circuits.

Bro. John Hoffheinz, "OD", has been working at "V" Block, the regular operator being sick.

Bro. Samuel T. Aiken, "WA" Block, is a candidate for chairman of District 11, also delegate to the St. Louis convention.

Brothers, let's try and convince the few nons still with us that it will be best for them to get up-to-date at once, and let me have your notes for the write-up as soon as you get the news.

Bro. Mills, third "U" Block, is rounding up the levermen, and any other nons that come his way.

Brother Frank Merryman insists on being off Monday morning, so he can go to Camden on Sunday evening.

Bro. Jackson Dinsmore, who successfully passed all examinations for train dispatcher, on first trick, and his inseparable pipe keep things moving nights.

Bro. Ted Nace is back again after working among the "400" as assistant trainmaster during vacations.

Two new offices opened recently, known as Big Elk and Gunpow.

Bro. G. A. Lynch, working dispatcher's relief, pays his regular visits to "DO".

J. W. DINSMORE.

#### New York Division—

Since our meeting in New York, when we had to contend with opposition, we have signed up a large number of former members of the O. R. T. D. A. & S., more coming in every week and our opposition is getting weaker. They have been relying on officialdom around Philadelphia to get around our legitimate organization, but the men in the rank and file of our class have seen by the putting in effect of Supplement 13 in lieu of 10 and 11 what our officials can do, and the boys can't be fooled any longer.

Keep the good work up, boys. We have now a considerable number who have taken out annual cards. Let's all follow these brothers.

Don't fall for *phony* stuff cropping out every once in a while around your territory. When you desire any news, ask us, and you will get it straight. Every member get another one, and it will all soon be over.

JOHN H. PRAUL, Organizer.

#### Sunbury Division—

Two interesting meetings were held in Sunbury January 10th, with the usual number present. Some very good points were brought up. Too bad all the operators on the Sunbury Division could not have been present to hear what our officers are doing for their interests.

We have over 6,200 members on the Pennsylvania Lines. That is some showing. They are paying up and new members are coming in rapidly. It looks very much as if the old P. R. R. would soon be solid.

Wake up Pottsville. "*No card, no favors*" is a good alarm clock. Keep after the dispatchers at Sunbury, who are level-headed enough to at least think it over. Every member talk to them and explain to them why they should all be in our organization.

Bro. Calhoun, Milroy, will line up the few nons around Lewistown shorty, and Bro. J. J. Ziegler will no doubt wake them up on the Pottsville end. There never was a better time. Every member should become an organizer and do his bit.

Sister Gertrude Jones is relieving Mr. Dent, off on other business.

Sister Helen Smith is working the relief schedule, and Bro. Lehr is in "S" office.

The soldier boys will soon be back. Get after them. There is no reason why they should not be with us. Anyone that will fight for his country sure will fight for his craft.

CERT. 1555.

#### Schuylkill Division—

Until further notice a regular monthly meeting of this division will be held on the first Friday of each month in Moors' Hall, 5th and Penn streets, Reading, Pa., at 8:30 a. m. and 4 p. m.

You will receive no further notice of these meetings, therefore, get the date and time fixed in your mind and be prepared to attend.

On account of the nature of our business in future we will have closed meetings to which no one will be admitted unless he is an up-to-date member. Hence the importance of paying your dues promptly.

In future do not discuss subjects pertaining to the O. R. T. on the telephone. These meetings are for the purpose of discussing these matters, and I urge you to strictly comply with this.

Mrs. Harriette E. Yost and family, Pt. Carbon, Pa., extend their sincere thanks to the brothers, sisters and friends of this division for their sympathy tendered owing to the death of her husband, also for the beautiful floral offering and generous contribution we so kindly sent them.

S. D. SNYDER, Cert. 3085.  
Acting Local Chairman.

#### Schuylkill Division Notes—

Brothers, if you have not already paid your dues, attend to this matter at once, sending the amount, \$5, to Bro. W. M. Skinner, 71 Gunther Bldg., Baltimore, Md., and your assessments on your insurance in the M. B. D. to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo.

With Supplement No. 13 in effect we should have no trouble in securing the remaining non-members on this division, both agents and operators, and I appeal to you brothers and sisters to approach all of them, using as your argument the efforts the O. R. T. made to have this Supplement No. 13 apply to our case. The organization legislated for the position, rather than the person, and on account of this, every telegrapher, agent and leverman in the country is under obligation to join the O. R. T. We are making wonderful progress on this division and all we need now to make it 100 per cent is your assistance in lining up the nons.

We hope to soon arrange for a banquet. Watch for the date and be ready to do your part in making it a success.

Bro. Milburn, in going to the upper end of the division, will be in a better position to attend all the meetings. He is being congratulated on the arrival at his home of a bouncing baby girl.

Bro. Oscar Lengel is heartily co-operating and has formed an O. R. T. Club (name to be given later). He recently entertained the charter members of this club in the blue room at the Berkshire Hotel, Reading, Pa. The members are: Bros. Jim Zinette, Bill Sei-

bert, Jake Rifkins, Leo Sheeder, Jim Feeney and Sisters Katherine Noss, Helen Coleman, Ester McMahon, Mary Gately, Clementine Rosebury and Anna Taylor. At this, the first session, at the close of business they had music and dancing galore, refreshments of all kinds being served. This club will meet frequently from time to time in the different hotel parlors in Philadelphia, Reading and Pottsville.

After successfully helping to convoy thousands of troops across the pond, Mr. Powers was released by the U. S. Navy, returned to his old job and took his place on the roster. We hope he will soon again be "Bro." Powers.

CERT. 41.

#### *Williamsport Division—*

Bros. Sammy Baker and L. S. Wagner have been discharged from the U. S. Navy and Army and resumed service with the P. R. R. Bro. G. L. Haire was reported as wounded the day before the armistice was signed.

Bro. Koch, who enlisted in the Navy, is with the wireless in Philadelphia, and spends his spare time working for the Postal there. He visited home folks recently.

Bro. Fenstermacher is selling coal; Bros. Leister, Yeager and Dunkelberger, fancy groceries; Bros. N. A. Steffen and I. F. Drumheller, farm products; Bros. Grieb, Snyder and Atwood Wetzel, hen fruit; Bro. J. H. Zerbe, prize hogs; Bro. M. J. Snyder, solo-phones and vacuum cleaners; Bro. Seaman is giving dancing lessons, and the Engles are selling coal and mill feed as side lines.

Bro. J. W. Derrick spent his relief days in New York City taking his wife through the large department stores.

Bro. J. M. Wertz is working on relief Schedule No. 9, and H. T. Derrick on Schedule No. 8.

"RF" is being used now only as a storage yard, and the operators at "YO" have had switch tending added to their other duties.

Bro. W. H. Kebach accompanied the Ber-rysburg band to Governor Sproul's inauguration at Harrisburg, January 21st.

All employes are now paid by check, the semi-monthly visit of the "money wagon" being abandoned.

H. T. DERRICK, Cert. 152.

#### *Eastern Division—*

The old Eastern Division has been pretty hard hit lately in losing men, the Western Division having taken over Crestline Yards; and the Conemaugh Division of the lines east having taken over that portion from Pittsburgh to Baden, some forty or forty-five men, all told. However, nearly all are members, so the Order has lost nothing thereby.

Bro. Bassett, extra, relieved Bro. Sweet, relieving Bros. Crotty, Van Scoyce and Frey

on vacations, as Bro. Van Scoyce was taken sick before the vacation period was over.

The brothers at Lucas are being relieved on vacations by Extra Price, another non to line up. They are still coming our way. It is now Sister Langsdale, second consist side Conway, and Bro. Stern, second "KY", and it will soon be Bro. Hilliard, third "AJ".

Bro. Graham is off with the "flu", Mr. Bunting, a new man, relieving. You men on West End, line him up.

Local Chairman Williams called a meeting at Alliance, January 20th, at which nominations for local chairman, delegates and alternates were made.

Bro. Jones, off on account of the "flu", relieved by Bro. Shaw.

Bro. Reed requested me to act as correspondent on short notice. Any unintentional errors will be gladly corrected in the next issue. This department, boys, belongs to you and I hope you will take an active interest in it and see that I am furnished with the necessary material for a successful write-up each month. Get your notes to "KY" some way or other and let us make this a department of THE TELEGRAPHER such that will be eagerly sought after.

Our new Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 is generally satisfactory. The next thing in order is getting schedules signed up, which is being done.

F. L. FISHER, Div. Cor., Cert. 4321.

#### *Pittsburgh Division—*

In our last article in this department we referred to a "Dead Spot" on this division. Since that time the gap has been closed up and the non-members considerably reduced. The light began to dawn that there was but one way to improve conditions, and that was by collective effort. Those who condemned the Order of Railroad Telegraphers' organization on the flimsy plea, "That it was doing nothing," were awakened by the news from Washington and Ottawa that those in authority in the organization were doing their full duty. They are beginning to realize that a labor organization is not a group that performs miracles, or that the mere mention of its initials produces magical results, but that it is a mere channel in which men can help themselves, the results measured by the amount of effort they contribute themselves, in co-operation with others. There still remain a few who cannot be convinced, that while they will not secure all they think they should, through organized effort, they will never get anything by standing alone and nursing a developed grouch.

Supplement No. 13 is generally approved as a vast improvement over General Order No. 27 and Supplement No. 10, both financially and in working conditions. While it abolishes vacations with pay, it substitutes an assigned yearly working limit of 306 working days, also grants an additional 2c

per hour in lieu of yearly vacations. Taking it as a whole, you can still take your yearly vacation (with loss of time) and have a good increase over the sum received prior to General Order No. 27. While the award was not up to the figures and conditions asked for, it is a step forward.

On this system where employes of the telegraph department smiled on the advance of \$3.20 a month thrown to them like a bone to a lot of hungry wolves, we find here and there a dissenter who vents his disappointment that a greater amount was not secured, and this or that condition either secured or abolished according to his individual ideas. To write this into an agreement along with other working conditions that does not conflict with concessions granted by Supplement No. 13 should be the next move, and this is as important as the increasing of wages. The establishment of legitimate representation with managements of the railroads under Federal control cannot be measured by a money value, and at this writing, notwithstanding the agreement outlined in General Order No. 53, representation is still to be secured. The majority of the men covered by Supplement No. 13 has given the committee the authority to represent them, and as we have made a great sacrifice in life and money to uphold the principles of democracy we will be satisfied with nothing less here. The essence of democracy is the right of the majority to represent.

We expect to soon have a uniform set of working rules covering this system, and a schedule covering every office on the various divisions where the classes named in preamble are employed.

The meeting held at New Florence, January 10th, was attended by a fairly good number. Supplement No. 13 was reviewed, and questions in connection with it answered, the general opinion being that it was an improvement over past conditions, and that representation should be immediately established to see that its provisions were carried out through a mutual understanding.

Two of our older brothers, Biter and Border, have been off duty for a few months on account of ill health. We hope to see them return soon, as we cannot afford to lose such old standbys, who held office before the system division displaced our local division plan, and who remained and worked when the clouds of opposition almost crushed us. The "flu" made inroads in the telegraph force on the East End, as it did elsewhere. Few families missed it, and it resulted in fatal effects to Bro. Alex Pilzinski, and the daughter of Bro. Biter, who lost her life while ministering as an expert trained nurse to others afflicted.

CERT. 10.

#### Pittsburgh Division, East End—

Our January write-up reached St. Louis too late for publication.

Bro. Linegan was relieved on vacation by Bro. Segui.

Bro. Beaumont, relieved at "HF" by Campbell from New Cumberland, returned to third "MF".

Bro. Dart has returned after ten days' vacation in the South.

Bro. Malone is at "K", Fourth Avenue, extra.

Bro. McNamara has returned to second "MF".

Miss Betty Wells, an old-time telegrapher, died at her home in Colliers, W. Va., recently.

Bro. Linegan returned from vacation and relieved Bro. Brandon at "JO".

Don't forget to pay your dues and M. B. D. Get an up-to-date for 1919 and try to get at least 10 new members during the year.

It is now Brother McGinley at Scully. "DI", Cert. 1328.

#### Pittsburgh Division West—

Bro. Brandon has returned from vacation, Bro. Jim Linigan relieving, relieved by Bro. Segui, extra.

Bro. A. S. Bowers relieved Bro. Beaumont, who relieved Gross on the sick list, who later relieved Barrett at "CH" Tower while at Bridgeville.

Brothers, keep after the nons. Ask me for their names, if you don't know where they are.

J. W. Scott, L. C.

#### Pittsburgh Division, West End Notes—

We can soon make this division 100 per cent strong if everyone will do his or her bit and try to line up the few nons left. We always wanted the chance to organize. We are organized and now let us stay organized. Find out on the division who are not members and if you can't do anything with them, tell the local chairman, who will try to round them up. Don't forget the exclusive agencies are under this award and go on the hourly rate same as we do. Get after them so they may help pay the freight. The rate for joining in February is \$10.67 and in March \$9.84, very little compared to the increase we have just received. This pays till the end of June.

We had several interesting meetings in Pittsburgh, January 18th, both morning and evening. General Chairman Yeager of the B. & O. explained Supplement No. 13 in a satisfactory manner. Bro. Sullivan of the B. & O. general committee and Bro. Dunn, general organizer, both gave us good talks.

Bro. Piper is back at "HM" after a sick spell.

"VI" is now solid again, Bro. Bennett making the 100 per cent.

Bro. Cole, "HD", is now on eight hours, an extra girl filling in until advertised.

It is now Sister Miss Cupples of South Fork.

Sister Mary Fleming is on second "BV", Miss George on second "BY" and Bro. Harrison Miller on second Trafford.

Bro. Wentz, the original "Jack," is with us again.

Bro. Coles' daughter took the examination recently, is now a sister and ready for work.

The new current dues are now payable to Wm. M. Skinner, 71 Gunther Bldg., Baltimore, Md., and M. B. assessments to C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo. Everybody pay up as soon as possible, as we want perfect organization here.

CERT. 570.

#### Pittsburgh Yard Terminal—

We are now well represented in the Order, due to the hard work of Bros. Dinges and Pentecost, who kept after the prospective candidates until they were full-fledged members.

Two meetings were held at Socialist Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., January 18, morning and evening.

"UF" and "BU" have been cleaned and painted and you would hardly know them now. Three new lockers have been placed in "UF" for the use of Sisters Harkins, Shan-non and McCartney.

Bro. Banks has been going it alone at "UF" account of Bro. Lewis at "BU" being off sick.

Bro. Lahr, relieved at "U" by Bro. Moore, is on third at "BU" on account of Bro. Marks helping the train director there.

Bro. Henry, who has been suffering from a bad cold, is back at work again.

Bro. Dattisman is on second "BU", vice Bro. Kennedy, off sick.

Bro. Martin has been working as train director on second at "BU" for the past month, due to regular man being off sick.

Bro. Lungren has returned to "NA" second after being off for some time due to sickness in the family.

Kellog, the stage whistler, has nothing on Bro. Marks when it comes to imitating our feathered friends.

CERT. 1526.

#### "GO" Relay Pittsburgh—

Our January write-up reached St. Louis too late for publication.

Bro. John Carr is now with the Southern Railroad at Knoxville, Tenn. He has our best wishes for success. Sorry to see him and Bros. Elginfritz and Price leave us, the former going into the brokerage business and the latter going West.

We expect to land the six new men recently hired as soon as they get a pay or two.

Bro. Herrick transferred from third to first to learn to be a wire chief.

Bro. Brown and Bro. Hanson are working second.

Bro. Matthews is now on the P. & L. E. We hope he will drop us a line occasionally.

The boys on the East End are coming in fine. I think we can make it 100 per cent solid with the next drive.

You boys on the Panhandle enforce the motto to the limit. It will help Bro. Scott out wonderfully. Don't let him do all the work. Let's all keep after the nons until they line up.

"No card, no favors"; no news, no notes. Remember that, too. "DI", Cert. 1328.

#### Monongahela Division—

The North End is now about solid, with the exception of a few extras. It is now "Brother Cox" at "PG", leaving only one non on the regular force. The meetings at Dravosburg were very poorly attended, the morning meeting especially.

Wake up and get after the nons working with and next to you. The railroad officials have not become less crafty under Government control, and are only biding their time when the roads are organized strong enough to meet them.

The Pittsburgh meetings were fairly well attended on January 18th, there being about 60 at the morning and 70 at the evening meeting, and everyone who attended came away well repaid for their effort.

We are asking for an interpretation of the vacation clause in Supplement No. 13, whether our relief days are considered as vacations or not. If not, then we shall still get them.

Some one on the South End send some notes to Bro. Roberts before the 20th of the month and he will see that they get into THE TELEGRAPHER.

Renew your card, and get after the nons. If they refuse to come with us, practice the motto on them and show them by that means what it means to be a member of the organization of their craft. Anyone wishing the names of the non-members can secure them from Bro. Roberts.

CERT. 19.

#### Cincinnati Division, East End—

Bro. Leopard was off a few days visiting home folks.

Bro. Whiteside is on the sick list again.

Clark, second Alton, took Bro. Hill there recently in his car and left, saying he would be back in an hour, but called up later saying he would not return. Bro. Hill, who was able later to be out without crutches, was unable at that time to handle the plant. Bro. Negus is there now, "SU" being closed. Second "BD" also closed and Bro. Ramsey is taking life easy.

Some one on the East End D. & W. and C., L. & N. send me some notes.

EVANS, Div. Cor., Cert. 973.

#### Cincinnati Division, West End—

Local Chairman Stone is working in "Q" again, also Mr. First from "HW".

Send Bro. Skinner a money order for \$5 and get your up-to-date card. Then get in the nons and make the division 100 per cent.

Bro. H. P. Smith, in General Hospital, Cincinnati, several months, is out again and Bro. Cooper is getting along nicely at his home.

Brothers, we have a flower fund started and will welcome all contributions from a penny up.

"No card, no favors" is not carried out strong enough on our division.

It is now Sister Ruth. Bro. Shirts took her a nice box of candy when he heard she had joined.

Please let me have some news for next month. EVANS, Div. Cor., Cert. 973.

#### *Louisville Division—*

An interesting meeting held at Seyman, January 9th, was well attended, and Supplement No. 13 was discussed in detail. It was decided to ask for pay for vacations not taken after waiting a reasonable length of time for a decision from the head of our department.

Bro. U. G. Sweet, recently returned from nine days' vacation at home, was elected division correspondent for 1919, also appointed secretary, and Bro. H. S. Coryell was elected assistant local chairman.

Bro. A. J. Vincent was indorsed as a candidate for local chairman, succeeding himself.

Bro. I. E. Gray of Crothersville is the only other candidate nominated for this division.

Bro. C. Sellers transferred from operator and clerk at Scottsburg to second "GN" Tower, relieved by W. E. Rodenberg.

Bro. P. R. Carr, first Caney, who returned to work after an attack of "flu", worked two days, then had to be relieved owing to the illness of his wife.

"Z" Tower on Louisville Bridge closed and Bro. J. H. Finley took third Chestnut Ridge.

E. L. Peeler, returned furloughed sailor, took his regular position again on third "AD" Tower.

Bro. Murray is on vacation, relieved by Extra Smith.

"X" Tower closed, Bro. Bottorff going to second "AD", Metzger to third "CV", and Daily to third "CR".

Bros. Stout, Farr and Froh are back again after a siege with the "flu", latter relieved by Bro. Harris.

Boys, pay your dues promptly, so you will not miss any issues of THE TELEGRAPHER.

I wish to thank the few brothers who contributed notes for this write-up.

U. G. SWEET, Div. Cor., Cert. 3899.

#### *Columbus Division—*

We are all well pleased with our new rate of pay. I have heard of none who refused to take it. Still I know there are a couple of nons left.

There is no good excuse for an agent or operator not belonging to the O. R. T., for under the rates we have received through the noble efforts of its officers every one has benefited considerably. In most every case, the increase of one month would more than pay his "debt of honor." Every man who holds a job now owes the Order his membership. You were all justly proud to wear the buttons, showing you had purchased Liberty Bonds, and you should be just as proud now to wear the button that guarantees you freedom and living conditions for yourselves and families. Since liberty and freedom were purchased at such a fearful cost, why not help to hold it now and protect yourselves and the noble men and brothers who made that liberty and freedom possible?

Another great benefit we will soon enjoy is the schedule on this division which we have long dreamed of and wished for when all jobs will be bulletined as vacancies occur. This and many other privileges would never been granted us had the Order not negotiated them for us.

Boys, you cannot conscientiously accept these things and remain a non or even worse, become a delinquent. You cannot afford to drop your card for \$5. That is the amount of your dues to July 1st. \$10 for a year.

I have received an organizer's commission from St. Louis, and am authorized to collect and receipt you for any money due the Order, so you can send it to me at any time and I will take care of it for you.

Let's get busy now and have a 100 per cent division to show our appreciation to the O. R. T. for its work.

Thanking you all for your support, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

P. L. MARTIN, L. C.

#### *C. & P Division—*

Bro. Rudy has recovered from an attack of influenza, Bro. Mangus relieving.

Bro. Reed is off on account of sickness and Bro. Carter is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

The two class 0-6-0 U. S. electric engines in Mingo Junction yards present a fine appearance.

Bros. Robinson and McWinstry were recent Steubenville callers.

New members: J. L. McPherson, W. H. Welch, I. A. Rice, E. J. Calvini and J. Grashask.

I wish to thank the brothers who sent me notes for the write-up. Keep it up so we can have a good one every month.

H. O. M., Cert. 1363.

#### *Toledo Division—*

Brothers and sisters, we have a good chairman. Let's give him our undivided support.

Bro. W. A. Fry, second Worthington, was relieved a few days on account of sickness by C. T. Fry, relieved on third Crogan by Mr. Bing, and Bro. Thomas, Worthington, was sick two days, Bro. Weaver and C. T. Fry doubling.

Bro. C. McKew, third "Q", off on account of his wife having pneumonia, is now down himself with double pneumonia.

Bro. J. D. Bordner, clerk to the division operator, was also off duty recently on account of the serious illness of his infant son.

Let's all be ready to give the boys back from "over there" their jobs on their return, as none are more deserving of them than the ones who started to Berlin.

Bro. E. H. Hasler has returned from military duty to third Bloomville, vice Sister Elsie Williams.

Bro. J. N. Ottney has returned to "GB" Tower after being in military service along the Mexican border for over a year.

Harry Desgranges, on military duty about a year, on his way home on fifteen days' furlough from Norfolk, stopped in "Q" and related some thrilling experiences as an observer and machine gunner on six air raids over Ostend and other northern Belgium points held by the Germans.

Wm. Ryan, extra dispatcher, recently on first "Q", is now breaking in as chief clerk, anticipating the completion of the dispatcher's telephone circuits, which will probably take off the copy operators.

Bro. H. D. Berry, first Woodville, was relieved several days by Mr. Fairbanks.

Bro. Thurston, who sustained a serious skull fracture on October 31st, has returned and is now on second Webbs.

Bro. Ottney, third "GB" Tower, off two weeks, having let one slip. Keep wide awake, brothers and sisters. Let's take warning.

Bro. Claypool has returned to second there after four weeks' siege with the "flu".

Sister Ruth Wilson relieved Miss Herodockey on second Delaware, who went to second Lynn.

Bro. W. F. Cook, on the sick list several months, is very grateful to the brothers and fellow workers at Carrothers for their acts of consideration and kindness.

Bro. Selfert, agent New Washington, on vacation, relieved by Extra Agent Sullivan, who also relieved Bro. C. W. Sweet, agent Tiro, several days on account of sickness.

It is now Bros. Barto, second Carrothers; Ottney, Gibsonburg, and H. L. Walters, agent Carrothers.

The spirit of brotherhood and fraternalism recently manifested by the members and others in contributing towards a fund for a brother who was severely injured has shown us to be right at heart. The sum at last accounts amounted to about \$150.

Recently a paper was circulated among the members by one of the brothers for a non-member, representing him as a member.

Although this was undoubtedly a worthy case, in future such papers should bear the attest of the local chairman and be signed by the committee appointed by him before being sent out.

Fisher, Bloomville; Heredockey, Delaware; Ballenger, Bucyrus; Hamilton and the Tyers and Miller at Bellevue, compose our list of nons, with two unmentioned on account of their promise to join shortly.

A. E. MEYER, Div. Cor.

#### Zanesville Division—

This division being so near solid, let us all keep it up, and use the "No card, no favors."

"BV" Tower third closed several times recently due to scarcity of men. Darlington second also closed while Bro. Brown relieved Bro. Ballou, third "FA" Cabin, on sick list; Bro. Bott working through.

Bro. D. E. Frame, second McLuney, off on account of death in family, relieved by Bro. Jones. Bro. Foster, first Wilmington, on account of sickness relieved by Bro. O. N. Spung, later relieved by Bro. Obendier, later relieved by Bro. Spung; and Bro. Blackburn, agent-operator McLuney, also off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. M. F. Ater, second Goston, relieved by Bro. Hopper, closing third there.

Bro. Armstrong, third Bremen, returned from vacation, relieved by Sam Hall, who has gone to the Pipe Line.

Bro. B. C. McKinney, third Crooksville, recently accompanied his brother-in-law, Mr. Sanborn (who worked on this division some time ago), to the hospital at Mt. Vernon.

Would like to hear from someone who will act as "position" correspondent in time to let him have the notes for next issue.

L. C. YAHN, L. C.

#### Marietta Division—

Quite a number who have been off with the "flu" are back at work again, including Bros. Johnston, E. M. and W. P. Lease at "B"; Abergust and Agent Dunlap, C. K. Wilmuth and Warren doubling.

Bro. Haugher, Birds Run, relieved by Bro. Mason. Bro. Gray, Kimbolton, relieved by Danley, who also relieved Bro. Johnson there while his wife was sick.

Corporal R. L. Barthalow, drafted from Kimbolton, now in the 312th Field Signal Battalion, A. E. F., writes his mother how pleased he was to read the Marietta Division notes in the October, 1918, TELEGRAPHER.

E. M. LEASE, Cert. 802.

#### Akron Division—

A very pleasant and important meeting was held at Gambier, January 12th, with about 30 members present. Local Chairman Kail was in the chair, read Supplement No. 13 and a general debate followed, so that

all now have a fair understanding of its contents.

The question of nominations for local chairman for our next election and also for delegate and alternate to the St. Louis convention were taken care of at this meeting.

Bro. H. C. Armstrong was appointed assistant to local chairman on this division to represent the agents.

We had present three brothers from "AK", also five agents. Now if these "AK" men can ride 87 miles and the agents can find time to attend meetings, some of you who have more time and live closer surely should be able to attend.

Our next meeting will be widely advertised, and we expect to have at least fifty present.

Mt. Liberty train order and block station closed January 7th. Bro. Miller, second, accepted a clerkship at Mt. Liberty for the present, in preference to extra work, and Miss Zarnastine, third, went to Westerville first, relieving Bro. Snyder, who is sick with the "flu". Bro. E. L. Shaffer, agent Mt. Liberty, on sick list since first of November, we are glad to say is improving and expects to return to duty shortly.

Bro. Beardisle, third Franklin, is off with badly sprained ankle received, while cranking his "flivver," Bro. Hicks relieving.

The new water tank at Galena has been put in service.

H. A. Martin, of Akron, former dispatcher, passed away on the morning of January 4th. He had been on sick list for past two years. Prior to this he was chief clerk to the division operator and had been in the service of the company for thirty-five years. The company loses a loyal employee and the operators a true friend, whom they will miss very much.

Bro. Kerr, third Danville, was recently married.

Before time rolls around for the next write-up, you will have received your back pay, and I hope will be in a better frame of mind, so that you will help out with a good write-up. I wish to thank those who helped with this one.

CERT. 2901.

#### E. & A. Division—

New members: Agents—W. E. Johnson, "BU"; L. C. McChristian, Snodes; J. G. Smith, Rosemont; R. N. Moose, Volant, Pa., and Miss B. F. Wilson, operator New Castle, Pa.

I have received several letters recently from other agents along the line in regard to the O. R. T. and trust we will soon have them with us. Brothers, get after these nons and help me to make our division 100 per cent.

R. H. Kniernan, a new man, has been relieving at Brier Hill.

Bros. I. C. Robinson and C. B. Hochadel have resumed duty after several weeks' siege

with the "flu". The wife and two children of Bro. Hochadel had it at the same time.

The sympathy of all the members of the division is extended to Bro. F. B. Hochadel on account of the recent death of his mother, also to the relatives of Bro. Walter Walling, of Bristolville, Ohio, who died recently of bronchial pneumonia after a brief illness. As a tribute to Bro. Walling's memory the brothers took up a contribution among the members and section men on this division for a floral offering, and the balance of \$47 remaining was turned over to Mrs. Bailey, his widowed mother.

F. W. BROADSWORD, L. C.

#### Western Division—

Bro. Frank Guy writes Bro. Jess Miller that he is now in Battenburg, Germany, with the first Army of Occupation.

Bro. Roy Jones, formerly on third Richey, home for a few days after six months' training, has graduated from Harvard College as a first-class radio operator and is now stationed in New York City.

Quite a number of the brothers are still absent on account of the "flu." Bro. Dumph is back on second "DE" after a several weeks' battle with it.

Bro. J. J. Callahan was absent several weeks on account of the sickness and death of his brother at Sand Springs, Okla.; also our new brother, J. H. Doty, owing to the death of his wife and child, and Bro. W. N. Day of Dunkirk on account of sickness and death of his mother.

On account of increased business Bro. "Kernel" Buscher has been put on extra in "NY" and Bro. May is again on second "SG."

You can send your dues to Chairman Jana, who will take care of them for you, or to Bro. Miller, at Baltimore, direct. In the latter case notify the chairman when you send them, so he can keep his records up to date.

A number of the old timers who worked here several years ago have come back. While they have been away we have succeeded in making the Penny safe for democracy. We should see that they come in now and help us make the standard 100 per cent.

An informal meeting was held in Fort Wayne recently, well attended by Penny and G. R. & I. men. How about a club at Fort Wayne, composed of these roads, the Wabash, Nickel Plate and Lake Shore.

Your old card won't do. Get a new one, quick.

C. W. MILLER, Cert. 2558.

#### Vincennes Division—

It is with the deepest regret that I report the death of Bro. Jethro C. Culmer at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., January 17th, the oldest agent in point of service on the Indianapolis Division, who had served

the Penna. Lines in different departments since he was sixteen years old, having commenced as a section hand and advanced through faithful and efficient service. At one time he was chief clerk to the superintendent of this division, and later became station agent at Spencer, Ind., in which capacity he served until his death.

Bro. Culmer, in the midst of his active business career, found time and inclination to improve his rare natural endowments which was poetry, critics characterizing his work as excellent examples of versification. To show the beauty of soul illuminating his brilliant mind, I quote the following, a fair example of his expressions:

"THE EDGE OF THE WOODS."

"Here clover blooms and is the brown bee's theme;

A little brook slips down from its high well,  
Tinkles upon the ripples like a bell  
And falls among the rushes like a dream.  
The wilds are soft with many a misty gleam;  
Some near vine sheds its fragrance, and a  
spell

Of hidden song falls ceaselessly, to quell  
Morrows and yesterdays and thoughts ex-  
treme.

"Tis good to be with mother earth apart—  
To lie in her warm lap and hush my cry,  
Seeing the rosebuds into color start—  
To listen to her gentle lullaby  
Of lowly things, and soothe my anxious  
heart  
When its wild longings push against the  
sky."

It is gratifying to know that after such a long-drawn-out battle we are at last getting some concessions, and since we have things headed home, let's keep them going. The only possible way to do this is to get that new card and support those that support us in such a way as to give them confidence in us and in themselves.

It is the duty of you, brothers, to send me all the news items you can, that we may be able to show others that we stand united.

Local Chairman Bump is nursing a severe attack of the "flu," relieved by Bro. Malone.

Sister Gail Boyd, seriously ill for two months, is no better. We earnestly hope that her condition, as well as Bro. Bump's, will soon show improvement.

The writer hasn't seen a non for so long it is doubtful if he would know one.

B. B. WALTERS.

*Richmond Division—*

An interesting meeting was held in the Grand Hotel at Anderson, January 9th. Supplement No. 13 was read by our local chairman and points of interest to all discussed.

Those present were: Sister Erbaugh, Bros. Clouser, Avery, Deeley, Barber, Dew, Mormon, Gabriel, Pickering, Baxter, Benefiel, Woolwerts, Johnston, Kelly, Taylor and H. B. Paul. This was a fair sized crowd, but not what it should have been considering the opportunities afforded in having the meeting at Anderson. Almost all the third trick men could have been present, and we would have been glad to have had them with us. Boys, let's all show more interest and our appreciation of Bro. Taylor's work by our presence at these meetings whenever possible. I think we all realize what the O. R. T. is doing for us, and it is the duty of every member to lend his personal support.

Bro. I. C. Earl has been appointed acting agent at Crescentville, vice Bro. Collett, deceased.

Bro. Skinney Acton is back on the division, extra, after wrestling bonus wires for the Western Union for the past year.

Bro. Woodard, suffering a severe attack of quinsy, is being relieved by Sister McShane.

Bro. Smith worked two days at Camden while Bro Taylor was out looking after the interests of the Order.

The meetings at Richmond, January 9th and 10th, were fairly attended, but many who were not on duty were absent.

Boys, send me some notes, please.

C. F. JOHNSTON, Cert. 2195.

*Michigan Division—*

Bro. Hardee, No Man Chester second, off with the "flu," relieved by Sister Cook; also Bro. C. E. Hizer, agent New Market, off several days for same reason, relieved by Bro. T. L. Bunnell; and Mrs. Murphy, second Judson, relieved on account of sickness by Sister Dixon.

Sister Lacy, first Bowers, spent her two-weeks' vacation at Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. Elsden is back from the army at Rockville cabin, and Operator Booher is back at Brown's Valley after being in Crawfordsville Army Training Camp since September.

Bro. Settles is back on first Rockville from the superintendent's office.

Bros. Luckenbill and Croft are back at No Man Chester after a siege with the "flu."

Bro. McPhearson is now on second Fisher, and Bro. Rody, several weeks on third Brown's Valley, is back on third Denver.

Bro. Elsden, sick with the "flu" several days, relieved by Bro. Grey, relieved by Sister Dixon. Bro. Steel, acting agent So. Whitley, has also recovered from an attack of the same malady.

Bro. Joe Hizer is now at South Whitley.

Bro. Perkins is being relieved by Bro. Scott, an old-timer.

Operator Bunnell of Moran is back from the army, relieving Agent Cloe at Moran.

Bro. Rose, second Rockville, went to Guion several nights on sick relief, Bro. Settles, first, doubling.

Brothers, get after the nons and don't forget to keep up to date yourselves. Let us try to make this division 100 per cent.

CERT. 1617.

*Northern Division, G., R. & I.—*

Bro. Witte, on sick list, relieved by Campbell, a new man, who also recently relieved Judkins a few days.

Bro. McPhee, who relieved a few days at Winter St. owing to the death of Operator Busch, was later relieved by Bro. Avery, and relieved Bro. Kirsch at Alanson, on sick list, relieved at freight house by Bro. Cross. Bro. Irvine, on sick list; office closed until Bro. Lemeaux came to the rescue.

Bro. Byron Rudd of Big Rapids has our sympathy on account of the recent death of his wife with the "flu." Bro. Rudd wishes to thank us for the beautiful flowers sent for the funeral.

Bro. I. C. Hart of Cadillac is now at Elton, Ia., with the R. I.

It is now Bro. Dann and Sister Blanchard, Cedar Springs, and Bro. A. B. White, relief agent.

The girls on the G. R. & I. are solid now. Keep after the rest of the nons and remember, "*No card, no favors.*"

Bro. Barkman, agent Lake City, and Bro. Steimel, agent Jennings, off with the "flu," were relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Cross. Bro. Runk, Big Rapids, and Bro. Waite, relief agent from the Grand Trunk, were also on the sick list a few days.

Bro. Elchelberger, agent Kalkaska, spent his vacation East, relieved by Mr. Munyon, a new man. Bro. Bird, Carp Lake, visited his folks at Alba, and Bro. Barthlemy, agent Mancelona, was relieved a few days by Bro. Bloomquist from Antrim.

Bro. Bosse is back on Fife Lake agency.

Bro. Judge, "UD" Grand Rapids, is breaking in dispatching. Bro. Rau was recently added to the dispatchers' force.

Kalkaska tower discontinued.

Brothers, please help the flower fund to grow. Bro. Hoffman will take care of it.

F. A. GRUNTZ, Petoskey, Mich.

*G., R. & I., Southern Division—*

THE TELEGRAPHER is a clearing house for your opinions, a meeting place where you may compare ideas of men, not only of your own division but of every division in the United States. Looking over the items from other divisions, you may find the name of an old friend whom you have lost track of, and probably never would have found if someone had not enterprise enough to furnish some notes for the Journal. The most commonplace items concerning conditions on your division may be the most welcome kind of

news to some brother on the other end of the division or some other division.

When you know of news you think should be sent to the Journal, write it out and send it to him not later than the 20th of the month.

Bro. Yorke, off with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Wall.

Bro. Wagner, off thirty days looking after his farming interests, was relieved by Lester Grim, whom we are glad to have back with us.

Local Chairman Kelley reported five new members on this division in December. We are now almost 100 per cent strong. A couple more hauls like that one will put us "over the top." Come on, boys; let's go.

About the best argument to show that non who is working with you is an up-to-date card.

Bro. Fred Hitts, who for more than a dozen years worked as leverman at Sturgis interlocker, was relieved last December when the N. Y. C. and R., R. & I. Railways consolidated their telegraph offices there. He has not been in any branch of railroad service since, still he carries an up-to-date card. He thinks he owes that much to the O. R. T. for what it did for him while he was in the service. Tell the nons about this. It may shame them into doing their duty.

"Bill" Cartwright is on an extended vacation on account of ill health, relieved by Bro. Hayden.

Brothers, we are trying to get a schedule on this division. Let's make our services such that they will be a recommendation for O. R. T. men and women. Show the railroad and the public that "*O. R. T. service is good service.*"

Any member desiring the names of the few nons left on this division can have same by applying to the local chairman.

Since the issue of Supplement No. 13 those nons will have to hunt up a new alibi. They may even be able to make a living without conducting a school of telegraphy.

It is with the deepest regret that we heard of the untimely demise of Mrs. Fannie York, wife of Bro. R. B. York, Mendon, Mich. Death came quite suddenly after only a few days' illness. The sincere sympathy of the division goes out to Bro. York and his little motherless daughter.

Bro. Meyers, third Mendon, transferred to second Monroe, Ind., relieved by Sister Roberts.

Local Chairman Jana, Western Division, held a meeting at his home on East Washington street, Fort Wayne, Ind., Friday night, January 10th. Supplement 13 was explained to all present and every one was well pleased with the meeting, which was an open one, where all were made welcome. Those present from the G., R. & I. were:

Bros. V. N. Hayden and J. J. Wilkinson, and Messrs. Straub, Teeple and Dounsberry.

You old members, bear in mind that about one-half of the members in the O. R. T. now are new ones. On this division perhaps three-fourths are carrying a card for the first time. Watch very closely for those who are thinking of dropping out with the idea that there is no longer any necessity for keeping up the organization. Let no one deceive himself that he can deal better with capital as an individual than as part of an organization. "*E Pluribus Unum.*" Do you envy the enginemen their schedule? How do you think they got it?

W. A. Barnes, Div. Cor., Cert 1421.

#### *Peoria Division—*

The joint meeting in Terre Haute, Saturday evening, January 11, 1919, was attended by brothers from the C. & E. I., "Big 4," C. T. & S. E. and P. C., C. & St. L., General Chairman Powell of the C. T. & S. E. presiding. Supplement 13 to General Order 27 was discussed fully and arguments made and officers elected to have a regular meeting second Saturday evening of each month. We hope all our boys can attend, as these meetings are very beneficial and certainly are enjoyed by those who attend.

Most of the boys have been put on eight hours, and we feel like colts on a spring pasture.

Brothers, pay your 1919 dues promptly and get your up to dates.

Some of our furloughed operators are returning to duty, having been mustered out of service, and we must see that they all carry a card.

A petition is being circulated for the re-election of Bro. H. B. Hoelscher as our local chairman for another term. He has represented our division in a very creditable manner and is now a member of the reduced general committee that will conduct the schedule negotiations. The management has promised to call the committee to Pittsburgh on this matter in the near future.

Bro. Turner is back at Hindsboro after an attack of the "flu."

We hope Bro. Hindmarch can attend the next Terre Haute meeting, as we need some of our officers present to make us Penna Line boys feel like we are on the map. Bro. Hoelscher, our local chairman, attended the last meeting and acted as our spokesman.

F. W. HYBARGER, Cert. 2810.

#### *St. Louis Division, West End—*

We regret very much that the West End was not represented last month in the *TELEGRAPHER*. On account of sickness and death the correspondent was called away on short notice and our notes for the month were overlooked.

Bro. J. H. Ray has moved his family from

Altamont to Vandalia, as he is now on second there; Bro. D. E. Ray to third Altamont; Bro. Lee Davis back on third, and Bro. E. C. Tennyson back on second Mulberry Grove, relieving his wife, Sister Lola E. Tennyson, and Bro. Guy Gillespie to "GX" Indianapolis in the general superintendent's office.

Sister B. A. Lytel is back on second Highland, and Bro. Willard Wiseman on second Formosa, relieving our hustling assistant general chairman, Bro. Hindmarch, who is kept very busy looking after our affairs. As long as "Hiney" is at the helm, you can bet your last dollar that they will be looked after.

We are well pleased with Supplement No. 13, thanks to our hard-working officials.

Bro. Hindmarch was in Terre Haute and Indianapolis recently making arrangements for meetings in one or both places, something of vital importance to us (next to keeping our dues paid up) so that we may mingle with each other, get acquainted and hear subjects discussed of special interest at this time. This is a privilege that we have heretofore been denied.

The system has been districted for nominating and electing local chairmen, and delegates, and alternates to the Grand Division. The local chairman covers the territory on the St. Louis Division and one delegate and one alternate will be elected from District No. 60, that part of the St. Louis Division from "GM" St. Louis, inclusive, to "NE" Greencastle, Ind., inclusive.

Brothers, pay your dues for the six months ending July 1, 1919, amounting to \$5.00, or, better still, remit \$10.00 to Bro. W. M. Skinner, No. 71-72 Gunther Building, Baltimore, Maryland, and get an annual card, and forward your insurance assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo. *Do not fail to pay your dues and insurance before February 28th. The sooner the better. Remember that "procrastination is the thief of time."*

CERT. 2410.

#### *Chicago Division—*

Bro. J. J. Langbauer, second "BV" tower, died after an attack of the "flu" following an operation at the Englewood Hospital, and H. N. Fredericks, a brother of Bro. Fredericks, died January 2nd. The bereaved families have our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Busch, of Calumet Park, was off a few days on account of the illness of his family; Bro. Rapp, first "KS," has been very busy taking care of his sick family who are all down with the "flu," and Bro. Barbee, "BV," is off with a sore throat.

Mrs. Langbauer, Chicago, wishes to thank the brothers and members of the Keystone Club, especially President Gilchrist, for their

Hiberal donations, kindness and sympathy extended to her on account of the death of her husband.

J. B. LESLIE, Div. Cor.

### "Nickel Plate" R. R., Div. No. 18.

#### Buffalo Division—

A very successful meeting, held Jan. 17th at the Hotel Dunkirk, New York City, was enjoyed by 18 of our members. We are pleased to see that the interest is increasing and hope to have many more of these good meetings. We will endeavor to give more advance notice in future. General Chairman Cowley explained the proceedings of the committee in Washington.

Stick tight, brothers and sisters, pay up promptly, and keep in line.

At the close of the meeting we enjoyed a nice dinner in the hotel. We urge every member to make a special effort to attend the next meeting and keep the interest increasing. Some were present who asked the chief for relief in order to attend.

Sister Mildred Fickel is back on second Pomfert after a long illness and Bro. F. W. Goss on relief job after several days' wrestle with the "flu." Sister Riley, third Pomfert, was relieved a few days by Earl Shaver and Sister Bassett on second Westfield by Miss Elliott, who later relieved Bro. Morris on third Cascade.

Bro. Roach is back from camp on third "BM" block. Bro. Sobetzer is taking thirty days' rest on account of his health. Bro. Donart, third Westfield, is relieving Bro. McKinney, third North East, on sick list.

Bro. Smith of Angola is still unable to work and his outlook not very good. Those who can do so lend him a helping hand; he is worthy.

Div. Cor., Cert. No. 340.

#### Cleveland Division—

Bro. W. D. Martin, night ticket agent Bellevue, had a truck load of company supplies turn over on him about Christmas and has since been laid up with a broken leg, being necessary to have it in a plaster cast. We hope for his speedy and permanent recovery.

Bro. Loftus, East Lorain, who buried his wife two weeks previously, owing to an attack of the influenza, died Jan. 11th from the same disease, and Sister Bertha Houghton recently lost her husband fighting in France. Words fail us in expressing our sorrow and sympathy in these cases.

Bro. Wood, agent Avon, away few days with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Weber.

Look after the nons, boys. UNITY.

### N. Y. C. R. R. Lines West, Div. No. 19.

#### *Michigan Division, Old Road—*

Local Chairman DeWolfe Quincy was off a week recently covering the division.

R. A. Johnson, who resigned at Coldwater a year ago to take up farming, went to Quincy a week while Sudborough was sick.

New members: F. L. Fuller, Clayton; L. L. Wickter, Sylvania, and Miss B. Johnson, Blissfield. If you don't know who and where the nons are on the old road and Grand Rapids branch, write me, get the list and help line them up.

Grand Rapids third taken off and Croddy bumped Bro. Nugent at Hilliards. Gangwer, second Bristol, goes to second Liegonier; Bro. F. L. Aldrich to second Clayton; Bro. Fuller to first, vice J. L. Bourke, deceased, and Bro. C. F. Moon to Bronson agency, vice M. G. Sherman, deceased, relieved by F. W. Boocher on second there.

A little personal work by the brothers will be greatly appreciated. Send me your news items so we can have a good write-up each month.

L. O. DEWOLFE, L. C.

#### *Michigan Division, Old Road, Notes—*

Bro. P. J. Glaser, second Lenawee Junction, relieved by Mrs. Schuneck, is dispatching the Detroit branch at Toledo. Bro. C. E. Judson, first there, spent the holidays at Detroit, relieved by Sister Johnson, who later relieved Sister Ostrander, third Kalamazoo. Bro. G. A. Scouten has the "flu," relieved by F. H. Glacott; G. E. Pixley is now on second Clinton.

Pay your dues, get an up-to-date and remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 527.

#### Toledo Division—

Bro. Booershine to second Millersburg bumped at Kendallville by Bro. Sharp of Kalamazoo, job abolished. Artley, second Nashby, to third Millersburg.

Second and third tricks at Brimfield, Mrs. Arney, second on bid and Bro. Rohm from Holland to third and Mrs. Arney to second Brimfield; Extra Johnson to second and Bula Latchaw to third Corunna; Chris Riser to first and Elmer Bowman, third Wabash tower leverman. Second Stryker abolished, Bro. Erney bumped Bro. Pio, first Archbold, who bumped Bro. Cherrie on second, and Bro. Cherrie taking new third there. Wauseon, Wabash tower levermen, placed on eight-hour basis, Bro. Richard, first; Bro. George, second, and Shaller, third. Second Delta abolished, Bro. Snider to extra list. Bro. O. E. Lauber, Holland, to new third trick at Swanton. Bro. Rogers, second D. T. & I. Wauseon, was off eight days with the "flu."

C. M. Shultz, from the C., B. & Q.; Ells,

another "old-timer," and Kircher are on extra.

Bro. Chet Smith is now cashier in the Ligonier bank; succeeded on second there by Bro. Gangwer of Bristol.

Regular meeting Golden Rule Club attended by Bros. Blackman, Colter, Cox, Davis, McDermott, DeWolfe, Doherty, Dudley, Egan, Egbert, Fogel, Garlick, Garn, Gangwer, E. G. Gipe, Glazier, Gum, Helsey, Highthorn, Horton, Knight, Krauss, Lewis, Meyers, Phillips, Powless, Schlosser, Shea, G. R. Smith, Snyder, A. L. Walker, J. W. Walker, Ward, West, H. D. White, M. D. White, Weitz and Geo. Walker. Bros. Smith, Schlosser, "Big Four" Knight, Lewis, Garlick and Meyers gave us good talks.

Bro. Geo. D. Walker has returned from his vacation in Iowa, Bro. Kentig from his hunting trip in Michigan, and Bros. Ray Hudson, Jack Shea, H. D. White from a hunt in Blissfield.

Bro. Glen Smith now at Cleveland working on the new schedule.

Bro. Ed. Gagwer, second trick dispatcher Elkhart, was a recent Toledo caller.

All solid around Toledo except one man. You know him, boys; he is getting about \$20.00 increase. Help me land him.

Thanks to Bros. Knight and Walker for items. Please mail them to H. D. White, "BR" Toledo, and let us have a big write-up next month.      "RN." Cert. 1518.

#### Alliance Division—

Local Chairman Dickenson is off duty on account of his family suffering from the "flu."

The annual elections are at hand to select a local chairman, delegate and an alternate. Bro. Dickenson has done good work on this division since he became local chairman and as a result we are nearly 100 per cent strong. He should be re-elected to succeed himself.

Pay your dues promptly, brothers, in order that we may have the money to continue working for better conditions. Don't forget that the O. R. T. has secured us all that we enjoy. Keep after the few nons left and give them no rest until they come in and take up their share of the burden.

Bro. Baker, Newton Falls, has purchased a farm. He became tired of trading his pay check for butter and eggs.

L. L. ALLEN, Div. Cor.

#### Illinois Division, Danville Line—

Bro. Will Jacobs back on third Morocco tower after looking after his father in the hospital.

Second Stewart and Highlands tower on bulletin on account of the eight-hour day. Kentland station discontinued as a train order office, trains transferred to the P. R.

R. at the tower. Second Conrad also on bulletin, Bro. Gilkey taking second North Mayden, recently opened by eight-hour day.

It is now Sister M. J. Christian. Boys, get after those three nons at Sloan and the non agent at Tab.

Bro. W. H. White bumped off third Tab by return of Bro. Mittier from army training camp.

Bro. O. L. Dorn relieved Bro. Jackson, Allison agency, and H. P. Sims relieved Bro. Latta, agent Belshaw a few days.

CERT. 1019.

#### N. Y., Ont. & Western Ry., Div. No. 20. Southern Division—

The general committee at a conference with the management held at Middletown, Jan. 13th, were successful in having Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 of the U. S. R. R. Administration embodied in our schedule, and probably you all will soon receive a copy of it.

Bro. Conner relieved by Bro. Bennett and Bro. Maybee relieved by Bro. Capach while on committee work.

Bro. A. V. Kerwen was relieved a few days by Extra Sherman and your scribe off Jan. 14th to 16th attending a funeral by Extra Shaupp. Quite a number of the smaller stations have been closed Sundays on the new schedule and a few in the same class as Fair Oaks, I understand, are to be classed as "non agent stations."

The sympathy of the entire division is extended to Bros. J. J. Mahoney and G. W. Merwin and their good wives in the death of their sons, both of whom died in the service of our country. Bro. and Mrs. Maloney were enabled to be at the bedside of their boy, he being conscious to the last.

Bro. L. R. Conner, being a candidate for delegate from this division to the National Convention at St. Louis, Mo., next May, I hope you will all give him a vote and, if you feel so inclined, should be glad to receive your votes for myself as local chairman of the Southern Division.

The family of the late Anna J. Harligan acknowledge with deep appreciation our kind expressions of sympathy.

H. J. DEGRAW, Div. Cor.

#### C. I. & W. R. R., Div. No. 21. Springfield Division—

Recent deaths: The wives of Bros. G. W. Perkins, third "HU," and B. C. Kennedy, Pierson; the sister of Bro. W. O. McCoy, Oxford; the daughter and mother of Bro. Shreve, Tuscola, and the child of Bro. Argentbright, Newman. We extend to these brothers and their families our deepest sympathy. We are glad to see the brothers who have been off with the "flu" back at work again.

The ticket agent at Connerville has been taken off, Bro. Ball having to do that work; Bro. Griffin taking third there, vice Bro. Robinson. The S. & O., closed as far north as Kansas, may soon be running all the way through to Olney. Bro. Trimble and Bro. Harmon, from the S. & O., have taken Dana second and Fountaintown agency, respectively.

Thanks to Bro. Clingan, Shops, who sent in six applications recently all at one time. If all the brothers will do this there will soon be no "nons" left.

Let's enforce "*No cards, no favors*" a little stronger than in the past. A man who will not carry an up-to-date now is not worthy of our support and should not be recognized as a telegrapher. A list of nons will be published and give every brother the chance to land some of them.

Let's all pay our dues early and swell the treasury.

Brothers, please send me the changes taking place around you. I am unable to get them all and do not want to slight anyone. Would like to have a correspondent for the Indianapolis and Springfield Divisions. Who will take it?

The committee has the new schedule all ready to present to the management as soon as the general superintendent is ready for us.

"CU." Cert. 2.

#### C. M. & St. P. R. R., Div. No. 23.

##### *Columbia and Idaho Divisions—*

Before leaving for the East I neglected to leave a man in my place, hence no write-up. I would very much liked to have gotten back sooner in order to get in on some of that big back pay, but the "flu" was against me.

Supplement 13 gives us a pretty nice increase, but it will look better still when it is incorporated in our schedule and a few irregularities adjusted, a further increase for the agent at Ewan, for instance.

The nons have gotten by in the past, thereby saving the price of their dues and sacrificing the respect of those whom they work among, but it's doubtful if they fare so well in the future when all workers will have a contempt for the "shirker."

The big lumber trains are moving East again since the embargo has been raised on lumber in the Northwest, and there seems to be about as much business as the motive power can handle. There are quite a bunch of work trains on the West End busy with electrification work.

Bro. Sorrensen at Ellensburg, days, succeeded at Kittitas agency by Bro. Dick Roselle; Bro. Loomis succeeded by Bro. Moulner at Hanford agency and he by Bro. Pat Murnane at Ruff agency, and is fixing up bachelor apartments in the depot.

Bro. E. E. Kilbourne is East again on account of sickness. Bro. Fred Washburn, called East owing to the death of his mother, who was ill some time with the "flu." Bro. Myers, first St. Maries, off with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Keegan. Bro. Viets is back at Spirit Lake after a sick spell. Monroe is on third Malden while Mays from Louisville, Ky., is breaking in as dispatcher.

Bro. Donley, second Rosalia, is relieving Bro. Ashton at St. Joe account of sickness. Sister Helen McGee back on second at St. Joe after staying at home several months nursing her mother.

Bro. C. H. Williams, third wire chief Malden, has moved his mother there and we were sorry to hear that his brother was killed in action in France.

Horlick is being fitted up with bunk cars and semaphore to open temporary office there and Thorp made continuous account of electrification work.

Am indebted to Bro. Dahl, Malden, for a nice bunch of news which was very much appreciated. I wish some one from the Pen O'Reille Line would send some notes occasionally. The Columbia and Idaho Divisions cover a pretty big territory and I could have a good write-up if all would take an interest.

CERT. 614.

##### *Missoula Division—*

It has been some time since we have had a write-up. It is rather hard to keep in touch with the changes if no one will notify me when they are made.

Bro. Waite of Stetson and Sister Gibbons were married recently at Spokane. We extend congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. C. E. Tydal, first trick Missoula, has been called to Deer Lodge as train dispatcher. We wish him success. This moves Bro. Boyer up to first, Sister Tyndal to second, Bro. Harper succeeding her on third. Sister Vivian Smith, third Superior, has gone to her home at St. Regis to take care of her mother, who is very ill. We hope for a speedy recovery. Sister Corrine Smith, third Roland, relieving her, is being relieved by Mr. Gratz, a new man.

Bro. A. C. Harris, formerly on third Superior, who has been in the Signal Corps with the famous Forty-second Division in France, is back in the United States, but is now confined in a hospital at Baltimore, Md., having been gassed last July. His eyes having been very bad, are getting some better.

Try to line up the non working with or near you.

CERT. 3164.

##### *Musselshell Division—*

Bro. Breckenridge, Baker third, to Musselshell first; Bro. Pease, Plevna third, to Carterville agency; Bro. Plaith, Plevna second, to Ismay agency.

Bro. Farr is now first trick dispatcher on East End.

Bro. Spurling, third Roundup, recently visited general headquarters at Chicago where he found Bros. Soyster, Derrickson, Kearby, Lautorelle et al in solemn conclave. Sister Copeland, who relieved Spurling at Roundup third, on 40-day leave, is now relieving Bro. Frelick on second for 60 days. Half a dozen nons sent to Roundup recently none stood the test. Real operators carry that little pasteboard always.

Local Chairman Sasser's wife recently returned from an extended visit to the old Mississippi home.

It is now Sister and Bro. Copp at Shawmut.

Bro. Berger, Melstone third, called back East account of illness in his family, relieved by Bro. Clarence Burke, relieved by a new man at Ingomar.

Brothers on the East End, get busy on the nons. Only two eligibles left on the middle sub that are known. I have promised to give a live write-up on those who "much receive but nothing give." We have recently had our dues raised to meet expenses of general committees, etc., which would not be necessary only for the "plikers."

Bro. Leo Thiel, former local chairman, writes from Camp Lewis, Wis., that he wants to resign, but can't. It looks like overseas on reconstruction work for him and the other Morsemen. He says the Government has no eight-hour, no sixteen-hour day. He is doing clerical work and typewriting in battalion headquarters.

CERT. 2715.

#### River-C. V. and Wabasha Divisions—

I hope every member will see that he is up-to-date before February 28th and save the G. S. & T. unnecessary work in reminding him of this obligation. The recent increase due to the efforts of our general committee at Washington added quite a sum to our income, and no member should fail to keep paid up, thus showing their appreciation of their efforts in our behalf.

A great many changes have occurred on the River Division in the last few months and some new men added, but have been unable to learn their names, and I am going to again urge the boys to notify the general chairman and myself so that new members can be mentioned in the journal.

Bro. G. J. Leahy, "C" office, is now in the car accountant's office in Chicago. He worked faithfully to keep this division solid. If all brothers would show the same "pep" we would soon reach that goal.

One of the best meetings ever held by the Twin City Telegraphers' Club was on January 13th with about 70 members present. Bro. Johnson of Division 54 gave us an out-

line of what transpired at Washington during the recent wage controversy. The matter of the Sunday and holiday overtime has been protested and we hope to have a favorable decision shortly. CERT. 2704.

#### La Crosse Division & Milwaukee Terminal—

F. H. Beardsley goes to second Raymore. C. R. Upham, recently released from the army, has resumed on first South La Crosse. E. J. Haker, after a long siege of sickness, has resumed on first Tomah. O. S. Brown relieving on third there.

B. Swain, Duplainville, was off several days with the "flu." H. J. Bullock, on sick list, relieved by Manning, and C. O. Manske, side wire operator Portage, a few days owing to the death of his father at Watertown, relieved by Tom Williams of Tomah.

E. W. Arnold, second Kilbourn, has taken third Milwaukee cut-off. E. O. Byrne, third Brookfield.

If you wish to see a good write-up from this division, send me all the news items you hear of.

Frank Phillips and F. Zunker have taken second trick levermen at West Portage and Grand Crossing, respectively. August Rampson, third trick levermen, Portage Junction; Wm. Lucas, third leverman West Portage; A. L. Beyer, second, and I. E. Hatch, third trick operator Medary; R. J. Smith and Ben Nelson, third trick operators Elm Grove and North La Crosse respectively, and J. P. Reiber to West Salem, pending its assignment.

Kampman, at Raymore, relieved a few days recently by W. R. Deakin.

There are several new men on our division. Every brother should help all they can to line them up; also kindly remember to remit your dues at the earliest possible date.

Drv. Cor. Cert. 65.

#### Int'l & Gt Northern Ry., Div. No. 25.

##### Ft. Worth Division—

I forgot the matter for December until too late and when the latter part of that month rolled around and I should have mailed in the items for the January number, the Yuletide was here, and I overlooked it again, so don't blame anyone but old "GS" for the oversight.

Bro. J. M. Talley is now at Leroy; First Lieutenant Bro. Lauderdale, returned from the army, displaced Bro. Jas. Elliott at Highbank; third Marlin abolished, and Bro. Patzke to Cawthorn, who has my deepest sympathy, as I served nine months there and know what it is; Bro. Williams to Hart third, no bids on it; Operator Walston, returned from the army, to chief clerk Italy temporarily. Italy second closed several days; no operators, Miss McQueen having left to get married. W. E. Farmer, former agent Italy, who was on second when his

wife died, moved to Navasota, his old home. Bro. Reulet and I worked nine hours a day for a week to keep things moving until Woodard from the W. U. came to our rescue. Leave it to us to line him up if he stays.

Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 gives us a good raise in salary. We used to shy at "18," but we have learned in the past year that our flag has thirteen stripes and it is *some* lucky.

Don't overlook the special assessments as you enjoy the new raise. Had our case not been ably presented and supported we would not have received the increase. It is time to pay dues for the January-June period, 1919; an annual is better. Bro. Reulet has an annual, and some others have them on the road. Let's all get them.

#### **Wabash R. R., Div. No. 26.**

##### **Fourteenth District—**

General Committee now convened arranging to incorporate Order No. 13 into working and revising our schedule to conform with new Wage Order No. 13. You will note we have added quite a few positions to our department which will hereafter be put on bulletin when a vacancy occurs, also "GO," "DS" and "NE" will be bulletined both on Moberly and Western Divisions. We are now 99 per cent on Moberly Division.

"CA," L. C.

##### **Fifteenth and Sixteenth Districts—**

Bro. Cullars, agent at Tracy, now on second joint Q. & Wabash consolidated at Tracy. Bro. Cameron, agent Bussey, on second Hamilton, his station consolidated with "Q." Bro. Ballard, agent Lovilia, on second there for the "Q," same reasons.

Bro. Begole, off several days on account of the death of his father, relieved by an old Wabash man, C. B. Haines, now with the Sinclair Pipe Line Co.

It is now Bros. James Black, E. E. Hastings and H. N. Daniels at the Moulton tower, making Moulton solid with the exception of third in the office.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Adams, Green Top, is improving. He has been off three months with the "flu" followed by pneumonia, relieved by Bro. Read.

Thanks to Bro. West for items. Come again.

"CA," L. C.

##### **Decatur Division, Sixth and Seventh Dist.—**

Bro. Veeck made a raid on the North End recently and showed us some real efficiency in organizing, getting nine applications in one day. Bro. Neece, formerly on first Chicago Ridge, now on second Mitchell, also got enough members to share in the 1918 prize contest. The agents at non-telegraphic stations are beginning to come in since they have had representation through the O. R. T.

Bro. Roy Veech appointed assistant local chairman by General Chairman Nash.

Bro. Hoffman, second Ashburn, sick recently, relieved by Bro. Ricketts.

Recent advices from Bros. Marrs and Ruffy, now in France, indicate that they will soon be with us. Bro. Marrs has been a corporal for some time.

All three tricks Manhattan tower abolished; aviation field at Ashburn temporarily closed, owing to the shortage of operators.

Essex depot is being moved to N. Y. C. crossing with view of consolidating agencies. The Wabash men seem to be getting the worst of it in most of these consolidations. Streator is the only agency of consequence where the Wabash man was retained as joint agent.

##### **Ninth and Thirteenth Districts—**

Bro. Goublin, third Brooklyn, relieved on third Mitchell by Indelicto.

Bro. Kearny, agent, and Bro. Dean, first Eds Junction, are both back at work after an attack of the "flu." Bro. Davidson, second, out of service, relieved by Miss Nygren. Bro. Jarrel, "K," East St. Louis freight house, and family have also recovered from the malady. Bro. Case was off several nights while his family were down with it; also Bro. Eldridge first.

Ye scribe wishes to correct the note in November issue stating that Signal Supervisor Hyatt had died with the "flu." This was a false report from St. Louis, his home town.

Gordon, third Brooklyn, has gone with the "Cotton Belt" in Texas.

CERT. 740.

##### **Peru Division—**

Bro. Murray has returned to West Lebanon.

Bro. Parkman, agent Covington, relieved Bro. Engle, Attica, off with "flu," and Bro. Cameron, who relieved Bros. Chase, Tilton and Murray at "Z" while off sick, also relieved Bro. C. S. Smith at Logansport while having an operation performed on his jaw.

It is now Bro. Weckerly, first Delphi, leaving but one non on this district, McCauley at West Point, but there are still several on the East End. Get busy, boys, and line them up.

Bro. Keiff, Roanoke, is laying off and was unable to get any notes from East End.

Bro. King, agent Maumee, is seriously ill in Peru hospital with pneumonia.

While cranking an automobile January 20th Bro. Hood, Clymers, broke his right arm in two places, being unable to get relief, as the extra men were all busy, necessitating the use of a section man as leverman, Bro. Hood doing the left-hand stunt.

Through the combined efforts of Bros. H.

E. Cameron and L. R. Cochrane of Peru office, the telegraph school, located in the Y. M. C. A. at Peru, is now out of existence. These two brothers should be given merit marks for their good work.

Now that we have the two hard-shelled nons of the East End located at Peru Junction, East Peru, on second and third tricks, let's call a meeting there for 11 o'clock some night and convince them of the "error of their ways."

Hoffman, third Peru Junction, has purchased a 21-jewel Bunn Special watch, paying \$52.00 for it, still he has not got the money to come into the O. R. T. Bro. Hicks will attend to his case.

"LID," Cert. 846.

#### *Peru Division—*

Bro. T. W. Johnson writes from Paris, France, December 27, stating that he is taking in the sights in the "gay city of Paris," but that there's nothing like the "old U. S."

Bro. John Kleff, third Roanoke, taking ten days' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Chicago, relieved by Bro. F. W. Keplar, recently returned from the signal corps camp.

J. D. MINSEL, Cert. 105.

#### *Springfield Division—*

The Railroad Administration, if present plans are completed, will put into effect what has been the greatest want of the agents for some time, the scale base worked on the same principle as the express scales. Their application in the present state are more or less arbitrary. The proposal is at least a starting point from which we may work to a great accomplishment in the way of a scientific rate structure. We are looking forward for this necessary structure with great pride and reward.

Bro. Wm. Constant goes to third Lanesville, third Riverton closed temporarily, Hancock going to the C. B. & Q.

This division with 95 position now has 107 members.

The dispatcher's office located at shops for a number of years has been moved to the passenger station, creating another opening for the operators.

Sister Ida Platt, on vacation, relieved by Grey, a new man.

We are glad to hear the return of Bro. Kent Taylor to first Quincy from the navy.

Bro. Heflin is operating in "JN," Bro. M. L. Smith relieving the dispatchers for their two days' monthly vacations.

Bro. A. A. Curry, agent Mt. Sterling, is still on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Punch Glaze.

*Dues are payable now; have you remitted yours?*

#### **St. Louis-So. Western Ry., Div. No. 27.**

We have all received our back pay checks, our eight hours per day and our increase in wages and there is no excuse whatever for there being a single non or delinquent on Division 27 nor for failing to pay their special assessment of \$5.00. Those who have not done so, mail the same at once to Bro. C. B. Welch, secretary and treasurer, St. Francis, Ark.

Bro. D. G. Coley, agent Gustine, has recovered from the "flu" and is back at work.

It is now Bros. C. G. Earl, cashier Gatesville, and H. B. Pittman, operator Hamilton.

Bro. F. S. Foster is now agent at Alexandria and Bro. S. G. Fry at Purdon relieved as cashier-operator at Athens by a new man.

Bro. R. F. Meadows, cashier-operator Sulphur Springs, took first Athens, a new job, when a straight cashier was put on there, Bro. O. C. Thrasher taking Athens agency.

We regret to report the death of Bro. P. C. Sayers, second Corsicana, who died of the "flu." He has long been a loyal member. He was buried at Malakoff Dec. 27th. T. W. McClanahan, agent Blooming Grove, who died recently of the same disease, was a member for a number of years, but went delinquent June 30, 1918.

Bro. R. A. Lewis, agent Trinidad, goes on extra until he becomes more experienced in handling accounts.

Bro. H. N. Powell, in Texarkana hospital with influenza, is improving rapidly.

Bro. Paul Falvey goes to Brownsboro, vice J. M. Griffin, to Chandler and Bro. C. L. Thomas to Brandon, vice N. N. Lowe to Carlton agency, vice B. F. Hill to clerk-operator, McGregor; Bro. R. A. Reynolds, Leon Junction, to second Corsicana, relieved by G. S. Waters, clerk from Brownsboro.

Many thanks to "KN" and "K" for notes sent me this month. The news "A," W. A. Co., promised to send me didn't arrive. When any of you boys hear of any news drop me a note at Murchison and we will have a good write-up each month from south of Tyler. I will appreciate your help. Remember, "No card, no favors."

"GS AT F." Cert. 180.

#### **Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28. Alabama Division—**

A meeting was held in Helena, night of January 18th, by Local Chairman Tidwell. Following members present: O. H. Smith, J. G. Rivers, E. A. Blount, C. C. Dinkins, H. L. Carter, A. F. Fanning, W. J. Benton, H. P. Murphey, Duke McKinnon, J. C. Smith, J. H. Bowen, J. H. Cantrell, W. R. Arnold, M. H. Mulkey, R. F. Thompson, H. M. Sellers, L. Hodges and W. F. Avant, who brought his application for membership. We are glad to have him.

Supplement No. 13 was discussed and explained and we are all well pleased with our increase. A lot of other business was disposed of and every one enjoyed the occasion. Bro. Tidwell was nominated for re-election for local chairman and delegate to Grand Division, and Bro. M. H. Mulkey as alternate. Bro. Tidwell has served us well for ten years and due to his experience and efficiency in this line, the membership felt that we needed such a man in charge of our affairs for another term.

Bro. Avant is working a job not covered by our schedule, yet he feels the need of the O. R. T. and this should be a good example to our few nons who are working scheduled jobs to come over with us. We need them, and hope that every member will make a special effort toward making our division 100 per cent O. R. T. We only have three or four to line up before we will have this. I want to urge all members to keep up-to-date and all stand together and give their support and co-operation in every way possible. Our future will depend largely on our strength.

Bro. T. T. Blassingame, Sledges, to Rutherford agency, relieved by Bro. Pitts from Pittsview, just recovered from influenza, relieved by Graves, a new man.

Bro. Tyler, from A. C. L.; Bro. Hamilton, first Vidalia, and myself had to double two days account of sickness.\*

Bro. J. H. Spence, with the U. S. Marines in Haiti, writes that he hopes to soon be discharged and return to Fitzgerald agency, which he held when he volunteered.

H. L. CARTER, Vidalia, Ga.  
Cert. 1423.

#### North Carolina Division—

Bro. H. C. Lassiter, manager of Hamlin office, passed away recently with pneumonia following an attack of the "flu." Bro. Lassiter was a very fine telegrapher, a loyal member. His place will be hard to fill and many men who were down and out will remember his kindly acts. We mourn his departure as a loving son and a loving brother. May his spirit rest in peace. Mrs. Lassiter and sons wish to thank the operators on the North Carolina Division for the lovely floral design furnished at the burial of her dear son and their brother, H. C. Lassiter. They also desire to thank Rev. A. T. Young, the Presbyterian minister of Hamlin, who came up with the boys.

Bro. C. A. Shaw, agent-operator Bladenboro, N. C., died of meningitis following an attack of the "flu." We attended his funeral. The floral designs were beautiful and profuse. He leaves a brother, a conductor, and two brothers who are flagmen on this division to mourn his death.

Bro. Weathers has returned to work. We are glad his health has improved.

Bro. McGowen is improving after a severe attack of influenza. \*

Superintendent Walton, appointed general superintendent, is succeeded by E. C. Bagwell.

We desire to thank Chief Dispatcher Wells, the dispatchers and office force in Hamlet, who gave the regular yearly donation to our flower fund. The boys on the line also are all coming up fine. We miss dear old "Bill," but we gave him a beautiful token of our love. Thanks for the expressive letters I have received from you all. Bro. Windham, dispatcher, and Dispatcher Bro. Ebey rendered me valuable assistance.

C. G. PEPPER, Div. Cor.

#### Del., Lackawanna & W. R. R., Div. No. 30

After attending meetings of the general chairmen in Chicago and Washington recently and ascertaining that practically all the roads in the country were raising their dues to \$15.00 a year, your committee decided to do the same and sent notices to all members accordingly. Since sending them out I have received several complaints from members on the East End about what they term exorbitant rates. As far as I know there has been no one on the system who has not received as much or more for one month's increase than the dues for the whole year amount to, and as we have all been asking for eight hours and more pay, which Supplement 10 gave us, I am at a loss to understand why any union man or woman should be unwilling to pay his or her portion of the expenses. I think you will all concede that where an organization can afford to keep a man on the job whose whole time will be given to its affairs, there will be better results than would be the case if your general chairman had to do his work after doing a trick of eight hours or longer for the company. With the raise that Supplement 13 gives us, I do not think that the raise in dues was at all excessive or unreasonable.

If there are any who have not paid up for the year 1918 I hope they will do so at once. I do not believe there is a man or woman on the Lackawanna who wants to receive benefits, which they are getting through the O. R. T. without contributing his or her share toward paying for them. Most operators would resent the insinuation that they were the recipients of charity, but that is what it amounts to when you take something which you have not helped to pay for.

Fraternally yours,

M. M. FARLEY,  
General Chairman.

Nothing that I can write would fully express my happiness in seeing and knowing that the organization on the Lackawanna has proved a success and has come to stay. My term of office as general secretary and treasurer is drawing to a close. I have given my best for the good of the organization, but feel well repaid for the hard work and long hours I have put in to see it through and to know that we are in a position to turn over to the ensuing officers as prosperous a little organization as there is today for the short time we have had to build it up.

We owe a great deal of our success to the boys who have kept after the nons so diligently, explaining to them that without their membership we would never acquire the 100 per cent mark.

Your General Committee, on Thursday, January 23, arranged to meet the management in regard to a signed agreement and no doubt we will be the proud possessors of this document before this edition of THE TELEGRAPHER goes to press, after which we expect to have some good rousing meetings with all kind of good things to talk about.

I wish to thank every member of Division 30 for their hearty co-operation and support during my term and I am sure you will give that same support to the new officers.

With all good wishes for a continued success.

Fraternally yours,

C. C. COOPER, G. S. & T.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

A well attended meeting at the National Hotel, Bath, N. Y., January 12th, was opened at 12 o'clock noon by Chairman Hill with a few appropriate remarks, followed by General Chairman Farley, who explained Supplements 10 and 11 to General Order No. 27. Supplement was then read and discussed. General Chairman Farley also called attention to the necessity of our standing by our committees.

A letter was read from Bro. Hanwell of Buffalo, who had attended a meeting of N. Y. C. boys there a few days previously. After a general discussion the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p. m. for dinner in the hotel dining room.

The boys wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to Agent Geo. H. Parker for the cigars.

Local Chairman Hill wishes to thank the boys for the nice attendance and advises that we will have more in the near future in order that the boys might bring up subjects of interest, when we hope there may be a still larger attendance. The boys who were not there missed a great treat.

Election of officers soon.

L. C. WARD.

#### *Scranton Division, East End—*

Bro. Oakes, Gouldsboro second, has taken the new position created at Plymouth Junction tower when it was made a three-trick office.

Bro. Raesby is back in Scranton message office after five months' service as telegrapher in the National Army at Washington, D. C.

Shortly before the armistice was signed a troop train stopped in front of Slateford tower while Bro. Nace was on duty. One of the khaki-clad passengers called to him to come out and get acquainted and in lieu of an introduction held aloft an up-to-date. As the train started the soldier brother shouted: "I'm going to carry this over the top with me." Bro. Nace states that his ability to show this brother that he, too, was doing his bit to insure a safe industrial future, was a source of satisfaction difficult for mere words to convey. Had he been unable to properly meet the occasion his only alternative would have been to have crawled under the tower out of sight until the train's departure. Would that some of the nons had the spirit of this unknown brother.

All members have received notice from General Secretary and Treasurer Cooper advising that the committee had decided to place our general chairman on a salary and that in order to do so it was found necessary to increase our semi-annual dues from \$4.00 to \$7.50. At first glance this might appear to be an abnormal increase, but a moment's calculation will prove it is not a strain on our resources.

A paid chairman is a good business proposition. He can increase the membership and also devote more time and attention to our interests. Three dollars and fifty cents over a period of six months is slightly less than two cents per day and with Supplement 13 now in force, it would sound foolish to say that we cannot afford to pay the increase in dues.

Organized representation and effort brought about this increase. It is not unreasonable that one-thirtieth of it should be furnished to make our organization still stronger and more effective.

Bro. Voss and I commenced organization efforts on the Lackawanna Jan. 1, 1918. Since that date every man has received a minimum increase in salary of \$379.60 per year—about 2,530 per cent on the investment. Is it unreasonable that we pay a total of \$15.00 per year to add such an amount to our salary? Let's stop quibbling over increased dues and keep up-to-date.

Nobody loves a "quitter," anyway.

O. H. SMITH, Cert. 11.

**Missouri Pacific R. R., Div. No. 31.****Joplin Division—**

The son of Bro. Brown of Madison, Kan., Lieut. Dwight L. Brown, succumbed to wounds received in action in Argonne forest, France, late in October. This is indeed sad news and the sympathy of the boys on the division goes out to Bro. Brown and his wife in their great bereavement.

Bro. Clinkenbeard, extra in Nevada Relay twenty days, relieved on Butler third by Bro. Honey. Bro. Wesley Arnold, second there, was off two days on account of sickness in his family, and Bros. Wolfe and Honey doubled. Later Bro. Honey relieved Bro. Harris, third Rich Hill, a few days.

Bro. Anthony, agent Rich Hill, down with the influenza. Bros. Lane and Greenlee moving up from second and third, Extra Miller filling in.

Bro. Malone, agent Archie, off sick, relieved newly made Bro. Stulz, relieved on second there by Bro. R. E. Corwin.

Bro. Otto F. Johnson, our new member, is back at Athol nights from his Xmas vacation.

Bro. J. A. Bruffet, second Cornell, has the honor of being the first to enroll with us this year, and makes Cornell solid with four members.

Supplement No. 13 will cause a number of telegraph offices to be opened up which have been closed for several years, and create a demand for new men. All watch out and land them.

Mrs. Lillian M., J. M. and E. L. Brown and their wives desire to thank the members of Division 31 for the beautiful floral offering and sympathy shown them owing to the death of Frederic M. Brown.

Ballots have been mailed out for the election of a local chairman, one delegate and one alternate to be chosen from this division. Good men are running for all these offices. I am up for re-election; having served you for fourteen years I feel that I need no boasting. I have done my best and taken care of my own job at the same time, and if my work in your behalf meets with your approval I will appreciate your vote for delegate and local chairman and promise if elected to strive to do as much for you next term as I have tried to do in the past terms.

Your fraternally,

C. V. ROWE, L. C.

**Central Kansas Division—**

There are only a few more nons left on this division and some of them have promised to come in shortly. Remember our motto: "No card, no favors," and don't forget to remit for the current card before February 28, 1919, and keep in good standing.

It is now Sisters Julia H. Miller, Kipp, and Lena E. Blair, at Swayne. Bros. E. S. Parker, Chiles, and William Bushton and

Bowes, towermen at Hope. Let the good work go on.

Bro. H. E. Hitler, second Marquette, was off a few days sick, also regular on Council Grove second, latter relieved by Bro. Fowler.

Bro. Owens and Deal are back at Council Grove after a long siege of the "flu".

Bro. Buddy is relieving regular man on Genesee second while off sick, and Bro. E. L. Schall, second Bucyrus, off with pneumonia, is being relieved by Mrs. Kelly.

Bro. E. E. Layton spent a joyful day in Sallina recently.

Bro. Traylor, third Leeds, relieved a few days on vacation by Mrs. Donahey.

Bro. Schall, second Bucyrus, and Mr. Anderson, Red Wing, have returned from the Army for their jobs.

Bro. R. H. Hardy goes to Claffin second, and Bro. Buddy to second Herington, vice Bro. Luddy.

Only two delinquents for term ending Dec. December 31, 1918. Let's see that they get up to date again. Members reinstated count the same as new ones.

Bro. John Malano is enjoying a visit with friends and relatives in Italy while "over there."

We all regret to hear of the death of the wife of Bro. L. A. Martin, third Dodson, of pneumonia. The bereaved husband and family, and relatives and friends have our heartfelt sympathy.

"K", "BY".

**Frisco Ry., Div. No. 32.****Eastern Division—**

I intended to have a few notes from each division this month and have the Frisco well represented, but some of the brothers whom I asked to failed to help me but I have enough from a few of them to make a showing.

Belonging on the Eastern myself, I can secure a few items, but would like any of you who know of changes or important happenings to forward them to me not later than the 18th, so I can arrange and mail them to St. Louis before the 25th in time for the current issue of our journal.

Our soldiers are coming back fast, making us all feel at home again. Bro. B. P. Schneider is back on third Conway after several years' camping in Texas.

Pacific office recently consolidated with Mo. Pac. under the supervision of that road; Bro. Dickerson bumping Bro. Wise, second Sou. Jct., who went to third Strafford, vice Bro. Wilson to Helm.

A. T. Brown, agent Pacific, is temporarily relieving Bro. W. J. Mills, agent Monett, on account of sickness.

The new offices at Newburg were completed January 9th and one set of dispatchers moved there from Springfield to handle trains between Newburg and Lebanon, the set left at

Springfield handling them from Monett to Lebanon.

Sister Haney, third Moselle, took a short vacation before going to Windsor Springs second and Bro. Lee, third there, has just returned from vacation. Sister Graves goes to second Swedeborg; Sister Jennings reinstated on second Crocker, and Sister Foster is on third there temporarily.

"JD" and "Q".

#### *Red River Division—*

Bro. Welch, who just returned from Camp Cody, takes Mill Creek second, vice Bro. Tipton, and Bro. Fine, released from the Army, relieved Sister Glenn at Ada a few days. Bro. Fine is now on Okmulgee third.

Bro. Knierim, agent Wetumka, while off with the "flu", was relieved by Bro. Baker, of Francis, our main standby for emergency relief work on agencies. Bro. H. L. Page is back at Francis again.

Bro. Cook, manager Hugo, has returned from vacation, and Bro. Crist is now taking his. Bro. Copeland, manager Madill, took his vacation at Christmas.

Bro. Hill, Holdenville, to Madill, vice Bro. Howel to Schuter agency. Bro. Frazier, Holdenville, is visiting in Oakdale, Tenn.

Troy, Okla., opened as agent-telegrapher's position.

Bro. W. H. Agee, of Sulphur, is back at Fitzhugh again. "AB".

#### *Southwestern Division—*

Bro. DeLeplaine, agent Granby, goes to second Afton vice Bro. Estes back to third; Bro. Mullins back to Ritchey agency after spending several months at Camp McArthur, Fort Worth; Bro. Bentz going back to first Claremore.

Sister Frances Willrich is back on third Verdegris after several days' illness.

Sister Helen King, third Garnett, is off on account of sickness, relieved by Sister Mamie Tarrant.

Bro. Benson, third Vinita, has returned from two weeks' visit in Arkansas.

"MS".

#### **Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.**

##### *Monongah Div., First and Second Dists.—*

In the ball room of the Waldo Hotel, Clarksburg, W. Va., Saturday, January 8, 1919, a joint meeting of the First and Second Districts, Monongah Division, was called to order by Local Chairman Gillum Second District. Bro. J. C. Riddle was appointed to examine cards and Bro. V. D. Pringle as secretary. Those present in addition to those already named were: Bros. C. C. Wilcox, C. E. Ogden, L. W. Graham, L. B. Ferrell, B. C. Lewis, J. J. Closson, H. D. Hardesty, A. B. Cutright, C. L. McKinney, D. L. Coyne, H. F. Farlow, C. E. Hosler, A. Lynch, B. L. McIntyre, O. L. Leatherman, I. Scott, J. D.

Greiner and B. H. Holliday; Sisters Mrs. E. E. Satterfield, and Misses Nina M. Ford and Nelle Hawkins.

Our honor guest, General Committeeman Lewis, had lots of good news for us and ordinary business was temporarily suspended. He welcomed our three sisters to the meeting, and hoped they would never miss one when possible to attend. He then very ably discussed and explained the recent awards contained in Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, affecting telegraphers of the various railways, adding that he was wholly optimistic of the result even if the supplement was No. 13 and awarded on Friday. Bro. Lewis also explained the various work now in progress and many technical points to be overcome in the future by our never tiring committeemen. He also stated that the intolerable conditions now existing upon the Coal & Coke Railway, recently absorbed by the B. & O., are to be overcome and that it is to be put in the next schedule. This will be good news for those faithful brothers over on the C. & C. who have retained their cards, and they can now go forth to make their division one among the 100 per cent pure O. R. T. They have our best wishes.

The membership of the Monongah Division was very highly commended by Bro. Lewis, stating that it was 60 per cent better in the past year than 1917. This is owing to the ceaseless watch being kept on the nons and co-operation with the local chairmen of these districts by the membership.

Bro. Lewis in closing his very interesting talk cautioned the members to not become delinquents, and suggested that each member keep after the nons near them until lined up. He stated that a banquet would shortly be held in Parkersburg to line up the membership on a little better social basis, and suggested that a meeting be held at Clarksburg at least every sixty days, if not oftener.

Local Chairman Ferrell, First District, announced he was holding a check for one dollar received from Mr. England, third Bridgeport, for flowers purchased for our deceased Bro. J. W. Blaneett, and stated that he did not think it advisable to accept money for such purposes from non-members. On motion of Bro. L. W. Graham, the check was returned to the owner, also to refrain from asking non-members to assist in such work in future.

Charges were preferred by Bro. Ferrell against Bro. R. E. Smith, agent-operator at Central, W. Va., for persisting in retaining a student in his office, and he was expelled from the Order. The teaching of students is in no way compulsory and if placed in your office by an official you cannot be held responsible for any of their acts. You are held personally responsible for the handling of trains at your office and are not obliged to show them how it is done.

The student proposition on the Monongah Division has reached high tide, and with the Smith case it must start receding. Loyal members will not tolerate students, and disloyal ones who assist them in future will get the stamp of "Judas" placed upon them in the same square way Mr. Smith got it.

Supplement No. 13 is going to cause a stampede. The nons are now back of their last line of defense, and, with each member assisting Local Chairmen Ferrell and Gilum, must either surrender or be crushed. We hope they will have as much good judgment as the "huns."

CERT. 1620.

#### New Castle Division—

The "flu" made great inroads into our ranks, fourteen being off at one time, but practically everyone is back on the job again.

Bro. Forney, of Lode, on leave of absence, relieved by Mr. Booth. We will add a star to this name before long.

Bro. J. F. Titus extends his thanks for the beautiful floral emblem and sympathy shown him during the illness and death of his wife.

A fund has been established to purchase suitable floral emblems in case of death in any of our families and to be also used to print seniority lists. Bro. McLaughlin, the local treasurer, submits the following report:

Received on first call for funds.....	\$20.00
Lost in mail.....	.75
Flowers, wife of Bro. Sloan.....	8.00
Flowers, wife of Bro. Titus.....	8.00
Received on second call for funds.....	17.25

Total .....	\$37.25
Cash on hand January 20th.....	\$20.50

New seniority lists, delayed by the printer, will soon be in your hands. I will try and keep you posted on the changes. The D. O. fell down on me this month and will have to go over another month for corrections.

Add stars to 96, 120 and 121. Welcome brothers.

Let's make every employee in our department a member. It can be done. The seniority list shows "who's who."

CERT. 410.

#### Cleveland Division—

Thanks to Bros. Chaney and Rogers for notes. I trust the list may be larger next month. There are very few who could not send in some item of news and make our letter more interesting.

Bro. Huffmam, third Freeport, and wife visited his parents at Akron, relieved a week by C. T. U. Bro. Showalter, who later relieved Bro. Akers, agent Tippecanoe, off with the "flu", Mrs. Akers doing the agent's work.

Bro. E. J. Hillyer, first Freeport, has been very successful trapping muskrat.

Bro. Weber, first Stillwater, visiting home folks at Lawrenceburg, Ind., a week, re-

lieved by F. E. Jackson, a former brother, now lucky enough to have a better position.

Bro. Cline, Erhart, O., on sick leave at Goldsboro, N. C., is confined to his bed.

Bro. Mishler is home from the O. S. S., where he has been taking treatment, and is looking fine. Bro. Shafer, still at the O. S. S., Mt. Vernon, O., is improving.

Bro. Ellis is back on third "GI" Tower after a few days' illness.

Bro. Wright relieved Bro. Strong, who was taken sick while relieving our boss on two weeks' vacation.

Relief Agent Bro. Cooper was on the East End a few days inspecting agents' work and assisting in filing tariffs.

Bro. Paul is still in France, feeling fine and says they are all busy.

Bro. Bertram, formerly of Lorain and Benton, who left last October, is back again in the ranks and says he is going to stick.

Bro. Meek secured first and Bro. Meiser third "RD" Tower.

We ended the year 1918 with 111 members and this division is now 100 per cent. Let us all aim to keep it that way. If a new man comes in, get right after him and see he gets a card as soon as possible.

Whoever you elect for local chairman, please see that he gets your support. Assist him all you can to maintain the high standard we have reached. If I am not elected local chairman and delegate, I will do all in my power to assist the unlucky brother, whoever he may be.

On our first half January will be paid at the rate given in Supplement No. 13.

Mrs. T. S. Hoover, 3411 Virginia ave., Cleveland, O., desires to express her thanks to the members for their sympathy and the floral tribute sent at the death of her husband, also for the financial aid contributed by the individual O. R. T. members, the Masons and B. & O. employes in and around her husband's former office, "RD" Tower, which amounted to nearly \$200 and was a great help.

W. A. McCABE.

#### Ohio Division—

Bro. J. B. Baker, third "Q" Tower, visited in Kansas City several days, and Sister Gode, third Madison Mills, spent Xmas in Cincinnati.

Bro. Pratt, returned from the Army. Is visiting friends in St. Louis and will be back on third "RK" Tower shortly.

Bro. W. W. Wires, agent Hills, on first "Q" Tower a few days, Bro. Root sick, Hall, third Mt. Sterling, down with the "flu", relieved by Bro. A. H. Harris. Bro. Chas. King, first there, relieved several days by Bro. H. Runnels, of second, while sick with it. Bro. F. B. Grassley, agent Broad St., off with neuralgia, relieved by Selby of the H. V.

Bro. J. F. Witherspoon, first Sabina, is

acting as assistant relief agent to Relief Agent J. F Freshwater. Congratulations.

Sister Stepp, to second Madison Mills; Sister Byrdmeyer, after an extended visit at her home at Greenup, Ky., went to Scholeys third.

December 28th, the General Committee met Federal Manager Representative Vermilyea on balance of our cases and Mr. Blaser, January 20th, on schedule negotiations.

With great sorrow we announce the death, December 21st, of Mrs. E. J. Haynes, wife of Bro. Ed Haynes, with influenza, after a week's illness. She was a member of Trinity M. E. Church, in which she had a large acquaintance, and will be greatly missed. Bro. Haynes, who has been a dispatcher and operator at Chillicothe for a number of years, has the sympathy of all the Ohio Division boys.

I made the few copies I received of Supplement No. 13 go as far as I could. Any who have not seen one, ask the brother next to you to send you his that you may read it and send to another brother who may not yet have received one.

Keep after the few nons at Harpers, Guyville, "DA" Tower, Stewart, Zaleski, Ray, Vigo, and Chillicothe, and give them no rest until you land them.

CERT. 729.

#### *Indiana Division—*

The biennial election of representatives should be soon completed. It then becomes the duty of every member to address the successful delegate and alternate, on matters of special concern upon which action is wanted at the forthcoming convention.

The work of Local Chairman Donovan during the term just ending has maintained all the traditions of this division, which ranks second to none. He has capably shown good judgment and ability to follow the course of his convictions. While the future now rests in the vote of the membership, there seems to be little cause to doubt that the stamp of approval will be placed upon this brother's past work.

Those wishing to take up grievances, first of all, should be certain that just grounds for complaint exist. Positively no distinction can be made in the membership. All cases should be accompanied with exact facts.

"White Cap" has been asking about Bro. Allen. Since Bro. Cudd left, there has been very little excitement. If you fellows don't contribute, I'm going to sue for "breach of promise."

Div. COR.

#### **Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.**

#### *Canadian Division—*

Bro. W. C. Newton, who left the road on January 1st, has requested me to thank the boys for their remembrances and kind wishes before he left for Chicago. He says that he will always keep the gold piece as a

remembrance of his days on the old P. M., and the pipe and tobacco will surely do good in the evenings now that he is so far away from home and kids, and he will always have a card whether he ever "pounds brass" again or not.

Our old friend, Bro. Gonyou, writes from Chatham General Hospital that he hasn't done a thing since last August. He will be pleased to have any of the brothers who happen to be in Chatham to call and see him.

It is the intention to place three men at what was formerly two-men stations, each man working eight hours. Most of the new night men have cards, but we should see that all have them.

The company has advised some of the agents that they will not be required to meet No. 4 each night, but may hire their wives or someone else to do it at \$20.00 a month, the idea being to save a call each night.

Bro. Prowse, now on third trick dispatching, is a good scout and deserves it. Every man working with him assist all you can. You will never lose anything by it.

At one station the night man made \$20.00 and another \$10.00 more for two weeks than the agents there.

Bro. Wanless left for Detroit Jan. 18th to assist in drafting of Supplement No. 13 into the schedule.

The sad news has been received of the death in France of Bro. Joe Berry. Let us remember that he died that we might live. Bro. Wahless has written a letter of sympathy to his parents.

The Dominion Express Company will now be obliged to have someone look after its business for evening trains where the agents are not on duty. Understand the M. C. agents are not handling any express after their day is in. This question will be settled shortly. The M. C. boys say they have been waiting for years for the eight-hour day and now that they have it, they are going to take advantage of it, and after their eight hours is worked each day they are through.

I didn't receive notes and I am through if none is received before the next issue of the magazine.

Cert. 141.

#### *Chicago-Muskegon Division—*

We had no write-up recently because no one sent me any notes. They should reach your correspondent not later than the 20th of each month in order for him to get them to St. Louis before the 25th. I have enjoyed the work as local chairman and tried to do it to the best of my ability, but I believe the division would benefit by a change and suggest that you elect someone else for next year. During my three years as your local chairman I have enjoyed every

minute and thank you one and all for your loyal support. There have been a few knockers, but as every knock is a "boost" it has only shown that no man is perfect and cannot please everyone at the same time. During the time I have served we have received some very good increases in wages and working condition, and I have tried to handle your interests fairly.

There are still a few nons on this division, but they are lining up and I hope in a few months it will be solid. If there is one working with you, try to land him, also advise your local chairman so he can help you out.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Guidry, third Michigan City, who returned from a vacation, worked one night, was taken sick, resulting in his death. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives. His body was taken to his home in Louisiana for burial. Bro. Maxam, second Waverly, has returned to work after two weeks' tussle with the "flu," his whole family being sick at the same time; also Bro. Watson off a few days with it, his family being so seriously sick they had to have a trained nurse. Bro. Jacobs, "GR," is back on the job after a few weeks spent in the Sunny South studying elocution—both hands.

It is now Bro. D. M. Larson, Zeeland, and wish to see his map of Norway in our next meeting.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Cain's force, the boys were able to attend the regular meeting. Not having yet received their annual passes, I got in touch with Mr. Cross, who fixed transportation for all who wished to attend. We voted him our thanks. Bro. Macklin, Sawyer, was the only one present from the South End.

After handling the interlocker for eight long hours, Bro. Crouse, Grand Junction, is pretty tired, so has not attended the last three meetings. Well, you wouldn't either if you was as old as Bill. Age tells on a fellow after such a strenuous life.

The roll of honor for our January meeting consists of Bros. Haynes, Jacob, Coolidge, Edson, Wager (our old friend Paddy Ryon of Grand Rapids), Sadler, Grandville; Watson, Watson; Harris, Holland; Everhart, East Saugatuck; Woltman, New Richmond; Tillison, Watervliet; Marsac, St. Joe; Seavers, Bridgeman; Macklin, Sawyer, and our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Neff. Lowell. Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 read and discussed and the meeting went on record as being very much dissatisfied, but hope by this time things have assumed a brighter aspect.

Remember, brothers, the first Saturday evening in every month at Holland is the regular meeting night and we wish all who possibly can attend to do so. The way to

show interest is to attend your meetings, take an active part and get your money's worth. Also don't forget to send in your notes to the correspondent, Bro. G. E. Watson, Vriesland. L. L. W., L. C.

#### *Chicago, Muskegon Division Notes—*

Here we are again after a little siege of the "flu."

Bro. Johnson, formerly second at New Richmond, writes from France that he is working a second trick in one of the biggest railway terminals in that country, and is in good health. We are anxious to see his smiling face again.

It is now Bro. D. M. Larson at Zeeland.

Bro. Wager is back at Wyoming again after a siege of the "flu." His whole family have been down with it, but are now convalescing.

Bro. Sadler, Grandville, has sold his stock and crop and moved to town where he can see the movies and street cars.

Some of you fellows wake up and send me some news.

G. E. W., "CS," Cert. 614.

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#### *Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Div. No. 40.*

##### *Huntington Division—*

Special meeting held at the Huntington Hotel, January 22nd. Bro. G. C. Vandevenner nominated for local chairman, Bro. J. W. Kiser nominated for delegate to May convention and Bro. W. C. Shanklin, alternate. This was one of the best meetings we have ever had and those not present missed a treat. Brothers, get the habit of coming out to our meetings. A committee was appointed to send letters of condolence to the relatives of Bro. R. C. Hamric, who died at Big Creek, W. Va., November 1, 1918, and to the widows and families of Bro. C. B. Chapman of Cliffe Syde, Ky., and Bro. H. B. Sullivan, Milton, W. Va., who died January 5, 1919, of the influenza.

Bro. Hamric had only been with us a few months, but his death brought the deepest sorrow to the many friends where he was known. Bro. Chapman had been in the service of the company several years, was well known by the entire membership on the Huntington Division, and was loved by all of them. Bro. Sullivan had been in the service of the company about twenty years and no other brother on the system was better known and loved. In the deaths of these brothers we lose three of our faithful brothers, and the company some of their most worthy employees.

Bro. W. J. McCann, West Hamlin, W. Va., third, recently discharged from the U. S. service, was present at our last meeting. Glad to have him back with us. Bro. J. H. Adkins is still in the service. We hope to have him with us again soon.

Let us have a large gathering at our next meeting, second Friday night in February.

B. MARCUM, Div. Cor.,  
Cert. 1628.

*Hocking River Division and Branch—*

No write-up in the January journal as everybody was too busy doing Xmas shopping to contribute any news.

Two meetings were held at Logan on December 7th after the return of Local Chairman Robinson from Washington, D. C., the best we have ever had, thirty-one being in attendance. Bro. Rife of Cheshire came 75 miles to attend and returned home many miles further, via foreign road, in order to protect his trick. The second meeting came to a close with an old homecoming Zaleski handshake between Bros. Diles, Robinson and Allbaugh. Everybody said this was the best meeting ever.

We start the new year with the following new members: Miss Margaret Delarco, second Snow Fork Junction; Phil McCarthy and W. M. Stroupe, first and second Nelsonville block; Albert A. Barron, Nelsonville yard; Frank R. Clavin, second Jackson; E. G. Cunningham, second Mosel; J. W. Barnes, third Hookers, and Bro. W. D. Atkins, transferred from Division 118. We welcome you, sisters and brothers, into our glorious Order and all take our hats off to Sister Delarco, being our first sister on the Hocking Valley.

Sugar Grove third closed, Bro. Messerly to third Lancaster and Bro. Barnes to Hookers third.

Bro. Krieble has returned to Union Furnace after several weeks off with an injured knee.

Bro. Evans has returned to Carbon Hill from the "Kaiser chase" and Bro. Jenkins from the Grand Division on the extra list.

Bro. Gibbs, second Kanauga Junction, on a trip to Arizona several weeks visiting an invalid sister, relieved by Bro. Burdette, second Gallipolis.

Local Chairman Robinson and assistant, Bro. Deishie, at Nelsonville, putting it in the solid column.

Bro. Thompson, second East Clayton, off several days with the "flu," relieved by Operator Wolfe, a brother trainman from Nelsonville yards. Bro. Moore, Groveport, is recovering after several weeks' siege with the same malady. The wife of Bro. O'Neill has returned to Greendale after several months in the hospital much improved in health. Bro. Smith, first Oldtown, was off several days on account of sickness, Bro. Kanode relieving and he on second there by Bro. McCarthy, second Nelsonville.

Bro. Atkinson, first Jackson, was off several days having his eyes treated at Columbus.

Bro. Shockey, first Parsons, reports the ar-

rival of a boy at their home, January 3rd.

Any brothers wanting a nice fern stand made of willows place your order with Bro. Blosser on third at East Clayton.

Bro. Wortham, first Armitage, visiting his parents near Orland several days, relieved by Bro. McGraner from Hocking.

F. G. D. AND S. N., AT "Q."

**Boston & Maine R. R., Div. No. 41.**

*Terminal Division and General Telegraph Notes—*

The ticket office in the North Union Station, Boston, is now 100 per cent O. R. T., thanks to Bros. Bode, Rounds and Wilson. The Sunday middle trick was abolished in "GM" office January 19th.

*Portland Division—*

Sister M. A. Davis relieved Bro. Appleby, second Rochester on vacation. Bro. Gilbert, mustered out of the service, is back on third there.

Bro. Louie Gilson, agent Farmington "NH," formerly train dispatcher Portland Division, lieutenant of Co. A, 14th Railroad Engineers, also recently mustered out, has been appointed general agent at Lynn, Mass., vice Bro. D. B. Cuter to Lynn ticket agency, and Bro. Morris Freedman to Beverly, Mass., as ticket agent, Fitchburg Division.

N. C. Trickey, former ticket agent at Lynn, appointed passenger station agent there.

Second Orange, held by Sister Sadie Grant; third there, held by Herbert Burns; third Baldwinville, held by Bro. Ross, and third Lincoln abolished and agencies Baldwinville, Millers Falls and North Leominster cut to six days since the new rates of pay went into effect.

Bro. Fred Prevost, North Leominster, enjoyed two weeks' vacation in Canada.

John Pierce, who left the Greenfield dispatcher's office a year ago owing to ill health, going to East Deerfield engine house, is back on first trick Branches, vice Stevens to first Main Line West End. Dispatcher Woodlock to relief job.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Lester J. Hayner, dispatcher Greenfield, on December 19th.

G. H. Kidder has been appointed assistant superintendent of the White Mountain Division, with an office at Woodsville, N. H., succeeded by A. A. McCarthy as trainmaster Fitchburg Division, his former position.

*Southern Division—*

The Stony Brook is now double-tracked from North to West Chelmsford and Willows to Ayer, "GY" office being moved to Willows with Bro. C. H. McDonald on

third, vice Pat O'Toole, now dispatcher at "HO." Leavitt returns from "HO" to "GY," Bro. Bill Shannon is now relief dispatcher at "HO" and Dispatcher Casey's brother, Jim, is on the report job there.

Sister Monroe is at Westford, Miss Horrigan is on third there, and Sister Clough, Penacook, N. H., at Forge Village temporarily.

Sister Collins relieved Sister Whiting at "BC" Lowell a few days on sick list.

Jimmy Kannealy, in France with Capt. Pellitier, has written, sending New Year's greeting to all his friends.

Bro. Jenness has returned to Gale after a month's illness with the "flu." Bro. McPhee, agent Andover "NH," has also been sick with it and lost his wife from the same cause. Bro. Martin, Danbury, also lost a son recently by death.

#### C. & P. North Division—

Bro. Adams is back on third "WR" Junction, Vermont, after being off sick with the "flu" for several weeks.

Bro. Wheeler is back at "NA" Lyndonville after a year working the wireless in London, England.

Bro. Begin to Ely second, Woodward, second Ayers Cliff, Bro. Mullavy, Barton second, Joe Goodwin, second Capleton, Que.

It is now Sister Allard on Westboro second. Thanks to Bro. Walker for the good work.

Come, brothers and sisters, a few notes will help in the write-up. Remember, "No notes, no write-up."

S. GOODWIN, Cert. 40,  
"VN"-GM."

#### Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.

##### N. Y. S. & W. Division—

It is very gratifying to see the grand attendance at those Paterson meetings. They grow better month by month. About all the first and third trick men who can make connection are attending. If they keep it up it won't be long before we make a very profound impression.

Twenty-one new members in the last four months of 1918 and eight so far in 1919, making a total of twenty-nine, puts us on the safe side and we are receiving inquiries weekly from men never interested before.

Every one seems very well pleased with the year's work, and Supplement No. 13 meets with the approval of all the men. The thing now to do is keep it that way. You cannot afford to drop your membership with the finest life insurance in the world, \$1,000 for two cents a day; just think of it.

Bro. Kinney, Hillside Junction, has gone to California, relieved by J. H. Roberts, ex-yardmaster from Moosic, who will soon be with us.

Our old standby, Sister Malone, is back at Blairstown.

Bro. Kipp, of Charlotteburg, is off account of sickness in the family.

Bro. Teeter, relief agent, is still at Stockholm 13 hours.

Bro. Marean, ex-relief agent, is on first Hainesburg Junction. Wire work beats this agent stuff all to pieces now.

Bro. Gregory, at Ogdensburg, now has a clerks.

Bro. Hearn, of Beaver Lake was in New York last week and took a peep at the Hippodrome. Eight hours and some money is a good thing; see it all, boys.

It is surprising how the boys returning from the Army and Navy appreciate the new conditions, several having made application of their own accord.

The old "Susz." is beginning to shape up like a regular road. We will soon be 100 per cent.

Every brother should see that every man who works with or next to him carries an up-to-date card. The wages received now should kill that old cry of "wait until I get the money."

The boys are asking for an up-to-date roster, so they will know just where they stand.

"RD" Tower celebrated during January the return of its two service men, Bro. Sisco and "Jack" McArdle, and their entrance into the "solid" ranks. The boys are all pleased to hear the familiar "F" and "MC" on the wires again.

"HX" has been reopened as a telegraph station, with two operators already installed. We are anxiously waiting for the word that they have joined the 100 per cent column.

The genial "Happy" Campbell celebrated his nineteenth birthday anniversary by filling out his application papers. We are daily expecting two more applications from the direction of "NP." Get them, "Hap."

Our regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Engineers Hall, Market street, Paterson, and we would like to see some of our many new brothers present. There is always something interesting coming up and every member that can possibly do so should try and be present. It only means about two hours a month and surely all first and third trick men, within train distance, can spare that little time. The cause is great.

Some of the ten and eleven hours men can now be seen looking over the new auto catalogues. Go to it, boys, but first be sure and think of the organization that made these conditions possible.

CERT. 332.

#### Rochester Division—

The few who are dissatisfied with the rate of pay given us in Supplement No. 13 should remember that through the efforts of our

organization we have now received almost double the amount we were formerly working for, and our only chance for better working conditions and wages is to pay up our dues promptly. We will gain nothing by dropping out of the Order. There will come a time when things will be to our liking all around, if we stick together.

Dispatcher Bobbitt has returned from the Navy to second Rochester, relieving Dispatcher Woodard, who will probably return to Wayland and displace Bro. Fuller.

M. E. Murphy is the new agent at South Lima. Someone near him get his application. It is now Bro. C. H. Price at Websters. We welcome him among us.

Former Local Chairman Jacobs is now at Epinal, France, address: Co. 16, 4th Battalion, 1st Air Service, Mechanics Regiment, American P. O. 764, A. E. F., France. He would be pleased to hear from the boys.

Bro. Mitchell, formerly Geneseo second, who enlisted in the U. S. Signal Corps, expects to return this month. Bro. Ballard, who relieved Bro. Mitchell when he enlisted, was relieved by Sister E. C. Bennett, has notified his parents that he is well and expects to return shortly.

Bros. Nicholson, second, and Jerris, first Avon, have exchanged tricks for a few months.

Brothers, remember that you are violating your obligation by instructing students employed as helpers. There is no reason why you should enable a man to take your position from you by teaching him your business. It is not only detrimental to your own welfare, but also to all the other members of the Order.

Boys, let me thank you sincerely for nominating me as your local chairman the coming term. In accepting it I trust in your loyalty to assist me in building up your Order and making the coming year one of the best in our history by getting in the few nons still among us.

S. T. J.

#### *Susquehanna Division—*

Supplement No. 13 grants us all a pretty fair increase, an 8-hour day, pay for vacation, time and one-half overtime—three items of very great importance. All differences are being appealed and we hope to get a satisfactory decision on all matters that do not come up to the standard. Copies of the supplement were mailed to each local chairman as soon as they were out, with the request that he give you an outline of it by letter.

We have requested Mr. Baldwin to name an early date to meet the committee to draw up a regular contract and incorporate it in the wage scale. We will get copies of schedule to you just as soon as possible.

Elect the best wide-awake men possible for delegates to biennial convention and local

chairmen and then give them the necessary support. We now have the best committee we have ever had on the Erie and we must make our work a success.

New members are coming in at a rapid rate. Keep up the good work. That non working with you gets the same as you do and has made no effort towards bettering conditions. Show him just how he is standing in his own light and yours, too.

I am proud to say that the old Tioga Division is 100 per cent strong in membership a credit to the men down there, especially to Bro. Stevens of Blosburg. Train service is such that they cannot attend meetings, but they are right on the job. You can't find a non on that property. Let's put every division on the basis of the Tioga.

With deep regret we learn of the death of Extra Dispatcher Chas. Ferry with "flu." He was very popular among the boys. We also regret to announce the death of the mother of Bro. Fred Schular of Owego. Bro. Schular and his father are both down with the "flu". Bro. Hill, of Waverly, was off several days owing to the death of his grandmother. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the departed ones with our hopes for the speedy recovery of those who are yet ill.

Bro. Wezlock, who relieved Bro. Hill, also relieved Bro. Ira Brooks, of Wavery, off few days attending funeral of a friend.

Dispatcher Conroy, of Hornell, who has been seriously ill with the "flu" in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, we are glad to announce is recovering and will soon be able to resume his old position.

J. C. Flannery goes to Waverly agency, succeeded by R. E. Dyer at Addison agency, and he at Kirkwood agency by Miss Louise Kelly agent Watkins.

We are glad to welcome back an old time brother, D. J. Colbert, engaged in newspaper work some years. He is now on Addison, his old home town.

While in Washington, on wage matters, I was relieved by Bro. Monahan, relieved by Bro. Smith.

It is now Bro. Paul Gnskey.

I want to thank Bro. M. J. Derrig, of Addison, for the nice bunch of notes he sent in.

E. J. HESSER.

#### *Jefferson Division—*

Bro. A. G. Brooks, back from the Army, has resumed "PC" Tower second, displacing Bro. A. M. Denny, who displaced Bro. A. J. Hackley, on third at "PC", who went to second "MR" Tower, vice Bro. Norton to first "VO" Tower.

Bro. Blauvelt is expected home from Camp Lee, Va., shortly, when some more bumping will occur.

R. S. Reid, chief dispatcher, has been making a trip over the division giving an

examination of the book of rules. Post up, boys, and be ready to give the best service we can. We are now nearly 100 per cent strong on this division. Don't let it be said that any O. R. T. member is lax in the performance of his duty.

Those brothers attending the meeting at Starrucca, January 10th, were: Blank, Brooker, Snow, Hackley, Seely, Larrabee, Beardslee, King, Fitzgerald, Bechtloff, Haynes, Swingle, Zeigler, Conrad and Perrington. Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 was read and fully explained by Local Chairman Larrabee.

Bro. Bill Silver, filling in at "JN," is going to rent the old brick house near "JN" and will then be Johnny-on-the-job at 4 p. m. sharp.

New members: R. R. Snow, G. L. Norton, A. J. Hackley, W. H. Blank, G. L. Brooker, B. H. Davis, M. Tompkins, C. Leonard, A. C. Conrad, A. L. Perrington, E. A. Foster, F. M. Sartell, H. C. Davis, R. H. Seely, W. Bechtloff and L. Wallace.

Bro. Beardslee now has the exclusive agency for all Sunday New York papers. With Bro. Welch's assistance he will be able to look after all your wants in this line.

Bro. Farrell, second "HB," has requested Mr. O'Brien to remove the water barrel from the front of the tower. He says he does not want to ruin another "*Royal Tailored*" suit.

We are all very anxious for Bro. Larrabee to again be our local chairman, realizing his good work in bringing our division from a tail-end to a good first-class division standing. We fear, however, that we will never be able to poll a 100 per cent vote unless "JA" is set back on the Delaware Division again. It is a thorn in a good division's side and we don't blame Bro. Bridge for trying to set it over on us.

The little daughter of Bro. Blank, agent at Brandt, who has been very sick with the "flu," is able to be out again.

The young brother of Bro. Frank Murphy, at Susquehanna, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Funeral was held Saturday, January 11th. All extend our greatest sympathy to Bro. Murphy and his entire family in their sad bereavement.

We have a good schedule now and we should all do our very best to keep everything going in the right way and not let any fault be found with our work.

Look out for the demerits, boys, and keep a clean slate. It is harder to get rid of them once they are up against you than it is to be a little more careful in the first place.

Anyone having any items of interest, please mail them to me at Thompson and help us get a write-up in the journal each month.

E. A. FOSTER, Cert. 2208.

#### Wyoming Division

New members: N. B. Bishop, W. L. Sherwood, L. F. Christiana, James Curran, Geo.

W. Willmot, Frank Curran and J. Heiss. Bro. Engveldsen, of Division 8, has been transferred to our division.

The "flu" has hit the division hard; the boys doubling in a number of offices. Davis and Bro. Cortright off with it, Bro. Fahrenbach is relieving the former and Extra Swings the latter. Bro. Carpenter going to Brand and his son to Glen Eyre.

Bro. Enslin, relieved by Gonsar from Jackson several days owing to the illness of his father and brother.

Bro. Chapman has been visited by the stork. Congratulations.

Brothers, the nons are getting scarce on the East End. Keep after the few left until they come in. Some brother take hold on the West End and line it up. There is no reason why they should hang back. They have their raises and, if not satisfied with it, they should come into the Order and help us settle the differences. Keep prodding that non next to you until he wakes up.

Pay your dues. You only have a few days left and can't afford to drop out.

CERT. 1429.

#### Canadian Northern Ry., Div. No. 43. Saskatchewan Div., Maryfield to Moose Jaw Branch—

In reading the fraternal columns of THE TELEGRAPHER from month to month, I have noticed that most contributions are on local subjects such as bulletins, members moving from one station to another, attendance at meetings, etc. Now while these local happenings may be of interest to those in the vicinity who make up probably one per cent of the readers of the journal, yet they are of doubtful interest to the other 99 per cent, and in regard to local items being of interest to the whole of the one per cent I am doubtful, on account of the news being stale when THE TELEGRAPHER appears, being a month after the happening is written up, and those on the immediate district usually know about it before that time.

One fraternal journal I subscribed for, asked its correspondents to confine their items to subjects of general interest, and while this had the effect of cutting down the number of contributions each month, it made what was contributed of interest to all readers.

The question naturally arises if one should not write about subjects of local interest, what should he write about? I would suggest such subjects as the following:

Employment.—Percentage of railroad telegraphers in our own district employed, how many unemployed, if any, also openings for those from outside. There are always some of our craft looking for work and this would be helpful for them, also would give all members an idea of conditions in the district.

Condition of O. R. T. in this district—Percentage of membership, whether increasing or decreasing, reasons given for those not joining or others dropping out.

Cost of living in relation to salary—How much will your salary buy now compared with last year and the year before the war.

Hours of service—The number of hours worked by each class in the district per day, now and last year, also before the war.

New duties which have been added to our work, etc.

Carrying mail—Percentage on district who carry mail, whether increasing or decreasing. Is the work heavier or lighter than it has been?

Insurance—Are all safeguards surrounding it, is it on an actuarial basis, are we in favor of higher rates and better protection?

Amalgamation—Are we in favor of joining power with some other organization to increase our earnings? The way the membership on this district feel on this subject.

Comparative—How does the pay in our district compare with other railway employees, also with outsiders?

Promotion—The opportunities for promotion in our district, is it governed by seniority, and are there a good percentage of better paying jobs? Do operators get promoted to official positions, and who?

Suggestions—Looking toward improving our lot locally and generally. In regard to our convention. In regard to our journal. In regard to organizing. In regard to meeting, etc.

Dissatisfaction—Cause of same. Action taken to remedy it. Suggested action.

#### Miscellaneous.

On account of our membership being scattered all over the country, seldom more than two in one place, we rely on THE TELEGRAPHER to bring us information regarding the welfare of our brothers, and as a medium for the discussion of our many problems.

CERT. 797.

#### *First Division, Western District—*

We will celebrate the occasion of our becoming a part of the Canadian National Railway by appearing in THE TELEGRAPHER once more. It will no doubt be of interest to brothers who have worked on this division, now on other roads, to learn of the numerous changes which have taken place since the old Canadian Northern has passed into history. The Western District has been split, all lines west of Dauphin to North Battleford, including all branch lines, and in addition, from Regina to Brandon, forms a new district named the "Prairie" under the jurisdiction of E. T. Chappel as general superintendent. The Western District is now from North Battleford to Luciferne on main line, Kindersley to Calgary. There are now but two divisions on the Western District, the lines from North

Battleford to Luciferne and branch lines, including that part of the old Fourth District from Vegreville to Big Valley and Brazeau and Alliance Subs., forming the First District. This makes the First Division, the second largest on the system, under the able supervision of W. E. Roberts, superintendent, and A. McRae, chief dispatcher.

A well-attended meeting was held in Edmonton on January 5th with General Chairman Muncey in the chair, many matters being discussed, including Supplement No. 13 to Award No. 27, latter taking up the greater part of the day.

Another position has been created in "MO" Edmonton, Bro. N. B. Anderson, of Calgary, filling the position vacated by yours truly when taking the car job.

Bro. Pitts to Islay agency, Bro. Craig relieving him at Haynes, who also relieved Bro. Jeynes of Minburn while off sick.

Bro. Coffman has resumed at Lamont after being released from "Uncle Samuel's" army.

Bro. Alderman, nights Vegreville, off sick with the "flu." for the second time, understand is in a very critical condition. Bro. J. K. Fraser, Vegreville days, passed away with the "flu." shortly before Alderman was taken down. We all sorely miss Jim, and our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Fraser in her great bereavement.

In addition to the extra set of dispatchers at Edmonton, Bro. F. T. Peebles has been appointed night chief. He was the first local chairman on the Canadian Northern Railway.

Bro. Colmer Forth, Saskatchewan nights, leaves the service, relieved by Gordon Taylor, former clerk in this office, and Bro. Waterfield goes to Prince, a new position.

B. L. MARTIN.

#### *Prairie District, Third Division—*

Our committee is now in Winnipeg and we should hear good news in a short time. Keep after the new men and get all up-to-date.

Bro. "Bill" Campbell now at Warman second, Bro. Dessert relieving Bro. Donovan, taking a much needed rest.

Dispatcher Bro. S. E. Hunter off sick, making it necessary for Bros. Hall and Coughlin to double in "A."

Bro. J. H. Strong, relieved at Prince Albert by Bro. Hooper, is visiting his son in California and missing our fine weather.

Bro. S. J. Anderson, relief agent, just out of hospital at Saskatoon, expects to be able to resume duty about April 1st.

I. Derrick, brother of Bro. C. M., at Bruno nights, and Mr. Konup at Vonda nights, will both be with us shortly.

Bro. McLaren is back at Denholm after an extended illness.

Bro. McKay and Bro. Cornell are with us again.

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Local Chairman Law relieved by Bro. Brent and he by Bro. Cornell; Bro. R. A. Meinly, Dunblane, relieved by Bro. L. R. M.

We all wish our former superintendent, T. J. B., the best success in his new field and welcome W. I. Munro of Winnipeg.

Saskatoon is fast becoming the railroad center of the West. We now have a new general superintendent, B. T. Chappell, some of the territory being taken from W. A. Brown, who remains at Edmonton as general superintendent of the Western Lines. More changes will likely follow.

Bro. R. L. Donaldson is now in California, relieved by Bro. A. E. Stevens, relieved by Bro. W. H. Thompson.

Be sure and get your overtime tickets in within 48 hours as the new system of numbers may cause some of us to lose out.

"CO," CERT. 1141.

#### *First District, Central Division—*

Chief Dispatcher A. H. Mansfield, on vacation, relieved by Bro. I. L. Boomer, and Bro. E. S. Saunders, Haronian, by Bro. St. Pierre. Dispatcher C. M. Gelzer, "D," has resumed duty after two months' illness from the "flu."

Bro. N. A. Gilberstadt goes to "CD" Ft. William, succeeded at Mabella agency by Bro. Coleman from Kakabeka Falls nights.

Bro. C. E. Peterson at Williams is a new operator on the road.

Bro. Cameron, Mine Centre, is relieving Bro. Callahan, off with the "flu."

A handsome tea service was given Superintendent Nelson on the eve of his departure for the West to begin duties as superintendent there, operators, dispatchers and agents voicing the esteem in which he was held and noting the good fellowship that existed between them, regretting his leaving the district and wishing him success in his new position.

It is now Bro. C. L. Orvis at Flanders nights, a new man.

W. T. Moodie, the new superintendent, has arrived at Port Arthur.

Bro. Bouchard, former agent Lavallee, transferred to the Eastern Lines, relieved by Bro. Lachapelle.

The new depot at Rainy River is still uncompleted.

The joint meeting held at Winnipeg was well attended by the boys on the Atikokan and Rainy River Districts. Local Chairman Easterly was unable to attend on account of the illness of his wife. Various topics were discussed and an interesting lecture given by Bro. Campbell which was not only instructive, but valuable to the members. Among those present were: W. J. McPhee and L. D. Hickey, Rainy River; C. E. Peterson, Roosevelt; C. R. Lyons, Vassar; J. McKenzie, Sleemans; A. D. Lucas, A. J. Dick-

inson, Warroad; C. W. Goodwin and N. S. Tapp, Atikokan.

Bro. J. W. Armstrong, dispatcher Rainy River, later at "H" Winnipeg, is now at Kamloops.

We are grieved to relate the death of our loyal member, Bro. J. A. Woofter, agent Baudette, at Winnipeg, following a severe attack of the "flu," and complications. He will be greatly missed by the boys on the line, the people of Maudette and all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. H. C. Halloway from the C. P., a new man, who relieved Bro. Woofter at Baudette, is a returned man. He was married recently to Miss Hudson. We all extend our congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. E. D. Weaver, Atikokan days, transferred to "relieving dispatcher" Capreol, relieved by Bro. G. B. Cullen.

A general chairmen's meeting was called for January 6th at Winnipeg. We are all anxiously awaiting our expected raise, back time and better working conditions.

Notes received from Bros. I. L. Boomer and R. McDonald for this write-up. Come again.

"GDWIN," Cert. 1305.

#### *Duluth & Winnipeg Pacific, Ry. Division—*

It is about three years since we had a write-up in the journal, but we hope to have a little news hereafter every month.

A well-attended meeting was held at West Duluth passenger station Sunday, January 19th, when we elected local officers and discussed the latest McAdoo award.

Bro. McDonald was re-elected local chairman, Bros. Paine, Gish and McDonald a committee on revision of schedule with the railroad which, not being under Government-control, makes it necessary for us to negotiate with the company officials to secure the latest McAdoo award. Therefore, be united, firm and gentle. Bro. McInnis was nominated delegate to attend the Grand Convention at St. Louis, Mo., second Monday in May, and Bro. Cassidy was elected correspondent.

The dispatchers and linemen, solid O. R. T., were represented at the meeting by Bro. Gish for the former and Bro. Double O. Woods for the latter. It's a good thing to have all those linemen in our ranks, and we are now 100 per cent solid O. R. T.

The company needs a few more operators and agents, but can hardly expect to get them while paying but \$91 for operators and \$102 for agents, 10 hours a day.

The company is trying out cinder platforms for stations, which sure are proving very trying to the station forces. The office and waiting rooms should be scrubbed out once a week and the windows washed once a month.

On January 1, 1919, the railways heretofore known as the Canadian Northern, Eastern and Western Lines; Canadian and Government Railways, National Transcontinental Railway, Intercolonial Railway of Canada, and the Prince Edward Island Railway, were renamed Canadian National Railways and are being operated as one system, Canadian government-owned. This road, being a part of the same system, we expect a large increase in business.

Bro. Oscar Erickson goes to Ericksburg agency; Bro. Erickson, a new man off the Soo Line, to Alvina agency; Bro. Lafferty to Cook agency; Bro. Keller to third dispatcher, West Virginia, and a non to Britt, opened January 20th.

A son was born to Bro. Dispatcher Montieth recently. Understand he is going to be a policeman when he grows up. Welcome, little stranger.

New depots were built at Harney and Britt during the fall, which provide six fine living rooms for the agents.

We should see that the relief dispatcher's job is bulletined at once. Someone wants it. Certainly! There are men along the line capable of handling it.

I have often wondered who originated the telegraph calls on the D. W. P. If a dispatcher is to delight in calling his offices, the signals should be in harmony and rhythm and express some thought of the station called, whenever practicable. Railroads that use telegraph for train dispatching are rapidly becoming a thing of the past. Our line still being one of the old school we should have a little more swing and "pep." With such men at our head as General Manager Cameron, an old-time operator, who loves the art of telegraphy, we will probably continue to use the telegraph for train dispatching for some time yet. Therefore, while we last as telegraph operators let us have a little of the joy of the calling. "RI" Ranier, very good; a man can dance to it. "JN" Ranier Scales, don't that remind you of Jean or Juanita? That one has grace and beauty and should be played gently. "BN" Ericksburg, why not "BG"? "AY" Ray, and "CN" Cusson, O. K.; "DO" Orr, fair, but "AO" is easier to make and sounds much more classy. "GH" Alvina, should be changed to "NA." "CK" Cook represents the town all right, but sounds too much like check. To get the beautiful effect it would be necessary to give it an unusual call, such as "NZ," "G" Angora. Why not give it the snappy "N," "BR" Britt, good, "DI" Dispatcher, I suggest change to "DS," "WS" West Virginia yard, office "YD," "VI" Virginia, can't kick on them; "BG" Ellsmere should be "MR," "FR" Taft, "HY" Harney, and "DU" West Duluth, O. K., "WN" West Duluth Passenger Station, the last station on the line, we want something better. For class, individuality, style, grace, harmony

and ginger, let the call be "TH." The changes suggested would increase the just pride, graceful swing and beauty of calling and improve the service 50 per cent.

"DQ," Cert. 584.

#### *Central R. R. of New Jersey, Div. No. 45. Central Division—*

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Gallagher's Hall, Elizabeth, January 20th, at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m., with Secretary and Treasurer Smock in the chair, about fifty members present in the morning and thirty in the evening.

General Chairman Pry gave a resume of the general chairmen's meeting at Chicago, November 25th, proceedings of hearing to protest against Supplements 10 and 11 to General Order No. 27; also at Washington, D. C., before Director General McAdoo, December 2nd and December 11th; also resume of hearing before General Superintendent Meredith, regarding proposed schedule between Division 45 and C. R. R. of New Jersey, closing with some helpful remarks, after which he was given a rousing standing vote of thanks for his endeavor in behalf of the members of Division 45.

The brothers signed a letter which was sent out to every member authorizing Bro. E. F. Pry of East Mauch Chunk, Pa., chosen and regularly elected to the office of general chairman, to represent them in all matters in connection with the adoption of a schedule proposition and all other matters pertaining thereto during the term of his office. The brothers are requested to sign this letter as soon as received and mail it right back to General Chairman Pry so he can show Mr. Meredith that he is fully authorized to represent us.

Second Vice-president Pierson also addressed us, giving us some interesting advice, for which the brothers gave him their hearty applause after he finished.

Bro. J. Kelly has resumed duty at Tower 2 E-Port, after nearly a month's tussle with the "flu." His relief, Bro. Walter Samson, is posting various towers over the road. Bro. Phil. Wissert, second Westfield, is now off with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Rube Donovan. Bro. Gerke relieved Bro. McGovern at Tower there while he was off sick several days, later going to third Bay Draw. Bro. Murtaugh relieved Bro. Murray, second Wood Bridge, while off sick.

Bro. Harry Campbell relieved Bro. Len Alpaugh, second Brills, while on a visit to New York.

Our two brother non-telegraphers who have been on the relief, F. Milligan and Harry Campbell, are now on second Phillips St. and Tower "C," respectively.

Bro. H. Weinberg, ticket agent East Ferry St., Newark, and bride are on their honey-

moon through the South. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Bro. L. Fischer, night ticket agent Jersey City Terminal, announced his engagement to a charming young lady, January 12th.

Bro. Giberson, from the P. R. R., goes to third Bound Brook Jct., vice Cotton to third Dunnellen, vice Bro. Wilson.

We all mourn the loss of our worthy brother, Chas. P. Roberts, who passed away after a few days' illness. The brothers sent a nice floral piece and turned out and showed their respect to our deceased brother. His wife desires to thank the brothers for the flowers.

Bro. J. T. Dougherty and family have the sympathy of Division 45 in the loss of their young daughter.

#### N. J. S. Division—

A meeting held Sunday, January 19th, at the Phil. Daly Hose Company Hall, 10 Second Ave., Long Branch, N. J., at 1:30 p. m., was well attended by the brothers from the Jersey Southern. General Chairman Pry addressed the members; Second Vice-President Pierson gave them a very interesting talk, and Secretary and Treasurer Smock also addressed them.

Bro. Spencer, dispatcher Long Branch, spent his two days off recently with his folks at Cedarville.

Brothers, no one sent me any line-up of the New Jersey Southern, so it is impossible to give you a write-up in this issue.

Division 45 send their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents of Bro. Frank J. Halloran, who passed away with pneumonia after a few days' sickness.

Division 45 also mourns the loss of our brother, Harry J. Dillon, of Belmar, N. J., who was recently called home by our Almighty God. The division extends their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

"EC," Div. 45, Cert. 33.

#### St. Louis Terminal R. R., Div. No. 47.

After reading the protests against Supplements 10 and 11 to General Order 27, as noted in the hearings before the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions in the December, 1918, and January, 1919, issues of THE TELEGRAPHER; also the announcement by Director General McAdo of the creation of Board of Adjustment No. 3, to pass on disputes over interpretations of wage awards between railroad executives and railroad telegraphers, switchmen, clerks and maintenance of way employees, we can well imagine the stupendous task our president, assisted by our worthy chairman and the general chairmen of other divisions, had to perform in securing these hearings and straightening out the tangle we all seemed to be in, regarding our award.

This is particularly emphasized by the misleading information surreptitiously sent over the wires, fraudulently signed as coming from our officials, in an effort, while we were anxiously awaiting results, to stampede us to our own detriment; and should make us all the more careful in the future to always rely implicitly on the officials of our Order to protect us in every way and see that our constitution is religiously adhered to under all circumstances.

The effort that is being made to have our dispatchers now recognized as officials, is so well understood that none of them belonging to the O. R. T. will be misled thereby; therefore we should continue to secure the applications of those still outside our ranks, as our jurisdiction over them, as an Order, remains unquestioned.

We have not forgotten the treatment accorded us by the railroad officials in past years, in contradistinction to the generous assistance of the O. R. T. in placing us in a position to assert our rights, securing all we enjoy in better salaries and working conditions. Let us not burn the bridges behind us that we may need in the future to cross over again to obtain similar benefits.

Several rousing meetings have been held recently in the Marquette Hotel, St. Louis, with gratifying attendance, and in thanking the management of that hostelry for favors we would recommend it to the consideration of any of our members when visiting that city.

Bro. Stanhope, after several months' training in the Signal Corps, is back in first "Q" tower, succeeding Bro. McDonald, who took second there again, Bro. Coleman returning to Bremen Ave.

We are exceedingly glad to welcome Bro. Hadden back from France, where he has been serving as an exponent of American railroad efficiency.

Bro. O'Bryan has relieved Bro. Siefert at "SH," who with his wife has taken a position on a Western road and withdrawn his membership from Division 47. We wish him success and recommend him to the division he transfers to as a faithful worker for our cause.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. O. R. Rice in the death of his devoted wife, as a result of the influenza epidemic. While we were hit pretty hard as a division by the malady, we are glad to say this has been the only fatality.

The turkey donated Bro. Owens for Christmas by someone turned out to be a rooster, but understand he enjoyed it all the same.

JOHN, Cert. 5.

**Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Div. No. 49.***Salt Lake Division—*

Bro. Ralph Shermer and wife, from Layton, visited his brother-in-law, Bro. McFadden, at Thistle, Sunday, recently.

Bros. Reed, Stevens and McClure are rejoicing over their new office at Thistle. It is a great improvement, shutting out the loafers, and a "safety first" move for all concerned.

Bro. "Fat" Everett, with the Draft Board at Provo several months, will be back on his old trick at "JD" shortly.

Bro. Stevens, third "JD," set 'em up all around recently, celebrating the arrival of a bouncing big girl.

Bro. McFadden, at "JD," off three days sick, relieved by Bro. Reed, relieved by Bro. Owens, who later relieved Bro. Bird in Denver, working on new schedule.

Bro. Shermer, agent at Payson, in California on vacation, relieved by Harmon.

Bro. Storrs, at Richfield, quarantined with his family account "flu," relieved by Bro. Rasmussen.

Bros. Garrison, agent Spanish Fork, and Williams, first Price, both lost their wives with the disease. A good many of the boys were either off with it or had their families quarantined.

CERT. 69.

**Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry. Div. No. 51.**

Bro. Rowe, Standard Jct., relieved by Reisinger, an old timer, a few nights, and Bro. F. N. Williams, River Valley, was off several days on account of sickness in his family.

Culmerville and Houseville are both solid now. Bro. Stewart has purchased a home at Verona, succeeded at Culmerville agency by Bro. Detweiler.

Ten offices closed Sunday, January 19, for twenty-four hours to accommodate the men, which shows that the latest supplement may work two ways at some places. Harmonburg closed on the 10th until further notice.

Bro. Cunningham, "BD" tower, is training some valuable dogs.

We are glad to have Bros. Williams and Burdick with us again after being honorably discharged from military service.

Bro. Magargie is on second Shenango, pending bulletin.

Bessie Smith on second Frederonia while Bro. Miller is working the message wire. Sure can telegraph.

CERT. 92.

**Southern Pac. Ry., Pac. Div. No. 53.***Los Angeles Division—*

A generously attended meeting was held in Labor Temple on Saturday evening, January 11th, about forty members and families being present, including General Chairman Cull.

A copy of Supplement 13 to General Order 27 was read by Bro. Lyons, and a general discussion of its contents ensued, the final verdict being that it was good medicine for chronic cases of "insufficient remuneration."

Bros. Jones of El Centro and Howes of Calipatria gave interesting talks, and Bro. Cull reviewed the accomplishments of the Chicago and Washington meetings.

Local Chairman Meador gave us an interesting talk about the present standing of affairs on the L. A. Division, including the case of Bro. Gelger.

We were all pleased to note the presence of Bros. Morgan and Enoch of the Tower Division. Meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

Sister Libbey Valk transferred temporarily to Tucson Division; scarcity of telegraphers. Bro. Robertson was borrowed by Salt Lake a few days. Bros. Frusher and Baston to Portland Division on account of our extra board being cut.

Bro. Kindig, second Saugus, called to Long Beach on account of the serious illness of his father; Bro. Kalles, second Chatsworth, relieving, relieved by Sister Curren.

Bro. J. T. Carl, Coast Division, agent King City, a city of 3,000, desires to exchange with L. A. Division agent or operator. Three telegraphers and warehouseman; no Sunday or holiday work; pays over \$200; seniority, June 1, 1910.

Ex-Local Chairman Geiger has purchased an orange ranch in Riverside and will make that place his future home. Our best wishes go with him.

Bro. Gipple is back on the division at second Edom.

All the linemen on this division now possess O. R. T. cards. Still have the "seven wonders" among the agents and operators standing out.

A list will soon be prepared of all the nons, delinquents, and those who have not paid their special assessments. Don't let your name appear on it.

Bro. Dickinson secured his thirteenth application the last day of 1918 and wins the watch in the prize contest; and now goes for another one next year.

Account illness of Bro. Stokes and family, Sister Curran relieved him at Bassett. Bro. Sheppard's family, recently under quarantine, are convalescing. Bro. Allen, El Centro days, sick with pneumonia, relieved by Bro. Moore, who later relieved Bro. Culley at Ogilby several days.

Bro. John Beaton, after eighteen months in the Signal Corps, has returned, married, happy and ambitious, and relieved Bro. Shortrocks, "NG" Los Angeles, called to Vallejo owing to illness in his family. He had previously been relieved ten days by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Joe Ward of Beaumont relieved by Bro. Wilcox from Coast Division a few days on account of illness; and Bro. Gipple, at Edom, by Bro. Sheldon, just returned from the army.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Foster of "HU," whose mother recently passed away. The funeral was held in Los Angeles, January 17th.

Bros. Walters of "HU" and Stokes, second Bassett, both had the "flu"; former relieved by Bro. Beaton.

We are glad to have Bro. Gonzales back at work; now relieving Bro. McReynolds at "WD." A purse of \$76 was raised and placed at his disposal during his illness.

Bro. Thedaker, agent Glendale, is off account illness.

Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Dickinson spent Sunday visiting Bro. and Mrs. Coyle at Newhall, and the writer and family spent a pleasant day recently with the former in Los Angeles.

It's now Sister Tuttle instead of Sister Cavana, as Bro. Tuttle and Sister "BC" hiked away and were married on the "QT." Congratulations and best wishes.

It is also now Bro. C. S. Sexton at Camarillo, leaving but two nons on the West End, both at Ventura.

The consolidation of stations being rapidly completed. Bro. Murphy, who lost out at Santa Anna, takes cashiership there; Bro. McBey bid in Wister, and Bros. Wayman and Reid, second and third Pomona, will take like positions, and Bro. Powell of Redlands a clerkship in the consolidated station there.

E. L. BURROUGHS, Correspondent.

#### *Western District—*

Bro. Bechler to New Mexico on a business trip, relieved by A. H. Delmas, a new man from the Santa Fe.

Bro. Harper, off account "flu," relieved by F. A. Hanlon, Stockton Division. Bro. Gross, agent at Bay Point, has returned to work after a severe attack, relieved by Bro. J. R. Spurgeon from Portland.

C. L. Mason, T. D. A. from the N. Y. C., on second Livermore, and Bro. J. H. Wollen, Tucson Division, on second Pittsburg, pending bulletin.

Bro. Rouse, agent Newark, on ink job Oakland Pier and extra dispatcher. We all wish him success.

Bro. McTear, second Altamont, is tearing up the highway with his cut down racer these nice days. Bro. Shaver will also have a car as soon as he can get relieved long enough to round one up.

Bro. C. R. Bauman, on indefinite leave, wrote from El Paso that he expected to be in New Orleans shortly.

Bro. Cox, third Altamont, was relieved by a lady while he was sick. Some brother please ascertain if she is a "sister."

Bro. Brinley, agent Davis, lost his only child, a baby girl, recently. He has the sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. P. V. Wilson is again in our midst, having been discharged from the navy service.

Brothers, it's pretty hard to send in any kind of a write-up when no items are received. As soon as there is a change at a station drop me a line and say whether the relief is lined up. If so, give the Cert. number and what division he or she belongs to. With your help, only, can we have a write-up each month.

W. M. F.

#### *Coast Division—*

Bro. Feldt relieved by Bro. Fischer; vacation.

Bro. Fry's wife is visiting in Fresno, and he has, perchance, taken over the culinary department at his home.

Lawrence closed; Bro. Condon to Casalia.

Bro. Topham, in the transportation department at the front in France, writes, when he gets all the American soldiers moved he hopes to get back to California.

Bro. C. M. Phelps, assistant agent Lompoc, was recently married to one of the charming young ladies there. We extend our hearty congratulations and best wishes for long life and prosperity.

After the meeting at Redwood, when the purse was presented by the boys of this division, Bro. Cowgill wired Bro. Hoon: "Again you and old Ward have done it up brown, and old John is the happiest man in town. May this 'for you folks be a happy season, for I think you have a darn good reason."

Bro. Burnett has the sincere sympathy of the entire membership in the loss of his mother, who died recently in Oakland. Bro. Scyller relieved Bro. Sherman at Santa Clara while he relieved Bro. Burnett a few days to attend the funeral.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. O'Gara, whose wife, after a month's illness, died on January 17th in San Francisco.

Bro. Fry, I thank you for your assistance in this write-up. Every little helps. Bro. Richardson has been good enough to become assistant correspondent. He's a first-class news grabber, and when you have anything, pass it on to him.

Remember the nons in your vicinity and make them "kick through." Bear in mind that they are extremely "persona non grata." C. B. WARD, Cert. 216.

*Stockton District—*

Bro. Surryhne, second Turlock, on sixty days' leave of absence, visiting his folks in Oakland and spending the time around the Bay, relieved by Bro. Brennan.

Most of the brothers who have had the influenza are back on their respective positions, except Bro. Wykes, first Merced, now sick with pneumonia.

Bro. Foulks, agent Firebaugh, spent the day in Stockton recently, visiting the brothers. Then he and myself made a trip to Modesto, visiting the brothers there.

Sister Berninger, third Elk Grove, is visiting Bro. Berninger, Stockton, relieved by Bro. Isham, while he is on third "KN" there, extra.

Bro. Brown, formerly on this division, now at Camp Perry, Great Lakes, writes Bro. Jinks at Kerman that he has been in the hospital there with erysipelas in his left arm.

Bro. Gibbens, first Turlock, visited the brothers in Stockton recently, relieved by Bro. Brennan.

Bros. Hanlon, Cox and myself, in Bro. Cox's machine, visited the boys in the French Camap, San Joaquin Bridge and Lyoth Towers and expect to soon have them all 100 per cent O. R. T. The way the towermen and linemen are joining should make the Morse telegrapher nons feel ashamed of themselves. Brothers, keep working on them till you land them.

Bro. Ford, second Los Banos, spent Xmas and New Year holidays in Los Angeles, relieved by Mrs. Crutsinger.

Bro. Bishop, second Madera, is on thirty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Bissell.

Bro. Flautt goes to Raymond as agent-operator.

Bro. L. E. Needham, on this division several years, out of the service for some time, but who always kept up his card, died recently in Stockton of influenza. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Needham and children in their bereavement.

Thanks to Bros. Surryhne and Jinks for news items. The rest of you brothers get the habit and send in one or more each month before the 18th.

E. L. R., CERT. 760.

*San Joaquin Division—*

Bro. L. C. Harmonson is on one year's leave from Tranquility, and Bro. Weatherholt to Kentucky, taking his infant daughter Mary and nurse with him. Mrs. Weatherholt was a victim of influenza two months ago; also the wife of Bro. Greenwade.

Bro. Winters, Bena, the first of the members who died from it, was buried in Bakersfield cemetery. The funeral was well at-

tended by the brothers, notwithstanding the malady was very prevalent in the city. The floral wreath was a joint T. D. A. and O. R. T. broken wheel design.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife of Bro. Winters and to Bros. Weatherholt and Greenwade.

Bro. Collins is now back on second Bakersfield after a siege of influenza, and Bro. Baughmann, third there, is recovering from a second attack.

Sister Watts, on third Bealville, vice Bro. Corzine to Acton agency, which was closed upon his arrival.

Bro. W. B. Johnson to operator Bena, relieved at Acton by Bro. Corzine. Bro. Krombeck returned from "BD" to third Famoso; Bro. Uriel to Ducor, and Bro. Myers, Springville agency. Bro. L. C. Brown to first Rowen; Bro. Underhill, Bro. Withers and Bro. Jepsen to second Vincent, Tulare and Fowler, respectively. Bro. Harris relinquished 14th "BD" for extra list.

We are glad to hear that all the brothers in military service have "OS'd" since the armistice, and reported well. Bro. Shay is a train dispatcher somewhere along the fighting line.

New seniority lists being printed. When finished will be mailed to all members with the non list. When you get it, keep after them until they join. We just got our two delegates by a narrow margin. The nons have held us back ever since we organized. These two delegates and alternates to the St. Louis convention are one for Bakersfield territory and north, and one for territory south of there, Bro. Hammond has sent out the nomination circulars. You should notify him of any change in your address.

Having a fairly easy agency near Bakersfield, I can still handle the local chairmanship should the brothers see fit to nominate me. I am also a candidate for delegate from the Second District (south of Bakersfield), in which I am located.

I have assisted the brothers at Marcel and Vincent in getting suitable living quarters—two four-room cottages at those stations. I also have handled papers for houses at other places, but so far nothing completed. Two new houses at Siveri abandoned; double track never reached there. We regret they are not where they could be used. Two houses were intended for Bena.

Bro. Day still in "DS" Bakersfield; staying with it well and much longer than any brother who has been promoted since I came on the division, in 1911. Our chances are few and far between on these positions, and we are glad to see some good brother grab up the chance.

The wife and son, father, mother and sister of our deceased brother, Herbert C. Winters, extend their gratitude to the brothers and sisters, train dispatchers and friends

for their kindness during his illness, and the beautiful floral offering sent for his funeral.

E. L. CARTT, Local Chairman.

*Shasta Division—*

Bro. J. F. Corby, agent Kennet, off sick, relieved by Bro. Rochford. Bro. W. E. Murray, San Jose Division, on first Kennet. Bro. A. C. Johnson off few days account sickness, also Bro. Corby, second Ashland.

Sister Barber on second Delta while Bro. McBride was away account death of his brother, operator Moor, Nev.

General Chairman Cull called the committee to San Francisco, January 20th, to work on increase, and meet Mr. McIntyre on the 23rd.

Assistant Superintendent Kirkland has gone into the banking business in San Francisco. We all wish him success.

We all extend our sympathy to Mr. Burnett, at Weed, in the death of his mother.

Bro. Murray was the only one who sent me any notes.

"ARMY." Cert. 1373.

*Members, Tucson Division:*

I wish to thank each one of you for your generous donation toward the New Year's present to me, received in a check for \$64. Your generosity more than proves your appreciation for the small efforts I have been able to make. Although much has been accomplished in the past year, there remains a great deal to be done during 1919, and I ask you all to do everything you can to assist your next local chairman, in order to make his work as easy as possible. On account of an indefinite future I have decided not to run for local chairman again, and I wish to thank every one of you for the assistance rendered me during 1918. I could not have asked for any better.

I have just completed a trip over the division. The very few nons left promise to come in during February. Let's see that they do so. New members secured: H. R. Harshman, Sibyl, formerly on San Joaquin Division; D. H. Smith, Maricopa; D. L. Loughran, Dragoon; Cora Smith, Colfred, and two transfers—D. S. Flower from 61 and J. E. Adams from 32. Misses Babb and Myers, at Aden, promise to come in next month. Sister Libbie Volk, Colfred, has transferred here from Los Angeles Division, with dues paid until December 31, 1919. I received a royal welcome at each stop, and those "eats" made the trip complete; but I refuse to say who cooked the noodles.

Let's all pull together this year and make Tucson "the banner division" of the Pacific System. It can be done. If you all will help we can soon be 100 per cent. Look ahead; figure out for yourself what the handwriting on the wall is to be. Are you going to help write it, or shall the corporations write it? It's up to you. Think twice, then

grab another non. One hundred per cent organization means a hundred per cent salary, better living conditions, and a better world in which to live.

J E. McNIEL, Local Chairman.

*Tucson Division Notes—*

Bro. Mooney, third "WC" Tucson, was relieved by Bro. Meadows, while on vacation in Frisco, where he had the misfortune to be caught in a street car accident, from which it took him several days to recover.

Others relieved on vacation: Bro. Shook, second "WC" Tucson, out in his auto seeing the sights, relieved by Flower, a new man; Mrs. Harris, Aden second, by Miss Doris Babb from Phoenix W. U.; Mrs. Shannafelt, Pantano, by Sister McEvoy, and she on Dragoon second by Q. H. Barber from the G. H. & S. A., in Texas; Bro. Baker, Dragoon third, visiting in El Paso, relieved by Bro. Laughran from Rillito; Bro. T. H. Morrison, Tucson, while exercising his "Saxon" awhile, relieved by Berns, and he on third Esmond by Mrs. Weller; Bro. J. J. Hicks, to Oklahoma, by Sister Whittemore of Division 126. While in Tucson he visited the force at Stockham before taking his assignment at Mescal. Mr. and Mrs. Shannafelt have returned from their vacations, and we should now give them no rest until they line up.

Bro. Fulton, on a year's sick leave, relieved at Strauss by Miss Jean Shannon, returning from her vacation to San Fran; Sister K. B. Morrison, while on a few days' sick leave at her home in Tucson, paid "ye scribe" and wife a pleasant visit. Others relieved on sick list: Bro. Perrin, first Red Rock, with an attack of the "flu," by J. D. Hill, recently discharged from the army, who later relieved Bro. Hansen at Wellton; Bro. Stone, agent Patagonia, by Bro. Custer, also off with the "flu"; Bros. Skipper and Thomas, at Lordsburg, by Bro. Harshman from Separ, while the scourge was raging there; Bro. Dyess, third Red Rock, by Bro. J. E. Adams from Division 32; Bro. Findley, third Dome, by J. J. Duffy from "UD" El Paso, and Bro. Haas by Mrs. Harris, at Strauss.

Miss Annie Myers from Araby opened up the new third trick at Aden.

Local Chairman McNeil, on his recent organizing trip over the division, was relieved by C. T. U. Bro. Haggard, and it is now Bro. L. B. Cecil on second Maricopa.

Bro. E. E. Taylor writes Bro. R. L. Crowley from Scherumidt, Germany, en route to the Rhine, that he will be glad to get back and go to work here again, and we will be glad to have him.

The conservation in regard to space owing to the great advance in the cost of print paper is still on at St. Louis, and "In Memoriams," "Cards of Thanks," "assignments," "mention of nons" (except as they relieve members or come on the division for the first

time), are all eliminated. Births, marriages, deaths, etc., being only mentioned in the "Personal Column." I wish to thank Bros. McNeil and Robeson, also Sister K. B. Morrison, for their contributions; the above being my explanation why all the notes sent in are not published.

D. B. MAHONEY,  
Secretary and Correspondent.

*Salt Lake Division—*

Bro. H. P. Scott, Cert. 1002, wishes to extend his thanks to the brothers and sisters and railroad men in general for their sympathy and the beautiful floral piece sent him, and the many kindnesses shown him following the death of his wife; also his appreciation to the office force in "RO" and "N" Ogden, for their favors to Mrs. Scott during her illness.

Mrs. G. A. Gray and Mrs. M. L. Paulson also extend their thanks to the members for their sympathy and the beautiful floral pieces sent, and the many kindnesses shown them following the deaths of their husbands.

We were grieved to hear of the deaths of Sister Sumwalt and Mr. McBride of Moor; Mrs. Rose Hagan, the daughter of Bro. Buckley of Golconda, and Mr. Chas. Pedroli, brother-in-law of Bro. Cooney of Winnemucca, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Sister Stewart from Parran attended the funeral of Sister Sumwalt at Winnemucca.

Sister Silverwood, second at Nenzel, off account sickness, relieved by Mr. Mills.

Bro. Hanna, back from training camp, relieved Bro. Cooney at Winnemucca, who accompanied his brother-in-law to the hospital in Reno, where he died later.

Bro. Silverwood to third Winnemucca.

Bro. Collins from Imlay, visited Winnemucca recently. Bro. Stevens is on second and Bro. Pierron on third Imlay.

Bro. Willison is back again, going to third Carlin. Bro. Roberts relieved Bro. Stevens, the agent there, while taking in the sights in Frisco; also relieved the agent at Winnemucca a few days. Bro. Braun, Carlin second, landed Hutcherson, who on Bro. Spreckelmeyer's return from vacation, relieved Sister Stanton at Wells, who took first Lovelock.

The station force has moved into the new depot at Weso. Next thing is to make a S. P. job out of it.

Bro. Watson is taking a trip over the division, visiting the boys and rustling new members.

Rose Creek is solid now, with Bros. Lilly, Mansell and Bachman. The former reports a trapping business this winter.

Sister Killey has returned from an enjoyable vacation, visiting her folks in Texas.

Thanks to Bro. Braun for most of the news. Someone on the East End send me a few items, and let's have a good write-up.

CERT. 741.

**Northern Pacific R. R., Div. No. 54.**

*Seattle Division—*

Our good and faithful brother, M. C. Bayer, died in Tacoma Hospital, December 27th, of pneumonia after an attack of over a week with the "flu," continuing at work after he was first taken ill. Milton was one of nature's noblemen, esteemed and respected by all. It was the writer's privilege to know him intimately for the past six years. The interests of the company and the Order were his. Although unassuming in manner, he was ever ready to go the limit for a friend and the good of the Order.

The funeral took place from Rafferty's undertaking parlors, Fremont, 1:00 o'clock p.m., December 31st, and interment was made at Lake View Cemetery, Seattle, Wash., his co-workers and O. R. T. sending beautiful floral pieces, which so silently represented the love and esteem in which he was held. The suddenness of his death should impress us all with a sense of the uncertainty of life, and, like him, we should always be ready for the great beyond and keep paid up. I had this called to my mind on my way to Tacoma the morning of his death, when only a short six weeks previously he accompanied me on a similar mission, owing to the death of Bro. Hooker, to render what assistance we could to Mrs. Hooker in her great sorrow.

Bros. Ackley, Hudson and Kallander made the trip from Seattle to attend Bro. Bayer's funeral, but No. 3 was late and they did not arrive in time.

Sister and Bro. Floberg are back at work after a siege with the "flu," but Bro. Powell, Auburn Depot, is still off with it, relieved by Bro. Kehoe, Division 23; and Bro. O'Connor is off sick.

It seems impossible to get any of the good sisters and brothers to send me some notes. When you go away, are changed, or are taken sick, notify me, or ask someone else to do it.

Sister Peterson is back in N. P. Hospital, Tacoma, for another operation. Don't forget to visit her.

Bro. Kruger is working double track, second, while the dispatchers are taking their two days off.

Sister Scott, Bristol, and Bro. Nelson, Easton, were recent Ellensburg visitors.

Temporary position, Thomas, closed thirty days; Bro. Palmer to third Kanaskat, relieving Bro. Johnson, sick, gone to the hospital. Kennedy may be closed, which will cause some bumping.

Bro. Bill Parks, formerly third "CF" Seattle, is on his way West from New Jersey, where he holds night chief position with "Uncle Sammy's" Radio Service.

Bro. Hudson, third Cle Elum, sent me some notes, but I misplaced them and have not

time to wait for a copy, as I am sending this in the 20th in order to get my notes to St. Louis by the 25th. No news from the North End this month.

"EVERETT TRUE," Cert. 652.

*Members, Tacoma Division:*

You are to be congratulated upon the state of organization obtaining upon your division at the close of the year, as the result of good team work and everlasting persistence, and we now count every telegrapher (we have no phoners now) an up-to-date member—every one shown on the official seniority list, including the extras. Especial credit is due too many to mention you all here, but I cannot refrain from mentioning the splendid results obtained by that unselfish and tireless worker, Sister Mielke of Hoquiam, whose chief object in life is to help lighten the load of mankind.

It is a great satisfaction to know that our work has been well done, but we must not rest on our laurels. We must start in this year with the firm resolve that our solid organization must be maintained, and realize that it is our individual duty to ascertain the pedigree of every newcomer, and if not satisfactory, make it so.

My term of office has closed, and I wish to thank each one of you for your loyal support and assistance in making it as pleasant as possible. I also wish to thank you for the magnificent Christmas gift you presented to me through our good secretary, Bro. Parkinson. The spirit in which it was given, I assure you, is fully appreciated. May every Christmas be a happy one for you all.

Fraternally yours,  
E. L. CARR, Local Chairman.

Among those who were sick with the "flu" were: Bro. Dickinson, Kelso, relieved by Bro. Adams, American Lake, who also relieved Sister Bryan while she attended her mother's funeral; the son of Bro. Pitts, first Stadium, relieved by Bro. Wright; Sister Harlan's little girl; Bro. Lang, agent Yelm, relieved by Bro. Snead; Bro. Phillips, relieved by Bro. Smidt, third "MO" closed meanwhile; Sister Crawford by Bro. Wright, Stadium, relieved by Bro. Snead, and Night Chief Adams' little daughter. Others on sick list: Sister Carr; Dispatchers Simmons and Higgins, relieved by Lund. Bro. Floyd has been appointed to go over the line to examine the operators. Bro. Snead will relieve him.

First and second "AJ" and third at Gate, Elma and Montesano closed Sundays.

Sister Niles, who has been with the O. W., is coming back to this division.

Sister Mielke has resigned as division correspondent. We all appreciate her good work. I hope the brothers and sisters will send me their notes promptly, so that I may fill the vacancy acceptably.

Bro. Reininger has resigned and will return East. Bro. Gaudette has also resigned, relieved by Bro. Briggs.

Bros. Kruger and Duby lost all their belongings when the coach they were living in burned.

Bro. Ostermeyer has taken ninety days' leave to finish his education as cartoonist.

We finished the year 100 per cent strong.

Bro. Ray was off a few days to accompany his father to the hospital.

Brothers on the Buckley Line, please send me some notes. I am unable to get a line on you over there.

Brothers and sisters, check your orders with the operator repeating. We have a fine bunch of dispatchers, some still carrying their O. R. T. cards. Let's give them good service, "OS" prompt, and ask when wanting off. Before calling the dispatcher or starting to "OS" a train on the 'phone, listen and see if anyone is receiving or repeating an order; might save stopping a train sometimes.

The local chairman has his hands full on account of Sister Carr's illness. Let us help him all we possibly can.

CERT. 1036, Actg. Div. Cor.

*Members, Pasco Division:*

I have mailed each member a copy of the new seniority list, for which there is no charge, but additional copies will cost you 10 cents each. In next month's Journal will explain where to place Bro. Setterholm on list. He was dropped from the list through a misunderstanding, and am now fixing his standing.

Our record for 1918 was fine, leaving us to start the new year with the smallest number of stars in our history. We have only four nons; two women out of the service still holding their rights; one man recently hired, who promises to come in right away. We must all stand together, back our general officers, and keep our fighting front solid.

In explanation of Bro. Graff not taking "TN" first: After I had taken the case up he asked me to drop it, as he decided would rather remain at his present position.

Just as soon as the "flu" conditions are favorable we will resume meetings.

Sister Duggan suggests that we start a social fund. It would be a good thing for the division, as we would get together in a social way often. Am delegating Sister Duggan to take charge of this, and any suggestions you have to make, please mail direct to her.

Please send Bro. Crow, at Sprague, all the news you can by the 18th of each month.

Bro. McKeown, "CS" Pasco, was off two weeks with "flu." Sister Lane, Glade, is now in Portland, and Bro. Hank Purnell, who came in from the farm to work and took it, are recuperating.

Sister Torrey is visiting at her home, White Salmon; Sister Keith is on the extra list;

Bro. J. J. Smith on "TN" first, and Bro. Wolfe on second "PA," pending bids.

Bro. Kenyon only got in a few days at Pifer, as the "Chinook" made perfectly good water out of the ice just when they got started.

Bro. Ward of Naches was a recent Pasco visitor.

Now you "guys" that are "ink slingers," get busy with some news.

H. R. FLESKER, Actg. L. C.

*Pasco Division, First and Second Districts—*

Bro. W. F. Heflin, first trick operator and ticket clerk at Tappennish, Wis., died Monday, December 8th, after a week's illness from influenza. Bro. Heflin, a young man 32 years of age, was very popular with the boys all along the line, who learned with deep regret of his death. The remains were accompanied to the home of his parents at Versailles, Ill., the following day by Bro. L. A. Lamarche from Badger, Wis.

Bro. Bush, third Tappennish, is filling the vacancy caused by Bro. Heflin's death.

Bro. George Schader, second Sprague, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. J. S. Langols, second Ritzville, down with the "flu," Bros. Wilde and Norman doubling pending Bro. Fisher's arrival.

Sister Dillon is back on second Cunningham and Sister Bert Roof on third after a siege with the "flu."

Sister Woods was a recent Pasco visitor.

We are glad to see Sister Johnson back on first Badger after a year's sickness.

Bro. R. A. Trimble, Pomona, with his family, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, relieved by Bro. Fisher.

Others who recovered recently from the "flu" were the wife of Bro. Colvin, at Wymer; Sister Frances Fehr, second, and Sister Leon Dick, third there; Bro. Colvin nursing them all three back to health; also Bro. McCoun, Pasco, relieved several days by Local Chairman Flesher, whose family was also down with it.

Sister Duggan, second Thrall, had a letter from Harvey Miller, in France, who sends "73" to all.

Bro. C. S. Chadwick, Parker, recently took a week's vacation, duck hunting.

CERT. 209.

*Montana Division—*

It has been three months since I have had an article in the journal, due to the fact that I have had more than I could do; but I have been on the job in other ways, and with the kind assistance of a few good, loyal members we closed the year 1918 with 73 new members initiated into the O. R. T. on this division, and today have a fine membership, up among the front ranks of the other divisions on the system. There are only a few "nons" left on this division. Some of the brothers and sisters still act quite friendly

with them. This they should not do. After they have been asked many times in a proper way to join and help in the struggle for better pay and better working conditions, you should do your duty, even if it does hurt a little sometimes.

I had the pleasure of meeting a lot of new faces going over the division in November and December and lining them up, the new comers. It was a pleasure to see the loyal spirit they exhibited. But I failed to line up Agents R. V. Wright, Whitehall; E. A. Wigton, Sheridan, and Jesse Cook, Twin Bridges, all Brotherhood men in the past, who have no good excuse for not being with us now. They stand out quite alone on this division.

Quite a number of our brothers and sisters have been sick this fall and winter, taxing the flower fund heavily, and I shall be pleased if you all will kindly remit me six months' or a year's dues for this fund right away. We have some money, but we don't want the fund to run down too low. It's been in good working condition for the past three years, and we should all support this worthy cause that has made many hearts glad on this division. It is only 10 cents a month. Remit to me for the present. We will have a new secretary appointed after election is over this month.

L. C. CARLETON, Local Chairman.

*Montana Notes—*

Sister Ruth Koppen, at Winston recently, is now at home at Muir, so Bro. Koppen won't have to batch for a few days now.

Among those reported recovering from the effects of the "flu" are: Bro. George Blackford and family; Bro. Bert Hazlett and wife; Sister Mary A. Taylor; Local Chairman Carleton's wife; Bro. G. G. Scott, agent Townsend; Sister Carl of Townsend and Sister Hoy; Bro. Henry Tietz and wife, who were in Livingston Emergency Hospital; Bro. Jim Cranwill and wife; Bro. Ben Richeson, lineman, Billings; the wife of Bro. J. B. Johnson, equipment inspector, who nursed a good many cases at Livingston before she took it; Bro. Brenneman, agent Sappington, and wife; Bro. W. G. Brinkmeyer and Sister Mae Dillon, and W. R. Zepp's family, at Red Lodge.

The secretary and local chairman tried to have all of them remembered with flowers, and wish to thank those who reported them to us and hope none were overlooked. We remembered several who have not paid anything into the fund. Let's all send in six months' or a year's dues, as it is only 10 cents a month, and it will not be a sacrifice for anyone to do this.

Sister Eva Crawford is on two months' vacation, visiting her folks back East.

Bro. J. H. Cassidy, in the Missoula Hospital, may be off some time. Bro. John Seese

has fully recovered from his operation there for appendicitis.

Bro. and Sister H. L. Hoover are now in Idaho, on the C. M. & St. P.

Bro. H. B. Arnold, secretary of our division the past three years, is now on the Pedro Line near Salt Lake City. We are glad to hear that "Shorty" is getting along all right.

A nicely printed seniority list will be gotten out and mailed to each member of the division about March 1st.

Bro. J. S. Olin and family are spending three months with his folks near Chicago.

Bro. P. A. Lang, Livingston, has taken his old position at Logan again. Bro. A. J. Ranger is batching at Reed Point, succeeded at "VS" by Bro. W. M. Hendershot.

Bro. Joe Kellett has gone West, Bro. J. E. Moore succeeding him on third "W" Butte.

Bros. J. R. Heebner and Peter M. Voyce are the agents on the new line out of Billings at Rapelje and Molt, Mont., now. We hope to hear from them once in a while.

CERT. 481.

#### Rocky Mountain Division—

Sister Day relieving Bro. Bowdish, Lookout, off to California for four months, and Bro. Stevens, Garrison first, has gone to Albuquerque, N. M., recuperating from the effects of the "flu." Sister Kinsey, Rivulet third, on extended visit in Eastern cities, relieved by Sister Pierson, and Bro. Croteau, Rivulet agency, relieved by Bro. Ward, taking his wife to Butte on account of sickness.

Sister Lindberg to first Evaro temporary on account of the death of Bro. Parks; also relieved Bro. Rowan, DeSmet, a few days, Bro. Hildemann later taking DeSmet permanently. Bro. Woods to Frenchtown agency, relieved at Arlee third by Mr. Keely.

Bro. J. S. Wilson, back from service at Fort Missoula, relieved Bro. Callahan, "MD" Missoula, a few days while he was down with "flu," then went to Missoula yard third temporary.

Bro. Brady, resigned after long service for N. P., contemplates going into business for himself. We wish him the best of success; succeeded at Mullan agency by Bro. N. T. Thorson.

Dispatcher Snyder out on line, giving us the "once over" on transportation rules. Guess everyone got by.

Bro. F. M. McClure in Missoula Hospital several weeks with rheumatism, relieved by Mr. Jeely.

Bro. Willman, Austin third, off a few days, relieved by Sister Willman, who later went to Missoula a few days, Bro. Wardel relieving.

Bro. Nisewanger, Helena yard first, on a few weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Stickler, relieved on third there by Mr. Witte.

Bro. Wardel, Silver Bow third, spent a day with home folks at Austin recently, and then

relieved Bro. Kinsey, Skyline, who spent a few days with his daughter at Rivulet.

Wish to thank Bro. Wilson for his notes. Somebody else on the West End send me some.

G. C. NUTTER, A. L. C.

#### Yellowstone Division—

Local Chairman Ellsworth of the Dakota Division called on the boys at Mandan between trains when going over his division, lining up the slackers.

\* Sister Baltruschat, second Richardton, relieved by Sister Shea a few days account sickness.

Sister Lawrence to New Salem second, succeeded by Bro. Lawrence on first Richardton, succeeded as agent there by Bro. Rea.

Sister Pesol relieving on third South Heart.

Sisters Brownell, Richardton, and Graves, Sweet Briar, and Miss Berg, New Salem, were recent Mandan visitors.

Sister Trece succeeded on second Sentinel, Butte, by Sister Miller.

Sister Fisher, Medora, and Sister and Bro. Wilkins, Glendive, visited home friends East during Xmas, Bro. Sheffer relieving the latter, who went into the dispatcher's office on his return.

Bro. Fisher working extra in Glendive.

Bro. Courier, agent Taylor, relieved by Mrs. Courier account sickness.

Bro. Segur, third Mandan, relieved account sickness by Bro. Murray of Hebron.

Sister Johnson, manager Forsyth, had a card from Bro. Tronstad, in a hospital somewhere in France, saying he would be home as soon as they would let him travel.

Sister Parslow, third Worden, on vacation, relieved by Sister Quire, who later relieved Sister Stone, Waco, on account of sickness, relieved by Sister Jacobson. Later Sister Parslow relieved Bro. Flannigan, second Worden, account sickness.

Bro. Spike, agent Hysham, called to Detroit, Minn., account sickness of his brother, relieved by Mrs. Spike.

Sister Mason, Pompeys Pillar, visiting relatives in Sioux City, Iowa, relieved by Sister Peterson, later going to Hathaway on account sickness of the operator there.

Bro. C. A. Sharp, Custer agency, to second Big Horn, Sister Shea to third Custer.

Bro. Joe Gauen returned from Bozeman Military Training School, relieving Bro. Sharp at Custer in Glendive Hospital, later relieved Sister Baltruschat on second Custer, who returned to Richardton.

CERT. 758.

#### Dakota Division—

Fifteen cents an hour increase is better than thirteen cents, and anything missed will be covered in back pay. Everybody sit tight, General Chairman Sam Johnson is right on the job, along with Bros. Nason and Poiraire

on a reduced general committee, to incorporate Supplement 13 in the schedule and see that proper interpretations are placed on the rules. If they prove unsatisfactory your general committee will immediately take it up with Wage Board No. 3 for adjustment.

This division, and the entire N. P. System, closed one of greatest whirlwind membership campaigns ever pulled off, going "over the top" with better than 1600 members on the system, and "the Dakota," not counting "delinks" in the army, is practically solid. We salute the Tacoma Division that claims the distinction of being 100 per cent, and make a resolution to follow right in Bro. Carr's tracks. We extend a cordial welcome to our new Sisters: Helen Waldie, Steele; Edith Wiese, Burleigh; Theima Hendricks, Jamestown; Ida Merchant, and Mabel Bohn, Ladoga; Claudine Wall, Killdeer; Martha Higgins, Medina; Laura Spangler, Driscoll; Helen Moen, Eldridge, and Bros. H. E. Rannestad, agent Turtle Lake; Gust Gramm, agent Hesper; C. R. Jolley, "JY," and E. O. Kottschade, operator Burleigh, and to start 1919 right we also welcome Bro. A. A. Nelson, lineman, Mandan, our first member in the new year. So many good sisters and brothers have helped us that we can but thank them all and bespeak the same hearty co-operation during this year.

Bros. H. R. Raeshke, H. D. Flowers and E. O. Kottschade were the first soldiers to be mustered out, return and take positions on this division, the former going to Bismarck, Flowers to second Driscoll; and Kottschade to Burleigh. Sister Marie Paulson, agent Melville, goes to third Driscoll.

Sister Irma Ingalls, acting agent at Medina, took her regular trick there, when Bro. G. L. Berquist was checked in as agent.

Bro. Geo. Olson, of second Steele, relieving at Turtle Lake, later relieved Bro. A. V. Flowers a few days at Sykston.

Bro. John Smith, agent Mott, and family, enjoyed a lengthy visit at Tacoma, and while west Bro. Smith attended some lively meetings at Seattle.

Sister Estelle Norris, third Sterling, visited at Jamestown a few days.

Sisters Moen and Hendricks are working the two new tricks at Eldridge pending bulletin.

Private A. E. Soderholm writes from France that he will soon be back.

The N. P. and G. N. at Leeds have been consolidated in the G. N. depot, N. P. agent Gallaher taking the agency.

Bro. E. L. Smith went to "JY" Jamestown Yards, instead of taking Lark agency.

The new seniority lists will be a trifle delayed, owing to schedule making, as Bro. Nason thought best to hold them so we could include any additions, such as lineman, etc. Don't forget a few notes when you write for one.

For the benefit of our new sisters we want to say that Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins has a very fine solid gold O. R. T. pin for the ladies, which costs only \$1.00, an exact duplicate of the solid gold screw button sold to the brothers at the same price. He also has a similar rolled gold button the brothers can purchase for 50 cents. The celluloid button is given the members free.

Bro. J. F. Kerber took second Windsor in preference to the agency; Ida Clough was relieving there temporarily, Sisters Cadieux and Bolton holding the tricks originally.

Brothers and sisters, remit your dues for this term promptly, and if possible \$12.00 for an annual card. Remember, that your insurance assessments must be paid at the same time to make you a bona fide member. Paying up at once means the saving of lots of time and effort that we could use in organizing the few remaining nons. Keep me posted on the nons and aid me all you can. The girls have shown their loyalty, out of thirty-four on the seniority list, twenty-nine are up-to-date "boosters," the other five not having worked long enough yet to have the necessary fee. Keep on the trail of the few male nons and "whoop 'er up for 1919."

Courtesy, efficiency and the O. R. T. are synonymous terms and go hand in hand. We must be the former in order to receive proper credit for the latter. While looking for betterments in wages and rules, be courteous to the public and labor for the Railway Administration efficiently. By doing both, we raise the standard of the O. R. T. to its proper place.

The fee for February is \$16.50, March \$15.50, get out and shout it. We don't want a slacker on the Dakota. It's up to you members to help. Speed up!

H. H. ELLSWORTH, L. C.

#### Fargo Division—

Bros. Smeltzer, of Kathryn, and Gilford, of Alice, laid up with the "flu," former relieved by Bro. Jones, later by Ryan, just back from the army radio school. C. J. Meldahl, home from the "flying" school, is on first and Sister Christ on second Alta. Bro. Fuller, of Spiritwood, and Bro. Farmham, of Sheldon, are in Brainerd Hospital, due to effects of flu, former relieved by Sister Carey, latter by Bro. Frey. Bro. Carlson is back after a tussle with the malady. Miss Black, second Eckelson, while down with it, was relieved by Miss Becker, who later relieved Bro. Schreiter, relieving Bro. Roy Myers at Valley, while his family was down with the flu. Sister E. D. Taylor, off on account of sickness, is at Logansport, Ind.

Don't forget to remit Bro. Hetzler at Delsem, N. D., that dollar for the Flower Fund, and report any sick cases to Bro. Dauphinais at Milwaukee.

Bro. Eddie Laidlaw has returned from Virginia, his only regret being that he did not go to France after eighteen months trying to get over. He claims Virginia hasn't anything on the weather we had in Dakota in January.

Sister Duffy, laid up with mumps two weeks, relieved by Bro. Jahnke, who later went to Lamoure.

Bro. Burton is second trick dispatcher on the branch.

Bro. Baker, relieving Bro. Jones at Caselton, was later relieved by Bro. McGoan, who also relieved Sister Lewis at Koldok when called to Grand Forks, on account of the death of her grandmother.

Bro. Martilla relieved at Oriska by Bro. Kratz a few days.

Send your items to Bro. Hetzler at Deisem, and he will see that I get them. The request to conserve on paper and space is still on, so make them brief.

I want to thank Bros. Matejcek and Mannes for the notes they sent.

CERT. 590.

#### STATEMENT WILD FLOWER AND CONTINGENT FUND.

##### Receipts.

Balance from Dec. 1917:

Certificate deposit.....	\$60.00
Cash checking fund.....	3.97

Total in bank and on de-	
posit from Dec. 1917....	\$63.97

Interest on certificate deposit	
\$60.00, Oct. 1917, to May	
1918 .....	1.80

Interest on certificate deposit	
\$75.00, May 1918, to Oct.	
1918 .....	2.25

Receipts on assessments, 1918	43.50
Sale of seniority lists.....	1.05

Total received and on	
hand .....	\$112.57

##### Disbursements.

Meeting Jamestown, May 19,	
1918, room.....	\$ 1.50

Stamps to secretary for 1918..	1.00
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Flowers check No. 1.....	3.35
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Flowers check No. 2.....	1.05
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Flowers check No. 3.....	1.30
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Flowers check No. 4.....	4.85
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Cash bill.....	5.55
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For flowers, total.....	\$16.10
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Total expenditures.....	
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Cash in bank Dec. 31, 1918..	\$18.97
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Certificate of deposit No.	
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3138 .....	75.00
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Total cash on hand Dec.	
31st .....	\$93.97

Total disbursements and	
cash .....	\$112.57

H. C. DAUPHINAIS, Sec.,  
2020 Front St.,  
Fargo, N. D.

Approved: M. L. HETZLER,  
Local Chairman,  
Deisem, N. D.

##### St. Paul Division—

We made wonderful progress during 1918, and are now practically solid from one end of the division to the other. The agent at Dayton, and Becker, several on the L. F. & D., have steadfastly refused to join, but all accepted the several raises provided by the supplements we have put through. Individual work should be put in force by more of us, as no one man can get all the changes on the division. Bros. Coates and Wipper, among those who joined the colors, have returned to duty, the latter to Elk River third.

Thanks to Bro. R. B. Foulkes for his assistance in this write-up. He deserves as much credit as myself for organizing the past year. He desires to thank the members at St. Anthony Park and Miss. St. for the beautiful floral offering sent to Mazomanie, Wis., owing to his father's death.

East Minneapolis nights abolished, Sister Edna Crum to days there. Mississippi St. fourth, held many years by Bro. Herberg, was abolished, and the towermen are now doing their own wire work, Bro. Pratt being obliged to bump in on the line. A new job at Maryland St., St. Paul, will probably soon be opened to handle the traffic over the "Soo Line" tracks from Gloster to Trout Brook Jct., the new yard at Mississippi St. being nearly completed.

Bro. Lapham relieved Bro. Foulkes at Mississippi St. a few days, owing to the death of his father.

Bro. Wells, second Minneapolis, relieved the dispatchers for their two days' off a month.

The "flu" during December, claimed three victims: Bro. B. O. Smith, East Minneapolis; Bro. Williams, Northtown, and Peters, of Villard.

The numerous calls for flowers responded to by lists sent over the division recently shows the need of a floral fund on the plan adopted by other divisions of remitting so much every six months, then when a call came for flowers for some sick or departed brother they could be sent out on the first train from some terminal point. Let me hear from you on this worthy subject.

Bro. Dodge and family spent several days in Mississippi recently.

Bro. Wells is again dispatching on the short line, Mr. Young, our chief, being on the

examining board, the car making its tri-yearly trip.

It is now Bros. G. H. Blackhurst, agent Grey Eagle, and Chas. Glantz, agent Glenwood.

Bro. J. H. Hardenbrook, second Little Falls, was relieved a few days by Bro. C. A. Anderson, of third Randall, while attending the funeral of his son.

CLYDE BARTEL, L. C.

#### *Lake Superior Division—*

The report of the general secretary and treasurer shows a net gain of forty-eight members on this division for the year 1918. There are not many nons left on this division. Let us organize them, and make it 100 per cent solid. You can easily find out where they are by writing the undersigned.

New seniority lists will not be issued until after schedule negotiations are concluded.

A. G. Dickinson, formerly first Pine City, has arrived in New York from France, and will soon be back with us soon. Bro. Ray Trueblood also reports that he expects to be back to work soon.

Bro. D. C. Gray, who relieved Agent Heim, New Duluth, while down with the "flu," also relieved Bro. W. D. O'Brien, similarly afflicted. Bro. Blomquist, laid up at Zebulon with the malady, says he wouldn't mind a mild relapse, as those dusky maidens are very attentive nurses.

Bro. William Maupin, agent Maple, was relieved on his honeymoon by Bro. Glum.

Our new brother, H. T. Olson, relieved Bro. D'Aoust, at Duluth, while he was in Brainard Hospital. Sister LaPole and Miss Florence Engren were also patients there recently.

Bro. Miller, Groningen, put an average of case of eggs a day on the market, during December.

Bro. Hallberg, agent McGregor, kept "Bachelor's Hall," while his wife visited friends in Wisconsin.

Bro. Trumer, second Cromwell, made several trips to Minneapolis recently.

J. S. SPURRIER, L. C.

#### *Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55. Toledo Division—*

Bro. Dennis, agent Monroeville, who lost out by B. & O. taking it over, bumped Bro. E. L. Ames for third Bellevue, threw it up and went to Bro. Tommie Horton, from Sherrodsville. Ames went to second Limestone, vice Bro. Herbert to third there, vice Bro. F. C. Ames, to third Homestead, vice Myers. Bro. Herbert taken down with the "flu," relieved by phoner Miss McIntyre, and Bro. F. C. Ames relieved by Bro. Lew Davis, on account of the death of his mother.

Bro. Gregory, third Huron south yard, closed, went to South Lorain, at Monroeville, when taken over by B. & O. went to

third Norwalk Yard while Jack Maloney helped out in dispatcher's office. Understand we are to get Monroeville operators' job back again. Somerdale second and third pulled off, phoner Miss Brumley to third Jewett.

Bro. Fulton went to Dillonvale dispatchers' office, Bro. Hanes lost Lodi agency when B. & O. took it jointly.

Kemery recently opened up as a "ham" factory by Miss Sell from Mogadore, and two girl students who later took second and third there. Miss Welch, who carries a card, and refused the Kemery job, relieved Bro. Schlegel, second Brewster Yard, on sick list; Bro. Griswold, who lost out when the P. R. R. took over Bowerston agency jointly, went to Canton Yard second, vice Bro. Smith to first Kemery.

Miss Kimball, the student from Jewett, is now on Limestone third.

We are having an awful epidemic of "foner" students on the east end. It seems as if all the brothers are turning them out; understand one old brother has recommended three of them to our chief dispatcher.

The East End dispatcher's phone and the East End message phone is busy from early in the evening up to midnight with silly talk, giggles, etc. I don't know what has come over the bunch down here.

"SHORTY."

#### *Cleveland Division—*

Bro. Morehouse, agent Moran, relieved several days by Relief Agent Foster, and Bro. Rector, "XN" General Office Cleveland, by McCreary, second Coal Docks, relieved by Toulon from Adena, who also relieved Bro. Dayton, third Coal Docks, several days, on account of the death of his sister.

CERT. 318.

#### *N. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 57. Chattanooga Division—*

Having been appointed correspondent for this division I want to have a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. Send me your items so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis not later than the 25th, in order to have them published in the following issue.

Second trick Dispatcher Bro. "Tom" Hale is off, owing to his wife's illness, Bro. Yarbrough relieving; Bro. T. L. Bingham, Bell Buckle, is also on the sick list.

Powder plant at Old Hickory shut down, causing several offices to be abolished.

Bro. Spencer, chief dispatcher's office, to third Tullahoma, vice Bro. Miller, to Fosterville nights, vice Bro. Stokes, to extra list.

General Chairman Hamilton has been to St. Louis recently in our interest. We feel proud to have a man like him to represent us.

Supplement 18 gives us a good increase.

Let's give the dispatchers all the assistance we can, making the work easier for them, and show by our co-operation that we appreciate it. Meantime, do your best to make the division solid. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and live up to it.

Send me one item each for next issue, and we will have better write-up. Let's make our division 100 per cent in THE TELEGRAPHER as elsewhere.

A. J. LANCE,  
Estill Springs, Tenn.

#### Huntsville Division—

Brothers, if you haven't paid your dues for 1919, let this be a gentle reminder to mail at once check to Bros. Rawlings and Hale to cover. The Order has toiled without ceasing for the past year before the Wage Boards for us, and got results. It has cost the organization an enormous amount of cash, and the percentage of our dues is nothing compared to the raise.

We now have the eight-hour, twenty-six-day month, time and a half for overtime, and a partial deliverance from U. S. mail carrying, if we can prove it burdensome, or a cause of neglect of our duties, and we came as near getting all our demands as any other railroad organization, for which our officers are all due a vote of thanks, and overwhelming re-election to their present positions.

Brothers, let's get after the few "nons" on this division and give them no rest until they join.

Send me all the news items you can. Ours is the largest in miles of all the divisions, scattered through the mountains of East Tennessee to the swamps of old Alabama. So it is impossible for me to get all the changes, etc., without your assistance.

Bro. Sparkman, "RD," and Bro. "Buck" Bruce, "VN," were off several days with the "flu," latter relieved by Bro. Rahm. Bro. W. C. Brown was also off a few days, relieved by Bro. Talley, and Bro. Smith, on account of the death of a relative, relieved by Nelly.

Bro. McAfee was in Morrison recently, attending the funeral of his aunt.

Bro. Herbert Sparkman is relieving Bro. Dibrell, agent Sparta, on ninety days' leave.

Bro. D. J. Sparkman, to operator-clerk Huntsville, relieved at Bon Air by Bro. Smith, later by Bro. Sherrell, formerly with "Uncle Sam," Bro. Smith returning to clerk, Doyle.

Bro. Ed Crabtree has also returned from military service to old place at Guntersville.

Sergeant "Bro." O. B. Hunter, honorably discharged from the Signal Corps, is back at Boaz as agent-operator. We are glad to welcome these soldier brothers home again.

Bro. W. F. Roberts, Eastland agency, succeeded by Clerk King, from Winchester.

Telephones superseding the "Morse" have been installed, Decherd to Hobbs Island.

Boys, don't forget to call and give me your notes before the 20th, as the local chairman says we must have a write-up every month, and don't forget to pay your dues at once.

"JACK," Cert. 229.

#### Louisville & Nashville R. R., Div. No. 58. L. C. & L. Division—

January 2nd we had an open session at the Victoria Hotel, Bro. C. B. Rawlins, grand secretary and treasurer, giving us about forty-five minutes talk for the good of the Order. General Chairman Bryant, General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Monneypenny, and others gave short talks. About thirty-five were present, and all enjoyed the meeting. We will have another one soon, and want all to come.

We will be glad to have another article from Sister Miss Edith Dizney, Corbin, Ky. Her last write-up was very interesting to us all and especially Bro. Morris, of Anchorage.

We mourn the loss of Bro. Chapman, of Verona, who died of pneumonia. Bro. Ragland, dispatcher, and Bro. Shirley, second "DX," purchased a beautiful floral design for the boys of this division to cover the casket, inscribed with the letters "O. R. T." Funeral services were held at Bethel, near Verona.

Local Chairman Renaver, "HK" Tower, slipped on an icy tie recently, falling and slightly fracturing his knee cap, which laid him up several days. This prevented him from getting over the division at present, but will get over the whole division shortly, accompanied by General Chairman Bryant. Bro. Renaker was recently appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Local Chairman Bro. Joe McCormick, of LaGrange, resigned.

Bro. Jenkins, second Verona, on sick list, Bro. Rankin, of Glencoe, relieving, also Bro. Griffith, second "FJ" Tower, Bro. Davis relieving.

Sister M. S. Merritt, first LaGrange, on sick list, relieved by Bro. W. R. Farris, of St. Mathews. Bro. E. W. Orr, first "HN" Tower, sick ten days with the "flu," Bro. Shooks relieving. Bro. Griffith, "TJ" Tower, and Bro. L. F. Orr, third "HN" Tower, sick two weeks with the disease. Bro. M. E. Cochran from dispatcher's, relieving latter. Bro. Chas. Reynolds, South End Latonia, also on sick list, Sister Ruttle, "NY" Division relieving.

Bro. Rankin, of Glencoe, is relieving Mrs. Maud Merritt on sixty days' leave.

Bro. E. W. Ragland, second trick dispatcher, visited Cincinnati recently, when he had his two days' rest.

We now have three trick copiers in dispatcher's office, Bro. Cochran first; Craignell second, and Calender, third, relieved on third Campelsburg by Bro. Ernest Minor.

We have a few nons left. Give them no rest boys, until they come in and help us make this division 100 per cent.

Have your 1919 card and button in sight for General Chairman Bryant and Local Chairman Renaker when they go over the line shortly.

CERT. 591.

*Mobile and New Orleans Division—*

December 4th a night meeting was held in New Orleans, Chairman Lowell presiding. Bro. Henely, "K" office, and Bro. Green, Gulfport, elected assistant chairmen. Bro. Mike, at "FX," elected secretary. About 2:15 a. m. Bro. Truxel remembered his mother-in-law was sick, and on account of the electric cars running only every hour after midnight, he invited us to take a spin in a Tin Lizzie. We all enjoyed the cool air after our refreshments. We hope the next meeting will find more of our brothers from the dry territory present.

Mrs. A. Laborde, widow of our deceased brother, wishes to express her thanks for the floral design, and the prompt payment of insurance.

Our local chairman reported sick with the "flu" a few nights ago, relieved by Bro. Cochran, Ocean Springs, who took it later. My advice to those who live in Alabama and Mississippi, take plenty of quinine. Bro. Laxton, second trick dispatcher, was also on the sick list a few days.

Sister Cunningham, back on third Biloxi, was relieved a few days by Sister Hemphill.

Bro. McDonald, Kreole, visited Mobile during the holidays.

Boys, remit your dues to Bro. H. Money-penny, Guthrie, Ky., at once, and get your due cards. Send your mutual benefit assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Send me all the news you can before the 20th of each month. This is our first write-up. Let's all stick together, and do the thing right in the future.

J. D. COOK, DIV. COR.,  
CERT. J134.

*Henderson Division—*

The victory gained by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers contained in Supplement 13, to general Order No. 27, is as great if not the greatest it has ever won, not exceeding the nine-hour law, which it fought so hard for and won years ago.

Our younger operators do not realize what has been accomplished by the Order. Picture yourself working twelve to eighteen hours per day, and doubling at same rate of pay just as long as you could possibly stay up, at a salary of \$35.00 per month.

The writer once worked sixty consecutive hours, salary \$40.00 per month on the Southern Railway.

I wish to thank our general committee for its splendid and untiring work the past year

just closed, for the entire Henderson Division.

Anyone who has not paid their dues, please rush them to Bro. Money-penny at once. No one under existing circumstances can afford not to pay up. Get behind our committee. It will win our fights if it has the proper support of the entire membership.

Bro. Money-penny has returned to work after about a month off helping with our agreement with the L. & N. The contract will soon be signed up.

Remember, we are still receiving applications for membership, so keep after any nons you hear of. Several returning from the army; we take their application, too, so go right after them. With back pay coming, we should get every non on the division.

Bro. Francis, Mortons, and Bro. Morrison, Pembroke, are off sick, also Bro. Hardin, Earlington, latter relieved by Miss Nance.

With sorrow, we learn of the death of Bro. John Larkin, Madisonville, who has been with us for many years, and by his kindness made many friends. We extend to his family and relatives, sincerest sympathy. The Order has lost a good member and the company a faithful employe.

With efforts from all members this division can be made 100 per cent; won't you help do it?

Mrs. B. M. Baker wishes to express her thanks to the members for their kindness during the illness and death of her husband, and the liberal floral offerings.

CERT. 835.

*M. S. Second Division—*

"Boys," we went over the top in our 1918 organizing efforts, on this division, and began the new year one hundred per cent O. R. T. Can any of you beat this?

Bros. W. E. Edmonds, second South Tunnel, and R. S., third Gallatin, are visiting their brothers in Indianapolis, relieved by Bros. Cron, and Galloway; Bro. Roney, Gallatin, off account sick, Bro. Hunter, relieving. Bro. J. P. Brown has returned to Memphis Jet., after gathering sassafras roots for the summer season; Bro. Deasy, Portland, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Short, and Bro. Brazzell, South Tunnel, three days owing to the illness and death of his sister, January 4th, Bro. Cron, relieving.

Bro. J. M. Johnson, accused of violating Rule "G," we hope will be reinstated. Bro. Ray Taylor, suspended, charged with sleeping on duty, has left the road.

The hours at Franklin, Ky., have been adjusted, and each man will work his eight hours in the future. The boys at Hendersonville, are still on nine hours, but are getting overtime.

Brothers, pay your dues promptly, January-June, 1919, and all who can do so for the full year, and get an annual, save time

and expense all around. I think we can well afford it since the issuance of Supplement No. 13.

CERT. 54.

*Kentucky Division—*

Bro. Maines, agent Silver Creek, was off a few days, relieved by Woodward, and Bro. H. B. Farris, first Richmond, by Bro. Col-  
Mns.

Bro. G. C. Maret, third Morningview, and wife, visited his father (Uncle Jack), at Fort Estill, during the holidays.

Bro. J. B. Proctor is back again after several days' attack of the "flu." His entire family were in bed at the same time with it, relieved by Bro. M. J. Hackney, later taken with it, relieved by Mrs. Dora Meacham. Bro. J. C. Cain, off several days with the same malady, relieved by Mrs. Daisy Dickerson, relieved later by Woodward.

Bro. LeRoy Cox was called to Hamilton, Ohio, owing to the serious illness of his brother.

Bro. Quisenberry on "JX" nights.

Supplement 13 gives us a good increase. Everybody pay dues promptly, and keep in good standing. The very few nons out have promised to join shortly.

CERT. 781.

*Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.*

*Appalachia Division—*

Bro. H. L. Culbertson, formerly from the Santa Fe, goes to third Speers Ferry; Bro. J. G. McCloud to second Albert Yards, and Bro. J. E. Metcalfe to "BR" Bristol Yard. C. A. Solomon, dispatcher on the "Black Satchel" for years, has retired and taken third Glenita. We welcome Bro. Paul Moore, from Knoxville Division, as third trick dispatcher at Big Stone Gap. Chief Dispatcher Bunch, ill with pneumonia, relieved by Train Master Lunsford.

Bro. H. T. Jayne, agent Clinchport, has resigned.

Bro. Tranthem, first Speers Ferry, was off several days, owing to sickness in his family, and Bro. Wagner, second there, has also been off several days. Bro. Hicks, second "BO" Appalachia has been relieving Bro. Counts, "FD" Big Stone Gap.

Bro. E. R. Lacey, now in Philadelphia, radio operator on the U. S. S. Kanawha, writes that he has just received his new O. R. T. card. We all hope he will soon be with us again.

Bro. Taylor Morrell, recently discharged from the army, is back at Elizabethton again.

CERT. 542.

*N. O. & N. E. R. R.—*

It's impossible to keep up with every change, they come so fast. We would like to have a good write-up each month. Send me items not later than the 15th.

Bro. Will Horne takes Picayune agency, vice Bro. L. C. Rawles, to ticket agent Hat-

tiesburg. The demobilizing of Camp Shelby troops has kept him busy.

Bro. H. C. Dearman, succeeded as relief agent by Mr. Woods.

Don't fail to remit the five dollars special assessment, as the committee work has been very heavy on account of the negotiations lasting a year. Many not being able to get vacations were paid instead. This year there will be no vacations with pay.

Remit your dues to the secretary, save him lots of work. It will save yourself trouble by getting an annual card instead of six months.

I gave up the local chairmanship, owing to the very limited support of the membership, and my other duties being entirely too heavy to devote the proper time to the organization. I am very grateful to the men for their hearty co-operation during the several years I held the office and shall always work for the upbuilding of our cause.

Ballots have been sent out to vote for local chairman, delegate and alternate to the St. Louis convention in May. It is the duty of each member to vote. We have better conditions and better salaries than we have ever received before, and it is important that we stay thoroughly organized. It saves your local chairman and general secretary-treasurer extra work when you keep up-to-date, and protects your dependent members at home.

Bro. "Bill" Reed has been doing extra dispatching for two months.

Bro. "Red" King, who went to New Orleans after being appointed local chairman never returned. He must have landed a good job there. Local Chairman Laughlin will be glad to help the boys in any way, and we should help them make the N. O. & N. E. 100 per cent strong.

The meeting at Hattiesburg the first Sunday in January, was attended by several members who discussed better conditions and more pay prior to the announcement of Supplement No. 13. We would like to have meetings of the membership at different places on the line each month and get better acquainted.

It is with deep regrets that we announce the death of the mother of Bro. Punch at Laurel, also the mother of Bro. Cooper of Barnett. We deeply sympathize with them in their great loss.

Help to have a good write-up each month by sending all the news items you can to the undersigned, who has been appointed correspondent for the Northeastern.

M. V. HICKMAN.

*N. O. & N. E. Ry. Notes—*

Bro. Grayson, first Picayune, called on the boys at "JC" Meridian, recently. Bro. Swor, manager "JC," while visiting home folks a few days, was relieved by Bro. E.

B. Alexander from Division 71, who later bid in second "SU" Hattiesburg dispatcher office. Bro. Stewart, "JC" Meridian, was called to New Orleans on account of sickness, causing the boys at "JC" to double.

Bro. Laughlen was appointed local chairman for this division, vice Bro. Love. Let us give him our loyal support in trying to keep our division one hundred per cent.

"AX," CERT. 1171, Div. 71.

#### A. T. & S. F. Ry., Div. No. 61.

##### *Eastern Division—*

General Chairman Currie held an interesting meeting in General Secretary and Treasurer Patton's office recently, many important subjects being discussed. They also transacted other important business while in Emporia. Hours of service for telegraphers on this division have been reduced to eight hours a day as a result of Bro. Currie's visit.

Saturday evening, January 4th, General Secretary and Treasurer Patton held another meeting, when the new wage award was discussed, each member present being given a copy. We extend our hearty thanks to all those who helped to make this award possible.

Bro. Howard J. Salmon, transferred to "NR," succeeded by Bro. Charles L. Cross, from Burlingame at "YD" Emporia. Bro. R. C. Nicholson, of "NR," bid in extra 87 job.

We are all glad to see Local Chairman Nelson, who had a severe attack of the "flu," is up and around again,

CERT. 197.

##### *Illinois Division—*

Bro. A. M. Helmer, Chillicothe, spent New Year's with his parents at Smithshire, and Bro. Foster, manager "MQ" Marceline, spent his with his sister, Mrs. L. C. Gibbs, in Chillicothe, calling on the boys in "HI," while there.

It is now Bro. Arthur Thontlin making Mazon 100 per cent.

Bro. R. H. Davies, first Mazon, who visited the boys in "HI" last week, relieved first trick dispatcher Balls at Pequot ten days, laid up with the "flu."

Bro. J. H. Carter, lineman Joliet, called to Kansas City by the death of his grandmother, was relieved by Bro. Harrington, Division No. 53, now at Great Bend, Kans.

Bro. C. L. Decker, relief agent, took Stronghurst agency, vice Bro. C. L. Hyatt to Pontusaac agency.

It is now Sister Norma Mette, second at Williamsfield, relieving Operator Tate, also Bro. P. T. Moran, agent Coal City, and Philip Lindquist, third Joliet.

The Pekin Branch is solid with exception of Roanoke, and one operator at Morton. Remember, brothers: "No card, no favors."

Bro. "Chet" Birdsall, Galesburg, is a newlywed. Congratulations!

CERT. 612.

##### *Northern Division—*

New members: M. C. Little, Sanger; O. R. Hunt, Joshua; H. G. Yeager, Ladonia; W. N. Hill, Gulf Jct.; Miss M. E. Sears, Bermyn; J. A. Petty, Ardmore; Ernest Telleson, Marietta; G. G. Liser, Wolfe City, and R. G. Hurd, Crowley, Tex. Let's keep the good work going until the goal of 100 per cent membership is reached.

The initiation fee varies according to the month in which initiated, including O. R. T. dues until June 30th or December 31st, \$5.50, and \$1 application to Mutual Benefit Department. Thus the amount necessary to join in February is \$10.08, and in March \$9.16, etc. The dues are \$5.50 semi-annually. Insurance rates are separate and distinct from the dues and vary with the amount of insurance taken. You will be notified by general secretary and treasurer of this division when to pay the division (O. R. T.) dues, and by the grand secretary and treasurer at St. Louis when to pay insurance.

Do not fail to keep in good standing at all times. If you have neglected to pay your dues, do not delay longer, but remit direct to Bro. J. S. Patton, Room 14, Kress Bldg., Emporia, Kans.

If you have reason to believe your salary or assigned hours do not conform to Supplement 13 take it up with your local chairman. He will be glad to handle any grievances you may have.

Bro. R. E. Stafford has gone to Mt. Pleasant, relieved on third "RI" by Bro. Puddy.

Bro. Ernest Telleson, recently released from military service, has returned to "BR," displacing Bro. Hildebrand, who takes third "SG."

Bro. C. P. Rahe spent the holidays in Brownwood, relieved by Bro. Allen.

Bro. L. R. Mitchell, displaced as agent "CM," on account of unification, took first "SY," vice Bro. Jones, to second "FT."

Bro. W. L. Ansohn has resigned and gone "back to farm" in South Texas. We all miss him, but wish him success.

Bro. Ruyle, a new man is on third "AU." The Order secured something good in Supplement 13, now let's get in the few nons left, give them no rest until they join.

Bro. Neal is back on first "AU," after several months' work as extra dispatcher at Beaumont, relieved meanwhile by Bro. Petty.

Bro. W. R. Coates, of Ladonia, was a recent Cleburne visitor.

Bro. C. W. Donaho, first "DY," was

lieved a few days by Bro. J. K. Bushy, owing to sickness in his family.

"SY" three tricks abolished and Bro. Leeman has it all to himself from 5:30 p. m. to 2:30 a. m. F. D. Hall has the one trick job created at "SK" North Ft. Worth. Three trick station established at "G" Gainesville.

All on this division are now working on eight-hour basis with working conditions 50 per cent better than before we organized. The increase is now a reality and we should renew our efforts to make this division 100 per cent by keeping after the nons until every one is landed.

Since sending out my circular letter I learn that a relay operator cannot serve as local chairman for men on the line; therefore, I cannot accept the nomination for that office on this division. Men on the line must select a chairman from the linemen and the relay department will have a local chairman representing only the men under the supervision of the superintendent of telegraph.

Bro. W. F. Bogie, third East Dallas, has been nominated for local chairman of this division and delegate to the Grand Division, and I recommend him for both offices. He has taken a very active interest in the Order since this division was organized and given me every assistance possible. He will make a very able local chairman, and you will make no mistake in voting for him.

Bro. Braun, who was called to a meeting of the general chairmen at Washington, January 4th, later advised that the Reduced General Committee would meet the management on Monday, January 27th to complete our contract.

Bro. C. H. Folliard visited friends in Brownwood recently.

Bro. Wayne H. Yoder and T. W. Johnson, have been released from the army. The former will shortly return to Dallas. The latter was formerly at Dougherty.

B. S. BURKS, L. C.

#### *Plains Division—*

Bro. E. R. Johnson, Canadian Yard, on thirty-day leave, relieved by Bro. M. C. Stark, of Woodward Tower, and he by Bro. Mosley, just returned from the army. Bro. Reynolds has returned to Woodward Tower after a several weeks' vacation, and Bro. Jenkins to Texico.

Keep after the few nons at Higgins, Gage, White Deer and Glazier. "No card, no favors."

Bro. H. C. Craig, of Mendota, is on the sick list, and Bro. D. A. Wynn is relieving W. G. Lenderson, again laid up with his eye in Topeka Hospital. Sister Lawrence relieved Bro. Wynn at Panhandle, who went to "BR," owing to the sickness of force there. Bro. Sharman, Panhandle, has returned to work after an attack of the "flu."

The entire force at Miami, Texas, were quarantined recently, on account of the malady. Bros. Fulton, Faring, and Mrs. Ellis being down with it.

Bro. W. E. Phillips relieved third Canadian Yard, Bro. H. L. Hurd called home on account of the illness of his brother and sister.

Bro. H. E. McAuley, Amarillo, spent the holidays with relatives and friends at Fargo and Woodward.

Sister Halifax to Hemau from vacation, relieved by Sister Virginia Laudermech.

The largest part of the agents on this division already belong. The Order has presented a contract to the American Railway Express Co., asking for agents handling express 15 per cent of the total earnings. Let's all keep after the nons, agents as well as the operators and make this a 100 per cent division.

Members who fail to renew their card before February 28th, will be dropped from the benefits of the Order. Therefore, everyone should renew their cards at once.

Bro. F. L. Pettus, Canadian Passenger Station, has returned from Lincoln, Neb., where he was called on account of death of his father.

As this is my first attempt at this kind of work, will appreciate the assistance of everyone in gathering the news. Please send to agent Qinlan, Okla.

Thanks to Bro. Keffer for assistance in collecting these items.

CERT. 448.

#### *Arizona Division—*

Didn't have any write-up last month, wife and baby sick, didn't have time. Hope you all had a merry Christmas, and will have a happy New Year. Saw President Currie on No. 2 January 2nd, with Local Chairman Pierce, of San Berdo, formerly on this division, going to Chicago to get our schedule. Very much pleased the way the men and women joined the Order on this division.

Operator Jackson, just out of army, who relieved Sumner at Yampai, under a flag and a non, will soon be a brother.

Sister Chanda, Truxton, to Franconia; Sister Inman back on third Yucca, vice Bro. Lewis, who relieved Bro. Barton at Bagdad, a few days, then went to Drake.

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Agent Bro. John Dunlap, of Cadiz, in Los Angeles Hospital, of pneumonia. Bro. Dunlap was liked by everyone who knew him. Also sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Myers' wife from the effects of the "flu." We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families, especially, to Bro. Myers, who was very low with the same dread disease, but is now convalescing.

Bro. Hinkle, who lost his happy home in Amboy when it was made a sixteen-hour

job, relieved Bro. Agent Hoxie, at Searchlight.

Bro. Anderson is back on third Newberry after a long vacation.

I get plenty of news from the first district, but the gang on this side seem to have writers' cramp. Brothers and sisters, I cannot get the news unless you help me. Nearly all offices are now eight-hour jobs. This either puts an extra man on the twelve-hour jobs or cuts the hours down.

Glad to hear that Sister Lewis is improving after several months' illness.

Bro. Griggs, off six days to Los Angeles, relieved by Bro. Doty and doubled by Bros. Behrons and Tryon. He passed around the cigars on his return, and had the necessary credentials to back it up. Congratulations from all.

Operator doubled Agent Bro. Morgan's work, while he was ill, assisted by Bros. Moyer and Barton. No relief in sight.

Bro. Moyer, Bagdad, called to bedside of his sister Alice in Riverside, who is not expected to live.

"M," "BD."

#### *Prescott and Phoenix Lines—*

Operator Holly back at "BG," having been discharged from the army, has been furnished a set of blanks upon his own request. Sister Green, whom he displaced, is back home in Glendale awaiting further extra work.

Bro. Kaut, "PO" first, relieved several weeks by McCord. Bro. Edwards, "X" Phoenix, relieved by Clerk McMullen several weeks, off with the "flu."

Local Chairman was off a few days to attend meeting held by General Chairman Bro. Currie in San Bernardino, and later to Chicago, to be present at meeting with Federal Manager Storey in connection with our proposed schedule. Relieved by Brakeman Hays on both occasions.

Bro. Dodge, Clarkdale, was furnished three sets of blanks to be filled out by operators on the V. T. S. "BR" is on the job for the best interests of the Order, and would like to see every other member taking the same interest.

We have fallen below the 100 per cent mark, owing to the two or three new operators on the division. Every one of them will have a nice little sum coming from back pay, and we must see that they spend a small portion of it and get an up-to-date. I appeal to every member to begin work on them at once and never let up until they are landed.

Bro. Smith, in Pine Lawn Sanatorium for six weeks, suffering from the "flu," reports that he is steadily improving, and expects to go back to work in a few days.

Let every one of us get our dues in early, and don't take any chances on being sus-

pended. We have accomplished a great many things since we have been organized. We must consider that we are a very young organization on the Santa Fe and we will continue our accomplishments as long as we remain organized and stick together.

"O."

#### *Los Angeles Division—*

Well, everybody seems to be grateful for Supplement 13 and to realize that the O. R. T. got it for them. This division is coming through for new cards and, better yet, the nons are coming in fast. Our schedule is coming, too. No doubt about it. Keep after the "slacking few" though and let's make "men" out of them.

Local Chairman Pierce, relieved by Bro. E. Abbott, called to Chicago in regard to presenting schedule to Santa Fe management. Indications of an early and satisfactory ending to our troubles in this regard.

The lady operators are nearly all going to be, in the words of the novelist, "always a sister to us."

Managers, wire chiefs and agents have profited by the O. R. T. and should not be a dead weight to the progress of their craft.

Apologies for absence of notes from this division last month—"flu." It has just about gone the rounds on this division and is, now disappearing. Everybody had enough.

Bro. McAlpine relieved several days at Helendale by Kemper recently recovered from it.

Sisters Cox and Mize at Wild and Miss Russell, who had it, have gone to Mexico.

An ex-chief dispatcher on the South End forgets that it's "not what you have been, but what you are now," and can't associate with mere operators. "No cards, no favors." Hankinson, Oceanside, also a target.

Bro. McDonald relieved Bro. Pearson three weeks and Bro. Phegley from Richfield relieved Bro. Stanfield at Hicks a few days on sick list.

Want to thank Oceanside and Hicks for notes sent this month. Someone at each station send the local news to me at San Bernardino before the 20th of each month. It will be appreciated.

"A," Cert. 954.

#### *Albuquerque Division—*

Sister Edith Erwin relieved Bro. Badger on first Seligman for a short vacation to "Frisco." On his return went to third Pinta, vice Bro. Williams to Winslow; Bro. F. G. Topp, third Seligman, on a visit to California, relieved by Bro. W. R. Gasch from the Burlington, who later returned to California probably not liking our Mexican canaries and sagebrush.

C. M. Scott, formerly operator and "87" man, is now dispatching trains in Winslow.

Bro. Devore, former local chairman on this division, is now with the El Paso Southwestern at Douglas, Ariz.

Bro. Sorenson, Winslow relay third, and Bro. Hebert, Dalies, N. M., third, have traded jobs.

H. W. Carroll, former manager "AU" Gallup, writes Bro. Snyder, manager Seligman, that both he and J. W. Taylor, in the Government relay office at Tours, France, are anxiously awaiting orders to start home.

Bro. J. C. High has returned from a trip through the far east and west.

L. F. Tyler, relief agent, is now clerk for a cattle company out from Seligman.

Bro. Caldwell, Winslow relay, was bitten recently by a dog. The superintendent of the Board of Health give the dog's head to the Pasteur Institute for a rabies test. Bro. Caldwell may have to go to the institute himself.

The boys on the Valley Division are holding frequent meetings. Let us do likewise to keep up our enthusiasm. Keep after the nons just as we did at first and don't let them rest until they can show you an up-to-date. Impress it upon them that there would have never been such a thing as Supplement "f3" to General Order No. 27 if it hadn't been for our Order and the unrelenting work of our president and general committee.

There were plenty of operators on the four troop trains returning to California recently. Operators are not in such a demand as they were a few months ago. The commercial offices are overrun with them in San Francisco and they will be coming out here for jobs as soon as they see what the "O. R. T." has done, so it behooves us all to do our best to keep business moving. I sent a circular letter to a few offices asking all to help me to have a good write-up every month; to let other divisions know what we are doing. Please get some notes here not later than the 18th of each month as I must have them in St. Louis by the 25th.

M. S. BADGER, Div. Cor.  
Seligman, Arizona. Cert. 3501.

#### *Valley Division, Coast Lines—*

I have been appointed correspondent for this division by Local Chairman Chenoweth. Kindly mail me all the notes and happenings of interest as near to the 15th of each month as possible, so I may compile them and get them in before the 25th.

Bro. McMillan, "RH" Ferry Point (closed), is now first trick operator and relief boat dispatcher at China Basin, he working twelve hours and Bro. Spring comes on at noon and works nine hours when the boat dispatchers take their two days off each month.

Operator Vaughn, 18th Engineers, in France for some time, writes that he expects to soon be back and take up his old trick again at China Basin.

Bro. Hutchinson at San Pablo has recovered from the "flu." We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Chas. Moore, who lost his wife recently with the influenza. He is now with the Standard Oil Company at San Pablo, but was one of the first men on the division to sign up in the O. R. T.

Bro. Fuller is back at Pinole after a tussle with the malady.

Bro. Rice, relief agent, is in Los Angeles recuperating from a week's siege with the "flu."

Bro. Murray, agent Pittsburg, has recovered from an attack of the malady. Bro. Costa had the works all to himself several days, both helpers being down at the same time Bro. Murray had it. Bro. Costa's wife also had the disease and Sister Page, Antioch, is having a hard struggle with it.

Bro. Miller, Bay Point, has gone back to his home in Colorado, on the "Santa Fe," succeeded by Bro. Jamieson and he by Bro. Gandy on second. Second Glen Frazer taken off, Sister Stoffers going on her vacation. Staff system superseded by block system through tunnel, Bro. Tinkham, agent Christie, losing both his operators for train service. He now works second trick, going on duty at 4:30 p. m., so there would be an operator at Christie when Glen Frazer closed. Bro. Sisson, formerly second, on vacation, and Bro. LeTour to Kismet, now a continuous office.

Bros. Marley, Wristen and Pebbley have taken the newly created telegraph positions at Oakley, Knightsen and Escalon.

Local Chairman Chenoweth recently received the applications of Matchin, Exeter; Shavir, Seville; Elliget, Corcoran; Pebbley, Escalon, and all the towermen at both Stockton and Hanford. Geo. A. Lewis, formerly at Visalia, now with the signal corps in France, has also sent his application to Bro. Chenoweth. Every member on the division has a list of the remaining nons. Keep after them until we make the division 100 per cent solid.

Mrs. H. A. Sutor wishes to thank us for the beautiful floral piece showing our respect and sympathy for Bro. Sutor, agent Winton, who died from influenza. The floral piece was bought out of the floral fund, organized by Local Chairman Chenoweth and liberally subscribed to by all the members on the division.

Bro. Bierschwal has recovered and Bro. Pebbley at Escalon is convalescing, relieved by Jewett from Laton. Bro. Crosby, agent Reddy, is down with the disease.

Assistant Local Chairman Tinkham, transferred to Christie, relieved at Denair by Bro. Henderson.

Passenger service between Cutler and Porterville abolished. Only one freight daily is run now. Agencies between Seville and Porterville.

terville, inclusive, have been made one-man jobs, displacing the operator at Lindsay.

Bro. Gene Walker has returned to Corcoran after a visit in L. A.

Sister Stoffer is relieving Bro. Conley at Hanford, on sick list.

It is now Bro. Elliget, agent at Corcoran. Bro. Young, who has been relieving there, is now at Pinole.

We are all trying hard to elect Bro. Chenoweth a member of the new safety committee.

General Secretary and Treasurer Patton has written Bro. Richey, lineman at Bakersfield, that he is trying to get an amendment to the by-laws to have one of their craft elected local chairman to represent them in all conferences, meetings, etc. Our Order represents the linemen no matter what class of work they perform.

Bro. Kelly is back on third at Wasco after a two weeks' lay-off.

Bro. Conklin, Bakersfield, passed the cigars recently, celebrating the arrival of a ten-pound boy. Bro. Richey, Bakersfield, motored to Los Angeles with his family and spent a joyous holiday with relatives. Bro. Miller, manager "BF," and wife went to Los Angeles to do some Xmas shopping.

F. L. GREEN, Cert. 64,  
Orwood.

**"Queen & Crescent" (North), Div. No. 62.  
C. N. O. T. P. Ry., Second District—**

General Chairman Anderson is in New Orleans looking after our interest and lining up the nons.

Understand some of the "old heads," who will soon have their jobs cut out on account of the extension of double track, are agitating a ten-year rolling clause to be incorporated in our next contract, and have taken it up with the "Sand House" committee. Personally, I am against such a clause. I have been in the service more than ten years and I believe such a clause would weaken our membership. We are almost solid now; let's do our best to keep it so, and make it 100 per cent.

It is now Bro. Hines, first trick dispatcher, and Bro. Eastham, second Lancing. Bro. Polston, "D" Danville, is on vacation. Bro. Volles transferred to third Helenwood; Bro. Paggett, third Boyce, to Chattanooga, and Bro. Griffis, first Nicholasville, to first Lexington.

Bros. Walker and "Cody Bill" Lancing are on sick report.

No notes from the Third District.  
J. C. MADDEN, Cert. 88,  
Div. Cor.

**Alabama Great Southern R. R. Division—**

There was an enthusiastic gathering at Birmingham, Ala., January 5th of the members from the various roads entering that city, without regard to the divisions. A most

delightful time was had, many meeting friends they had not seen in years. This "get-together" meeting was so successful that officers were elected and it was arranged to hold them twice monthly, the first Sunday, in evening, for the first and second trick operators, and the third Sunday, in the afternoons, for the third trick operators. Talk it up, boys.

Bro. Odie Cathy of Epes, Ala., is quite ill with the "flu," Bro. Gray relieving. Bro. Raymond Hylton of third there is in Birmingham hospital for an operation on his tonsils. Bro. Brantly at "BG" is also on sick list.

Bro. A. C. St. John to second Akron, Ala., and Bro. Cochran promoted from first to agent at Woodstock, Ala.

Now, boys, for a long, steady pull after the few nons, and above all, let's remit our dues promptly.

CERT. 974

**A. & W. P. & W. of Ala., Div. No. 63.**

We are at last on the right road and are going to work hard to keep traveling forward.

In our newly organized division let's all forget our past petty differences, pull together and make this one of the strongest and best organized divisions in our grand old organization. Slight differences of opinion have nothing to do whatever with the labor question. Our object is the uplift of the craft and it quite often happens that the individual must sacrifice for the benefit of the mass. Let's show just how unselfish we can be. Don't allow anyone to speak disrespectfully of the Order and pass it by, but bring such matters to the attention of your general chairman. There is nothing which tends to breed discontent and discouragement and discredit a worthy cause any more than disrespectful language regarding any of our brother members or our craft. Wear your button and if you are a member of the "O. R. T." say so at every opportunity.

The increase granted by the wage board is the best ever received on these roads and with a live organization we feel we can look forward toward far better things. The eight-hour day is now ours—something we have been striving for for a long time.

We still have a few nons left, so let's every one, get busy and make it 100 per cent. The prizes given by the Order for securing new members are worth while and with a little effort you should be able to win one.

Our new rates, effective January 1st, are \$6.00 semi-annually, or you may remit \$12.00, paying for the entire year, and secure an annual card which I requested you to do when possible, as it saves our Grand Secretary and Treasurer, as well as your local secretary, a lot of work.

Our rate for new members, which includes dues to the end of the current period, is as follows: January and July, \$13.00; February and August, \$12.00; March and September, \$11.00; April and October, \$10.00; May and November, \$9.00; June and December, \$8.00.

All dues and applications should be sent direct to me, and all Mutual Benefit Department assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

Your dues *must* be paid by February 28th to keep you in good standing, thereby protecting your beneficiary. Remember, promptness in paying your dues secures your card quicker.

It is with a feeling of profound sorrow that I write of the death of the wife of Bro. Zachry, White Hall, and the wife of Chief Dispatcher Cooper. Both have the deepest sympathy of the entire division in their sad hour of bereavement.

Relief Agent Bro. Brewer recently relieved Bro. Lowry, Notasulga, who had the "flu," and Bro. Couch, Newnan, off with a broken arm.

Bro. Chandler, Palmetto, was married recently. We wish the newlyweds many years of happiness.

Bro. T. M. Hudson writes from France that he is in the best of health and enjoying life. He keeps his card up-to-date. Any one desiring to write him, address Corp. Thos. M. Hudson, Co. A, 106th Field Signal Battalion, P. O. 827, A. E. F., France.

No notes from any of the brothers this time. There is no monopoly on this write-up stuff. Every member should carry a little note book, and when they see or hear anything of interest, jot it down and send to me not later than the 20th of the month so I can get it to St. Louis before the 25th.

J. A. KIRKLAND, G. S. & T.

#### Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 70.

##### Havre Division—

We held a very enthusiastic meeting at Park Hotel, Great Falls, on the night of December 29th, attended by about thirty members from this division and several from Butte Division.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Chairman McFadden, who explained in detail what had been delaying our schedule negotiations. The meeting developed into a general discussion of ways and means to better our organization, and suggestions were made which, if carried out, will be beneficial to all. It was the best meeting we have ever held, and as the agents' association meets every three months, we expect to hold an O. R. T. meeting at the same time and oftener if we can get the chance.

Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 is a lot better than we ever had before,

thanks to the Grand Old Order and splendid work of our president and the general chairmen of the different roads for the increase.

New members: Agent T. H. Brennan, and Operator George Brennan, Joplin, and Agent Trumbull, Lothair, leaving only about four nons on the whole division. Give them no rest until they join.

Bro. McFadden went to St. Paul, Jan. 16, for final schedule work. Remember, that the only way to make a schedule work as it is intended, is to back it with a solid membership. Do not stop by merely paying your own dues, but see that all your neighbors keep "up-to-date" also.

No notes received, so remember, No notes, no write-up, and "No card, no favors."

W RAY WALKER,

#### Montana Division—

On my recent trip over division I secured eleven applications and promises of several more. It is very gratifying to see the number of solid offices on main line and branches, only two or three not yet lined up.

New members: Bros. W. F. Williams, Corbin, Mont.; H. D. Scott, Buford, N. D.; J. F. Haun, Scobey; C. R. Nance, Redstone; Gilbert Rogney, Froid; A. A. Enfield, Homestead; J. J. Jern, McCabe; H. M. Priest, Nashua; Sisters Miss R. Richardson, Bainville; Clara Nelson, Dodson, and Mrs. M. E. Thompson, Nashua.

Bro. C. F. Huppe, Lohman, has resigned, and is now in a law office at Chinook with an up-to-date in his possession and will welcome visiting members.

Mrs. J. F. Haun, wife of Bro. Haun, Scobey, is convalescent after a serious attack of influenza.

Bro. D. M. Hemmisch, agent Oswego, resigned, expects to go to the Soo Line as relief agent. We wish him success. He is an earnest worker and we will miss him.

Bro. Schilling, agent Bainville, has been obliged to cover the Western Union Telegraph job on account of no Morse operators.

Send any news you can to Bro. McClung, at Watford, for the write-up.

Machgan, at Harlem, is the only telegrapher on the division not a member.

We are not in the organization to benefit the individual. The motto of all labor organizations is "*The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number.*" By working for the class as a whole, the individual is benefited.

*Back your committee every time*, otherwise you are wasting time and money.

Bro. Sam Clark, Chinook, and Bro. H. W. Platts, Vandalia, appointed assistant local chairman third and second districts, respectively, owing to the resignations of Bros. Huppe and Hemmisch.

We have reason to feel thankful when we compare our present salaries with what we

received a few years back. We all realize that it is through our united efforts only that we received the increases, and only in the same manner will we be able to get anything in the future or stave off disaster in the way of reductions.

When I was appointed local chairman in March, 1918, there were but 52 members on the division. With the aid of Bros. Mueller, Simons, Huppe, Leach, Hemmisch and Platts, who have acted as assistants on their respective districts, we now have 110, and more coming in every month. I hope to see it near the 100 per cent mark soon.

The ballots are out for the election of local chairman for the ensuing year and delegate to the convention at St. Louis in May. If I am re-elected I will give you the same class of service I have in the past—the best I know how. If my efforts in your behalf have not been satisfactory, it is not because I have not tried, but rather that the job was beyond my limitations. I hope to represent you at the convention, but that is a matter for you to decide.

I wish to thank you for your hearty support and encouragement in the past year, and trust we can continue the same pleasant relations throughout many years to come. With best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
H. E. Wilcox, L. C.

#### *Montana Division Notes—*

New members: Miss Clara Nelson, Miss Louise Lauer, J. J. Jern, A. A. Enfield, C. R. Nance, J. F. Haun.

Bros. C. J. and A. H. McClure, Culbertson, have gone to the coast country. Our good wishes go with them.

Bro. Palmer, first Culbertson, resigned, succeeded by Bro. H. E. Wilcox, Lambert being made a one-man station. Bro. L. J. deLorimer, relieved as agent Lambert on account of not being an operator, has gone to Havre.

Bro. J. S. Leach returned from Missouri with a brand new wife to second Snowden, where he has plenty of time to do the chores and trap the wily coyote along with that other mighty trapper, Bro. F. W. Mueller.

All the offices on this division are solid except Poplar, which so far has failed to reply to letters or listen to O. R. T. talk. Harlem is represented with from one to three members.

The agents at Mondak and Zurich are still considering.

The agent at Trenton still refuses to come in, and has everything to say except a good word for the O. R. T.

Gibbons, at Reserve, and White, at Plentywood, are the only agents on the Bainville branch who have not come in.

Our organization now has over sixty-seven thousand members in the United States and

Canada, the greatest number in its history. When you receive your back pay checks under Supplement 13, remember, too, that the credit therefor is due to the O. R. T., and none other.

When through with your journal send it to some non member.

Don't allow yourself to become delinquent nor anyone in the office with you, if you can prevent.

Div. COR.

#### *Second District—*

Sister Anderson, second Hinsdale, spent the holidays at Alexandria, Minn., relieved by Mrs. Johnson, and Sister Annie Reid, second Saco, with her folks at Vandalia, relieved by Bro. Roterling.

Sister Doane is now on third Hinsdale, and Faust on third phone job at Wolf Point.

Bro. Kroft and wife, second and third Tampico, have returned after several weeks' visit to relatives in Indiana.

Sister Doane, third Hinsdale, called to St. Paul on business, relieved by Bro. Anderson.

Bro. Scott is relieving Sister Richardson, Bamville, off with a sprained ankle.

It is now Sister Lauer, at Snowden. Wedding bells will soon ring when we will lose a good sister, but "Billy" will get a good wife.

H. W. PLATTE, A. L. C.

#### *Butte Division—*

Both the "flu" and "non" situation is much improved on this division. Always keep the slogan, "No card, no favors," before you and when a non asks you for something, tell him to get in line, and pay you for what you have already given him.

Bro. Kemp, at Spion Kop, is off on sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.

One operator's position has been pulled off at Woodville, Mountain Jct., Clancy, Cascade, Portal and Amazon Tunnel.

Have you got a 1919 card?

Cert. No. 197.

#### *Kalispell Division—*

Yours truly is enjoying a three weeks' vacation, under quarantine, for a light case of varioloid, and unable to get the different changes and moves you brothers and sisters are making.

If you have not paid your dues, please remit at once. The treasury needs it. Division 70 has spent a great deal of money during the past seven months to increase the size of your pay check.

If there is a non at your station, or near you, give him no rest until you line him up. Send me the names of any in your vicinity, and remember our slogan, "No card, no favors." Ask all newcomers to show their card.

Would be glad to hear from any member who has not received his insurance policy.

**Relief Agent Bro.** Cole is acting agent at Browning, vice Bro. Acton, on sick list.

C. R. Bowman, L. C.

#### Cascade Division—

At the last joint meeting in Seattle, a committee consisting of Bros. Schreiber and McGuire, was appointed to "start" a telegraphers' club in Seattle.

Bro. Firkins recently enlisted in the Signal Corps and departed for Petersburg, Alaska, where he will have a combination of wireless, cable and "Mawrus" to putter with.

Bro. Berg, agent Burlington, is on thirty days' leave, Bro. Tillman acting agent and Sister Hollinshead working first.

Bros. James and Wilson, Delta Wye, were off a few days recently, relieved by Davies, a new man.

Sister Hudspeth, second Skykomish, visited home folks at Everett recently.

Sister Bachelor, agent Chiwaukum, and Bro. Ed. Reed, first Gold Bar, relieved a few days by Bro. Van Dyke, after relieving Bro. Miller on third Burlington.

It is now Bros. Welch and Bradley, "CD," making that office solid with the exception of the manager. Bro. Welch, off sick a few days, relieved by Gould from the army.

At the time the armistice was signed we had twenty-seven men from this division in the service of "Uncle Sam." A majority of them were drafted or enlisted before we were reorganized and are not members, so it behooves us to see that every one is lined up promptly on his return, else we will fall down on our present high percentage.

Bro. Johnson advises as soon as the schedule is completed he will be with us and will arrange for another meeting.

"SI," CERT. 482.

#### Willmar Division—

Having been appointed division correspondent, we will do our best to have a write-up every month hereafter. The scribe, D. I. Taylor, transferred from Division 93, is now on second Willmar "WD." Remember me, boys, with your news items so we can have this division represented each month.

Bro. Wm. J. Nadeau, in an officers' training camp since last May, has returned and taken Murdock agency.

New members on Main Line: Jas. Boyle, Kandiyohi; O. E. Larson, Grove City; E. B. McCannon, Darwin; Leonard Paul and Allen Alexander, Dassel; A. P. Olson, Guelph; Wm. Boyle, Johnson; Edwards, Chokio; Phillips, Ellendale; B. Hanscom, Pennock; Phil. Whittaker, Litchfield, and Jack Waldowsky, Rutland. If any nons working with you, make them line up. Let's have a 100 per cent division.

A lot of girl operators have been relieved on account of old timers coming back. Miss Coppersmith, at Dassel, is the only one left on the division, who bumped Bro. Paul.

Bro. C. H. Hanscom, promoted to dispatcher, is working second trick on West End. Give him good service and help him make a success out of it.

We are about 90 per cent now on this division.

Bro. Samuelson, Appleton, and Bro. Olson, Guelph, were off ten days with the "flu."

Bro. Bettger, second at Morris, off with smallpox, relieved by Bro. Schold, late of the U. S. Army.

Bro. Bryan, first "W" Willmar, bumped by King, whose trick dispatching on the branches has been taken off.

It is now Bros. Brown, Donnelly; Yantes, Delano; Vogel, Lidgerwood; Ulrickson, Lidgerwood; Brock, Smith Lake, and Ellwanger, Tintah.

Our General Chairman Johnson and General Secretary and Treasurer Olsen have now consolidated their offices and are nicely located in the Shubert Building at St. Paul.

We now have over 40 miles of double track on the main line of this division. Understand work will be rushed until the entire division—214 miles—will be double-tracked.

"DA," CERT. 1561.

#### Spokane Division, First District—

Bro. Hanson, relieved by Sister Fisher to go to St. Paul, where he buried his brother, a victim of the "flu," was stricken with the same disease almost immediately upon his return to Dean, and died a few days later. Mrs. Hanson is convalescing.

Bro. Averill, with the colors several months, is back on second Harrington, Second District.

Sister Fisher relieved Sister Hopkins at Ft. Wight, who relieved Sister Dick at Hillyard, suffering with "flu."

Bro. and Sister Purcell, at Lyons, are being congratulated over the arrival of a baby boy. Sister Purcell was relieved by Miss Morgan several weeks.

Sister Worthington, third Lyons, spent the Xmas holidays with her folks at Pleasant Prairie, her mother and sister returning with her.

Sister Horton, in Spokane Hospital, a "flu" sufferer, relieved by Miss Cray at Naples. Miss Cray being then bumped by Miss Siuter. Miss Henson relieved by Miss Williams, third Edwall, a few days. Edwall now has a million-gallon water tank and a new pump house with a new, latest style gas pump.

Marlin has been made a three-trick office. Bro. Schaffert, the agent, is now "papa" to a fine baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norcross on second and third.

Sister Myers, third Lamona, has resigned.

Odessa has been made an exclusive agency, with Bro. Stillwell as agent, Bro. Waechter on first, Brooks on second and Bro. Merry on third. Bro. Stillwell relieved on a few days' vacation by C. E. Wright. Keep after these nons, boys. Explain to

them why they cannot afford to be on the outside of such an organization as ours.

*Third District—*

Bro. J. C. Mellenbacher, first Menatchee, is convalescing after a tussle with the "flu."

The Wenatchee-Oroville Line is a solid, enthusiastic bunch with the exception of two stations.

Bro. Nelson, second Wilson Creek, has gone to the Coast owing to ill health. Bro. Seeger is back there, vice Nickum, resigned; Dickinson, a new man, also at Wilson Creek.

Sister Molden relieved by Sister Lyons, a "flu" sufferer, just back from Walla Walla. Bro. Moldens, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Blair, Col. River, relieved by Miss Hiller, and later relieved Bro. McGee, also on sick list. Bro. J. B. Archer, Col. River, resigned, relieved by Carlson, former agent at Leonia, Idaho.

Bro. Chappel, Trinidad, relieved Bro. Monk, on a trip to Spokane, relieved by Miss Durland from Laniona.

This district is pretty well lined up with the exception of two or three hard shells, including Agent Miller, Trinidad, the wealthiest telegrapher on the G. N. today, who, unfortunately, has forgotten who helped him accumulate this. Keep right after these non's, boys. Remember your obligation. If you can't boost a brother or a sister, don't "knock." If you see they are getting a little slack with their work, drop them a hint. We are getting fairly good money now and should give the company the very best we have.

Send your notes to Bro. Seeger at Wilson Creek.

Cert. 941.

*Breckenridge Division.*

General Secy. and Treas. Olson is now devoting his entire time to the work of Div. 70.

We took dinner with Bro. Sapp, New Year's eve.

Bro. Haley spent several days at Minot recently.

Bro. Daniels Sutton spent the holidays at his home in Minnesota.

Bros. Dewey, Hunt and Chadwild, Casserton, and our brother at Kloten have all had the "flu."

The division mourns with Bro. Hunt in the loss of his child.

Bro. Kurtz, while at Fargo for medical treatment, was relieved by Sister Kurtz.

It is now Bro. McCosky at Bedford.

Bro. Eidem, Brantford, was visited by "Ye Stork" recently, who left a boy. Congratulations.

"Cx," CERT. 312.

*Fergus Division.*

It is with sorrow that we record the passing of Bro. C. A. Palmer, January 9, Funeral held at Walker the following Sunday. Sent Mrs. Palmer a letter expressing our

sorrow at her loss and telling her we would gladly do what we could in case help was needed. Bro. Olsen very kindly looked after the floral offering, for which Mrs. Palmer sends a letter of appreciation.

New Members: A. P. Fretag, Rockville; W. H. Simmons, Clearwater; C. Robertson and James De Blois, Paynesville; A. Erickson, Roscoe; Fred Malin, Rothsay; L. P. Lochen, Erhart; Frank Struble and Al Miller, Wadena; Paul W. Muske, Foreston; A. G. Mardin, St. Cloud; Emery Sullivan, Chas. Allford, and A. J. O'Connor, Penn Ave. Tower. Hope you will all carry annual cards this year, for we need the money.

One more boost and we will go over the top with a percentage of 100 by April 1.

O. P. KNEDEL, L. C.

*Marcus Division.*

Thanks to Chief Dispatcher Dunn for granting permission and transportation to most of the boys on the South End; a good meeting was held in Marcus the night of Dec. 30.

General Chairman Johnson gave an interesting talk on the happenings since the committee met in May last. He furnished facts and figures that laid waste all kicks and complaints and left the men of this Division a united bunch. After the meeting Bros. Webb and Chales led the way to the hotel dining-room where a feast of good things to eat were enjoyed and more kind words were said by all. Regrets were expressed that the boys from the North and West End were not able to be there on account of the train service.

While meetings are going to be held in the future at other points on the Division, yet it's going to be a difficult matter to beat the Marcus boys for the good time shown the visitors. It was the unanimous pledge of all present that we lay aside all complaints and make Marcus Division 100 per cent strong for the order and 100 per cent efficient for the company.

Bro. Brenizer Laurier made a Christmas trip to Spokane.

Bro. Sterling, Northport, is back from Wisconsin after attending the funeral of his wife's mother. Bro. Williams had to handle the wires in his absence, Bro. Lowman, Grandforks, also doing the wire work while Bro. Howard went to Curlew to relieve Bro. Smith, down with "flu."

Bro. Durkee, Chewelah; Bro. O'Daniels, Addy; Bro. McCanna, Valley, and Bro. Rumsey, "flu" victims, have all resumed work at their respective stations.

Bro. Chiles, relieving the dispatchers lay-off days, relieved by Bro. Rumsey.

No news from the North End, Nelson or Oroville line, but the boys up that way are solid. They don't have much to say, but are right to our backs when needed.

C. P. SPURGEON,  
Local Chairman.

**Terminal Division.**

The officials named Feb. 3 as the date to resume negotiations.

General Chairman Johnson, returning from Washington, D. C., was called to the Pacific Coast by the sickness of his wife; now on his way East to join Bro. Johnson in St. Paul.

Gen. Secy. and Treas. Olsen has his hands full, taking care of the new members and answering his correspondence.

F. J. WINN, L. C.

**Sioux City Division.**

The meeting at Garretson, S. D., Saturday night, Dec. 21, was called to order at eleven o'clock, p. m., by Local Chairman Pratt. Other members present: O. A. Shafer, W. C. Bendert, C. H. Rott, Bennie Hamre, John Jordan, F. H. Carlson, L. A. Sandell, C. F. Wyman, P. E. Harrison, John Urban and W. F. Sanders.

Report of General Chairman Johnson on the action of our committee at Washington was read and discussed.

Hours of service and grievances of the members present reported to the local chairman, who will take up at once and try to get corrected.

It was decided to establish a division floral fund, the local chairman to solicit donations from the members of twenty-five cents each. When this fund is exhausted request that the same amount be remitted again. Our by-laws allow us to purchase flowers with the organization finances in the case of a death of a member and this fund is to be furnished when a death occurs in a member's family.

It was also decided to hold regular monthly meetings at Garretson at eleven o'clock, p. m., the second Saturday in January, March, May, July, September and November, and at one o'clock p. m., the second Sunday in February, April, June, August, October and December. Also suggested that we arrange to hold joint meetings with the Willmar Division at Willmar and Watertown, whenever possible, to enable the members on the W. & S. F. and on the East End of the First District to attend. After lunch, while finishing our cigars, various subjects were discussed until adjourned.

Our thanks are due the Garretson Brothers for our entertainment, also to the people of Garretson for their many courtesies; especially to Mr. Munson for staying open until after one o'clock to serve us a fine lunch; to the proprietor of the Grand Hotel, and the M. W. A. for the use of its fine lodge hall.

We hope to see many new faces and the old ones at the next meeting who can possibly be there.

The meeting at Garretson, S. D., Sunday, p. m., Dec. 22, was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by Local Chairman Pratt. Other members present: H. A. Macauley, G. E. Maxon, A. Brosseau, Bennie Hamre, C. H.

Rott, O. A. Shafer, W. C. Bendert and W. F. Sanders. The action of the Saturday night meeting was approved.

Bro. Macauley is entitled to our thanks for the sacrifices he made and the sleep he lost to attend this meeting, also Bro. Maxon, who worked his way down on a hand car with the section men. While we cannot blame the Brothers on the East End for not rolling out in the early morning to be present at this meeting because of the condition of the weather, still we feel that it was their loss, as well as ours, that they did not attend. They missed Brothers Macauley's and Rott's debate on Teddy Roosevelt and other subjects, held in the lobby of the Grand Hotel before the meeting. It was worth the loss of a night's sleep and a hundred-mile trip to hear that alone.

R. C. PRATT, L. C.

**Sioux City Division Notes—**

The meeting at Garretson, Saturday, Jan. 11, was attended by Brothers Brooks, Rott, Bendert, H. R. LaBarge, C. J. LaBarge, Funk, Maxson, Phillips, Brosseau, Shafer, Pratt, Sanders, Harrison, Arneson, Hamre. General Chairman Johnson, of St. Paul, and General Secretary and Treasurer Olsen, of Breckenridge.

Bro. Johnson gave us a very interesting talk on schedule negotiations and the meetings before the wage board in Washington, also some useful information about the new rates of pay and other things that were not thoroughly understood.

Bro. Olsen gave us a good talk along financial lines. The meeting adjourned at 2 a. m., after lunch. Another meeting will be held in Garretson, Saturday, March 8, at 11 p. m. All the boys from the Sioux City and Yankton lines can come on Nos. 162 and 52 and get back on Nos. 161 and 51 the next morning. These meetings are getting better and you will lose out on something good if you miss them.

Noy that we have our increase in wages, let's do our best to give the best service possible to the company. We want to show that belonging to the O. R. T. means more than just having a card in our pockets. Make it mean that we are better employees in every way. Each one on this division can help to make or mar the order.

New members: Stein and Cue, Pipestone; Barrett, Green Valley; C. J. LaBarge, Irene; and Mrs. Major, Lester.

C. J. Krier to agent Tea, vice Mrs. Ferguson resigned. Bro. Wyman to Sherman, vice Bro. Maxson also resigned to go into the auto business. C. J. LaBarge, just back from the Army, to Irene agency, and Bro. Brake, operator Marchall, to Alvord agency, vice Mrs. Fairchild resigned.

Bro. Brooks, agent Sioux Center, off sev-

eral days with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Wyman.

Boys, send me a few items each month and help to have a good write-up.

Keep after the few "nons," and don't forget "No card, no favors."

SANDERS.

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*Sioux City Division, W. & S. F. Line—*

Bro. Wenum, of Lake Norden, is having his second siege with the "flu." Relief Agent Hartung, of Pipestone, is relieving. Others who have recovered from the malady are: Bros. Larimer, of Chester; Corbett, of Colton; Swartling, of Sinai, and Campion, of Thomas.

It is now Sister Miss Evelyn Erlandson, agent Lyons, and the only other "non" on the "pike" has promised to line up shortly.

Pay your dues promptly to July 1, 1919, and get your up-to-date cards. This will be a big help to Bro. Johnson when he meets the management and demands that the W. & S. F. be included in the new schedule.

"Adjust" first thing in the morning and watch the wire closely during our eight hours. If you know where any of the traveling representatives are, give that information without waiting to be asked, and thereby save many valuable minutes to get them to their work.

They don't make any better fellows than the side table "ops" at Sioux City, so let's help them out. They are always ready to do the same by us.

We hope to arrange for some joint meetings, with Willmar Division at Watertown, in near future. We can go in on No. 2 and back in a. m. on No. 1. This will be a good chance to get together and get better acquainted.

Please send me some news items for next issue by the 10th of the month.

CERT. 1355.

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*Minn. & St. Louis Ry., Div. No. 71.*

*Eastern Division—*

Conductor Young recently died of pneumonia after a few days' illness. He was one of the oldest conductors on this division and left a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Division 71 now boasts of 320 members—quite a few more than we have positions in the present schedule.

Our dues were raised to \$7.50 per term and the initiation fee to \$7.50 in addition to dues, January 1, 1919. The increase became necessary to meet increasing expenses, caused by having to take our matters up at Washington, D. C., and other committee expenses. This rate is in effect generally on other divisions throughout the country, and we hope that all our brothers will be prompt in paying their dues and assessments, and thereby put their committee in a position to render the best possible service at all times.

Bro. Haben, Seaton, is now manager of an elevator company, relieved by Bro. Hassman of Eldora.

Bro. J. E. Chrisman, agent Albion, on a visit to Kansas City, relieved by Bro. McCullough, now agent at Farmington.

Bro. C. O. Griffith, relieved by Bro. Hetherington of Division 23 on second Ackley, relieved me at Steamboat Rock, while on committee work in Minneapolis, January 15th, when we drew up a revision of the schedule, including a side agreement for the linemen, and presented to the management.

A. L. GARDNER, G. C.

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*Eastern Division Notes—*

Bro. W. C. McLinn is being relieved by Bro. Craig from Roland while on schedule revision duty at Minneapolis.

Bro. Smith was called to Marshalltown recently owing to sickness in his family, Bro. Pace relieving.

Bro. Friend, Keithsburg, at Seaton agency until it was bid in by Bro. Hasman from Eldora.

Bro. Callahan, released by "Uncle Sam" while boarding his boat for "over there," has resumed on third Elrick Jct., vice Bro. Fost to London Mills.

Bro. Anderson off several nights on account of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Phillips, the boys filling in at Elrick so he lost no time.

Bro. Sweiert has resumed at Oakville after a severe attack of the "flu," relieved by Bro. Hilligoss, who bid in Bartlett agency.

Bro. Evans, relieved on Abingdon second by Bro. Colvin, went to Oskaloosa.

Now, boys, as "Uncle Sam" has granted us our further increase and put our wages up somewhere near where they belong, let's all show what we are made of. We have a first-class bunch of dispatchers. Let's "hit the ball" at all times.

G. L. A., Asst. to Mac.

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*Central and Western Division—*

Our items were one day too late for last issue.

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives of our late Bro. Feeney, who died December 7th. On account of conserving space, the Journal does not print "In Memoriams" any more.

Bro. R. B. Carlson, reported dead in the December issue, was an error. He is now at Harvey, Iowa, in Division 126, joint with Wabash, and writes that he is a pretty spry corpse.

Bro. F. W. Scheuble, Dawson, was recently married. Congratulations.

Bro. J. E. Dweyer, extra dispatcher, relieved the dispatchers at Ft. Dodge and Cedar Lake while off on their two days each month, with pay.

Bro. Sandy attended the meeting of chairmen at Minneapolis recently.

All items must be in my hands not later than the 20th of each month, as they must be in St. Louis not later than the 25th.

CERT. 451, Div. Cor.

**So. Pac. Ry., Atlantic Div., No. 72.  
Houston District—**

The Southern Pacific lines east of El Paso have been separated from old Division No. 53, and we are now Division No. 72, with Bro. A. E. Laisure general chairman and Bro. F. W. Bush as general secretary and treasurer, both located at Houston.

Bro. J. L. Dyke, Jr., has transferred to the T. & N. O.

Mrs. G. Prime is now on second Seguin. Bro. T. W. Rabb, now with the Signal Corps, sailed December 4th for Siberia.

Bro. J. C. Humphrey is back on second Luling after serving six weeks as train dispatcher. F. A. Walker, former dispatcher, recently discharged from the army, relieving him at "DS."

Bro. Via of Spofford is relieving his father at Columbus on account of sickness.

The new passing track at Flatonia tower has increased the work considerably.

This division is almost solid now. Keep after the "slackers," boys, and urge them to line up. We have paid the price of their new raise and they should join without further delay.

Local Chairman Haddon recently made a trip to Luling and Houston.

I will appreciate a few items from any of the boys, as it is hard for me to get all the news.

H. NEWMAN, Cert. 1916.  
Luling, Texas.

**Chicago & N. W. Ry., Div. No. 76.  
Chicago Terminal—**

Our regular and special meetings were well attended. Past President, Bro. Ramsey, Bros. Rawlins, Brown, Soyster, Thomas and several others delivered interesting addresses. Bro. G. Dal Jones had charge of the affair.

Brothers, let's show Bros. Thomas and Boyington that we are back of them by doing our work in first class shape, keeping the terminal up to 100 per cent and attending our regular meetings in full force.

Bro. Wurmstick has resigned to go into the bakery business. More dough.

Bros. Ott, Aidone, R. Metz and Lieurance were on the sick list.

While working third Grayland I heard Bob Hamilton, third Wadsworth, on the dispatcher's phone. He belongs to No. 23, formerly at Kedzie third, and a member of 76.

I regret that I missed the first meeting of the terminal levermen, Tuesday, Dec. 17th, on account of "flu" in the family.

Our write up for last month arrived in St. Louis one day late and is merged with this one.

Bros. Terrance B. Shieles and Tim Buckley were off a few days on account of sickness. Brothers, send me in some news.

Div. Cor., CERT. 486.

**Southern Illinois Division, North End—**

Sister Hoffman, second Van Petten, relieved a few days by Mr. Krens.

Sister H. Lane, first Manlius, spent New Year's with her parents at Normandy, relieved by Sister Lyons, who also relieved Bro. Mutcher while visiting a few days at his home near Peoria.

Bro. Cadell, while putting a large piece of coal in the stove, crushed one of his fingers and was obliged to have it lanced.

Sister Parkins has returned from her home at Green Valley, where she was called recently owing to the illness of her sister.

Sister Voight's mother, from Petersburg, visited her at Speer several days. Sister Scott relieved Sister Tice, third there, on a vacation.

Bro. Waldron, agent Buda, relieved on vacation by Bro. Wilcoxson.

Bro. Cadell, attending a meeting in Chicago, was relieved by Sister Rule.

Bro. Philhower goes to Broadmoor first.  
Div. Cor., CERT. 1892.

**Galena Division—**

Bro. Z. A. Trull relieved at "CS" tower a few days by Bro. M. E. Shaffer, Carpenterville.

Bro. Buck, agent Dundee, relieved Sister Delvin, first "DN," on account of sickness, three days.

Bro. L. C. Hoeft, in France with the 415th Railroad Telegraphers' Battalion, expects to soon be with us.

Bro. J. B. Henning is back at "YD" after relieving the dispatchers. CERT. 32.

**Wisconsin Division—**

Ye scribe down with the "flu" 11 days. Have been reassigned to third "GO." Most of the brothers are familiar with the case, which shows that no schedule is worth the paper it is printed on if we do not live up to it. "The emancipation of labor lies with itself." That is true not only in the labor union field, but in all fields affecting labor. Dependence upon leaders to bring us to the promised land of justice and plenty will only lead us into a cul-de-sac. The rank and file must do the thinking and fighting, the elected officials carrying out their mandates. We cannot blame our officers for violations of our schedule if we have not enough backbone to demand enforcement. If any of our officers assume an arbitrary attitude and get away with it, the fault is OURS. The organization is ours to make or mar, and so surely as we are not alive to our own interests for which the union must stand, so surely do we mar it. If you have a real or

fancied grievance, take it up with your local chairman. Don't let prejudice, bigotry or personal spite creep in. A real grievance is not merely your personal concern; it is the concern of all the men of the division. Real harmony and justice can only come when we bring all things into the light of day. Evil can never stand the daylight.

The labor situation, national and international, at this time makes it imperative that the workers stick closely to their organizations. The man who allows his dues to lapse now is fashioning a boomerang that will knock his blooming block off. Pay up your dues NOW and get after everybody in sight. If you want a 100 per cent on this division go after it. It is UP TO YOU.

CERT. 1019.

I am a candidate for re-election as local chairman, also for the nomination as one of the delegates from this division to the St. Louis convention. If elected I will give the work careful attention for "complete democracy," amendments to the constitution to be made upon the recommendation of a majority vote of the grand division and ratification by a majority of the voters of the order, or by initiative of the members.

We regret very much to learn of the death of the wife of Bro. Oscar Fleischman, agent Arlington Heights, Ill., Saturday, January 11th. The entire system extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Our nons are mostly the old agents. We should see that these men come in with us at once. The O. R. T. is fighting for them as well as the operators, and they should pay their part of the expense by getting an "up-to-date."

A. S. MOORHOUSE,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Madison Division—*

Bro. C. W. Wood of Necedah received word that his sister had passed away at Minneapolis; also received with sorrow the sad word that Bro. C. L. Graves, agent Cottage Grove, had passed away at his home, leaving a sorrowing wife and a son in the U. S. Navy. The bereaved relatives have our deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

On account of the high cost of living in 1918 I did not press the collection of the one dollar per year local dues for this division. As we will receive our back pay soon and, being in debt with our local expenses, I ask every member to pay what they are behind in the past, and as dues for 1919 are due in January and February, kindly pay the one dollar for this year at same time, if possible. We have a number of new members who joined with us the latter part of 1918 who are liable for the dues this year. Kindly send to me whether you receive the notice or not, and I will mail you receipt by return mail.

No one sent me any news this month, and as I am unable to find out much, this letter is necessarily short. H. R. Pigg, Sec'y.

#### *North Wisconsin Division—*

A meeting will soon be called and I will cover the east and west ends to instruct the men regarding the interpretation of the rules.

Fire recently destroyed the general office building at North Fond du Lac. The train dispatcher's office temporarily moved into the "DU" office. The positions of "W" being abolished until some provisions are made for new offices. The superintendent and other officers are located in the old National Bank Building.

Bro. Heger to Grand Rapids agency, succeeded at De Pere by Bro. Woodward from Jefferson, whose folks live at Little Rapids.

Bros. Tingley and Monroe are back again at Fond du Lac after ten days off.

Bro. Brady is doing the relief dispatching. Bro. Noyes relieving Bro. Hills at Water-town, down with the "flu."

Bro. Miller, Appleton Jct., has the agency for the Mollie typewriter. Save money by getting in touch with him.

Every man on this division in a scheduled position is a member of the Order. Our general chairman's committee will soon present a new proposition to the United States Railway Administration for a revision, with additional compensation and better working conditions.

If re-elected, I propose that we carry on our work according to the ritual. We have now reached a state of perfection along organization lines and should set aside a part of each meeting for other work; something along social lines; creation of flower and local distribution funds, to enable us to take care of our local affairs. Also a regular correspondent, who will see that we have a proper write-up each month. We should get the ladies interested in our meetings and social affairs. Have them join the Auxiliary and plan their meeting with us. Come prepared at the next meeting with your views along these lines. It is suggested meetings be held on Sunday afternoons. With a large number of the men relieved of work on this day, it should be possible to get out a good representation. It will be given a trial.

I recently had a very interesting letter from Bro. Petzke, formerly third at Oshkosh, the only one of our members who responded to the call of his country and has been in France for some time. I suggest that on his return we give him a dinner party at Fond du Lac. He is entitled to some kind of a welcome from our members.

I want to thank the members for their loyal support in the past two years. I have enjoyed the work as chairman in looking

after your affairs, and if again elected, will do my utmost to handle the work in a fair and impartial manner.

P. L. HACKBERT, L. C.

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#### *Sioux City Division—*

With the deepest sorrow we are called upon to record the death of Sister Anna Ketterer on December 22, of pneumonia, who as a patriotic duty assumed the agency at Herring, Iowa, owing to the shortage of men, while her husband was agent at Deloit, Iowa. The funeral was held at Odebolt, Iowa, December 24th. We all extend to her husband and relatives our heartfelt sympathy. Suitable flowers, as a last token of our esteem, were sent for the funeral.

The "flu" has been raging on this division for some time, but this is the only death so far reported.

Bro. Barfoot, agent Galva, Iowa, his wife and little son are now on the way to recovery. Bro. Dick, agent Early, Iowa, was off a few days with it.

Bro. E. F. Smith, second Jewell, is now at Correctionville, Iowa, and Bro. W. O. Clannahan, who just finished working for "Uncle Sam," is at Carnarvon agency, vice Bro. J. J. Mehan to first "UD" Sioux City.

Bro. Baskin, agent Lake View, was relieved several weeks by Bro. Canady, now living there.

Still short of operators, one or two positions not as yet filled. CERT. 86.

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#### *Minnesota Division—*

Bro. W. H. Blanchette, formerly at Marshall, now with the Signal Corps in France, sends his "73" to the boys back home.

Bro. J. R. Doskoskie is back at Cobden agency after a tussle with the "flu."

The many friends of Bro. Fred Miller of St. Charles were pained to learn that his wife passed away at St. Charles, December 20th, after a brief illness, Bro. Miller being confined to his bed at the time.

Engineer George Norris went on the pension list December 1st after fifty, and Conductor Kitsman after forty years' service. Bro. F. B. Wells, agent Burdette, will also soon be placed on the pension roll. We are sorry to learn that his wife is ill in the Mankato Hospital.

Bro. Feaney of Watertown was off a few days on account of the death of his brother at Waterville, a member of Division 71.

General Chairman Thomas, who is also our local chairman, was presented with \$80 as a Christmas gift by the brothers, as a token of our regard for his service in our behalf.

Bro. N. H. Randall, agent at Havana, died at his home there December 4th, after an attack of the "flu," leaving a wife and two little children to mourn his loss. He made many friends in his two years' service on this division. An O. R. T. wreath was sent

to the family as a token of the esteem and respect from the members.

Bro. J. B. Carpenter, first Owatonna, off a few days account of the death of a relative, was relieved by Bro. L. E. Wold. He and Bro. Webb, a new man, relieved Bros. Taylor and Schwab at Byron several weeks while they were off with the "flu."

Miss Dickhoff is now on third St. Charles.

Owing to delayed mail my write-up for last month arrived in St. Louis too late for publication, and the December and January news is therefore incorporated in this one.

Our general committee is meeting with the management for a revision of our schedule. Now, let each one do their part and the committee will do the rest. D. J. M.

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#### *Peninsula Division—*

Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, superseding Supplements Nos. 10 and 11 to General Order No. 27, has been mailed out by General Secretary and Treasurer Boyington.

Reading over the articles, we find the results very good.

Everybody should keep a copy of all overtime worked, so that when the back pay is issued you can check up and see that you get all that you are entitled to.

There is no reason why the nons should not all join the Order now. If they don't, let them know what "No card, no favors," means.

Bro. E. W. Thorin, at Florence, was on the sick list several days, relieved by Bro. W. A. Anderson; also Bro. Victor Johnson, agent Elpha, relieved by Ferner, assisted by Bro. Rochon, agent Crystal Falls, with the station work.

Bro. Louis Ranquette, relieved on third Little Suamico by Sister Ruth Grosse, relieved Agent La Loude, Loreto, a few days for the same reason, and Bro. Brady relieved Perket, second Stambrough, several days.

Bro. W. A. Anderson took second Saunders, and Bro. R. W. Anderson went to Willcox.

Bro. N. J. Payton is now at Whitefish Bay, on the Lake Shore Division.

Bro. Tom King has been promoted to C. T. D. at Appleton, on the Northern Wisconsin Division, and Bro. F. T. Lewis to the car job at "SC," vice Bro. Tom King.

Bro. Beel relieved Bro. Lewis, agent Swanzy, two days.

Bro. F. Ranger, third Little Lake, and Bro. F. Ranger went to Swanzy to clean up the monthly reports.

Bro. P. E. Rasmussen, off on account of the death of his baby, was relieved by Bro. Nelson. We all extend our sympathy to Bro. Rasmussen and wife in their sad bereavement.

Bro. A. J. De Laike, second Hermansville, called home by the illness of his father, was

relieved by Bro. R. J. Moras, just back from the navy, who later relieved Bro. Wormwood at Lathrop agency for three months.

Local Chairman Phillips is in Chicago on committee work.

Bro. Valkar, agent Brompton, and Bro. Richards of Beaver went to Racine for the holidays.

Thanks to Bros. Anderson, Ranger and Larson for their items.

J. E. RANGER, Div. Cor.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. J. P. Dolista, agent Able, died Nov. 20th of the Spanish "flu"; Bros. McCants, Hagerman, Kocum and Clyde, agents Herrick, Niobrara and Bonesteel, have recovered from it.

New members: F. E. Evans, J. R. Clyde, second Creighton and Bonesteel, and M. D. Anderson, third Hooper; also Bros. Silas C. Dugger, Edw. B. Hill, Martin Belling, John J. Gleason, Harry L. Danahy, G. E. Sharp, J. J. Harrold, W. C. Day, P. E. Darrah, A. D. Nicholas, F. A. Hays, Emil Docekal, O. T. Schwein, R. H. Patitz, C. B. Vestal, H. E. Eckstrom, H. P. Draper, G. S. Helmman, Richard Hale, Bernard A. Woslager, A. R. Kemper, J. J. Kelley, C. M. Anderson, Lloyd S. Breeden, G. F. Steinhofel and Sam C. Breeden.

Bro. McCants, agent Herrick, and wife, have gone to Los Angeles to spend the winter to convalesce from the Spanish "flu."

Bro. Wurzenbacher, agent West Point, was called to Tilden on account of the illness of his mother.

The many friends of Bro. S. T. Lister were pained to learn of his demise at Spencer, Jan. 6th, from the effects of Spanish "flu." The afflicted family has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Smith, formerly on the Black Hills, is relieving at Spencer.

Bro. R. H. Patitz relieved me a few days recently while I went over the division.

Floral fund contributions are coming in slowly. If the members could realize how much those recently receiving flowers have appreciated them I am sure they would not delay in contributing fifty cents for the cause.

On account of not receiving authority to do organizing until the latter part of December, I was unable to cover the division before the close of the month. In view of the liberal increases received the past year, there is no excuse for the nons and every member should try to line up the nons they come in touch with and make the division 100 per cent.

Members kindly send all news items to Bro. J. W. Johnson, at Neligh, division correspondent.

W. J. THOMAS, Local Chairman.

#### *Eastern Division Notes—*

G. W. Hall assigned to Fremont and C. W. Nicholas to Norfolk dispatcher's office. J. W. Johnson, Neligh first, relieving on train sheet at latter point owing to sickness. B. G. Shaffer to Able, Neb., agency, J. A. Rupert to second Oakdale, A. W. Davisson to Herrick, regular man sick, and our new brother, O. T. Schwein, to third Neligh.

General Chairman Thomas called recently on the boys and gathered in a few nons.

W. J. Sears is back on first freight yard after two weeks' sickness. S. T. Lister, agent Spencer, Neb., succumbed to a severe attack of "flu."

Albert Neunenschwander wrote from Brest, France, at Christmas time. Earl Hays is chief dispatcher on a railroad there. Phillip Johnson has returned to Stuart, Neb., after six months' service in France.

Bro. J. H. Recroft, former agent at Neligh, now a clerk in the court there, still carries a card.

Bro. Williams, third Stanton, is also clerk of the District Court there.

Operators and other employes returning from Army service are getting their old jobs back.

Brothers, I will appreciate it if you will mail me a few notes.

J. W. J. JOHNSON, Div. Cor.,  
Neligh, Neb.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Brothers, send me some news if you want a write-up each month.

Bro. Rundquist, Alcester, on sick list, was relieved by his wife.

Bro. W. L. Boughner, agent Salem, on vacation in the South, relieved by Bro. F. Lowe.

Bro. R. C. Cooley was a recent Huron visitor, and Bro. Smith, agent Manchester, an Iroquois visitor.

The scribe, who spent Christmas at his home at New Ulm, was under the weather several weeks, but no relief man was available and had to stick on the job.

Mr. McNutter, agent at Mission Hill, mourns the death of his wife.

Mr. Daley, agent Esmond, is back again after a sick spell.

Bro. Berry, "DX," relieved several days by McDonald, a new man.

R. A. PFEFFERLE.

#### *Gulf, Mobile & Nor. R. R., Div. No. 80.*

Twenty-seven members were present at the meeting Sunday, December 8th, 1918, and 29 at the one on Sunday, January 12th, with the majority from New Albany district. Boys, don't let this happen again. Let us try to have a better meeting each time.

Semi-annual dues have been raised from \$5.00 to \$7.00 and the general chairman and

Grand secretary and treasurer put on a salary. A good move that will benefit every member.

Bro. J. D. Leeke, relief agent, to operator and clerk at McLain, and Bro. A. T. Callahan, agent Stallo, to Noxapater, relieved by Mr. Bryant from the G. & S. I.

Bro. W. W. Watts, Newton, relieved by Bro. Moffett, of Richton, while attending the bedside of Mrs. Watts at New Boston, Texas, sick with "flu." Bro. J. D. Leeke was also off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife and child, whom we are glad to learn are improving.

The way the applications are coming in means thorough organization shortly. The individual members realize their part in this work and are not leaving it all to the officers. See that the new men stick. The older members have borne the brunt of battle and made sacrifices for years to make it easier for those joining now and the least they can do is to stand firm and help them in the years to come.

Help with the write-up by sending me the happenings as you hear them.

C. B. HOLDER, Div. Cor.

#### Bangor & Aroostook R. R., Div. No. 83.

We need some missionary work on the northern end very badly. Brother, get after that man near you and give him no rest until you land him. Last year I secured three new members. It wasn't much, but if you all had done that well there would not be as many nons as we have today.

Mr. Perham has presented our case very nicely at Washington and as a result there are lots of jobs paying twice as much as they did before. Now see that every man who draws a back pay check joins the O. R. T.

Presque Isle and Van Buren are now regular two-man jobs.

Bro. Rafford was recently married. Congratulations. After he got that "flivver" he certainly made great progress.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Cartile and his wife have completely recovered from the influenza. Also Bro. Curries' family, at Portage.

Bro. Oakes, Soldier Pond, transferred to St. Francis. Hope he will persuade that new man who relieved him to come in.

Wonder if Bros. Raymond and Caron can't get that man between them?

Brother Bamford is at Syrna Mills. Boys, if you are going to invest your back pay in a car, consult him.

We certainly miss Bro. John Danjou. He was some boy.

Our new general superintendent appears to be a reasonable man to do business with, having been with the road many years, compared with the gentleman who left the service. The change is very acceptable.

CERT. 209.

#### The Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88, Rio Grande Division—

With much regret we chronicle the sudden death of Bro. G. C. Kelly, at Weatherford; ill only a few days with the influenza. We knew nothing of his death until several days after it occurred, on account of being on committee work. Bro. Kelley was a faithful employee, and a staunch member of the Order.

Bro. Abney and myself recently met in Dallas and began writing a new contract when he was recalled to Washington.

Don't forget to turn in your overtime as per schedule. Study the contract and live up to it more closely in the future,

New members : Tucker, Turner, Smith and Rawls, Strawn; Fritz, Cisco; W. M. Tucker, Mingus; Bailey, Benbrook; Gus Collins, Santo; Davis, Ranger; Dabney, Eastland; J. C. Marshall, Sweet Water. There are others on the east end and joint track whose names I have not yet received.

Bulletin not reaching membership first time, Ector Agency rebulletined, C. F. Brown securing same, misplacing Bro. Jenkins.

Bro. Rushing, going to Putnam second, was obliged to resign as assistant local chairman Joint Track, succeeded by Bro. A. Y. Garner, Tioga. Kindly give him your support and refer your grievances to him.

Sister Bryant, third Aledo, on sick list. Our brother and co-laborer in this office in the hospital two weeks with the "flu," is better. Bro. Felix Nelso was also off three weeks with it.

Bro. Chennault, Division 31, who relieved Bro. Jones, first Sweetwater, while making a trip over the division, also relieved Bro. Wasson, third Abilene, on account of sickness. Later relieved by Bro. Tate, Division 61, and called to Louisiana on account of the sickness of his wife.

Bro. Cush, first Roscoe, bid in third there.

Sister Ralph is back on second Colorado from a vacation.

It is now Bros. Dashfield, Roscoe; Pitzer, third Colorado; Perryman, Odessa; Andrews, Roscoe; Wills, ticket agent, and Pegues, freight agent "BG"; Gibson, ticket agent Sweetwater; Harrison, Odessa; Evan, Murdock, second Kent, and Bro. Vansickle, third Toyah, and Sister Pitzer third Monahans, now relieving Bro. J. E., agent there while he develops his oil interests. Bro. Stallcup, relief agent, Tye, Texas, is relieving Bro. Glass, engaged in the same enterprise.

Bro. Stephens relieved several days by Bro. Cochran while hunting big game south of Toyah.

Dispatcher Trout, while attending court at Eastland, relieved by Bro. Hogg, extra dispatcher.

Bro. Marshall, Toyah, off a few nights on account of sickness.

Bro. Perryman, second Odessa, and Bro.

Price Stanton were off several days recently, former relieved by Bro. Harrison.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Bro. Albert Beardon, formerly second Sweetwater, later at Duran "NM," a member of Division 137. We extend our heartfelt sorrow to his loved ones left behind.

We are glad to see Bro. John Sharmon back on second Baird, enjoying better health since his trip through California. Bro. Hamilton, his relief, returns to third "SW," vice Bro. Marshall to third Toyah.

Bro. Gordon, of the "EPSW," called on Bro. Jones at Sweetwater en route home to resume work. Both worked at Bernardino.

We hope to never have another non on this division. "No cards, no favors," and one hundred per cent is our motto. Pay your dues promptly. Do not delay and become delinquent.

Bro. J. C. Marshall, extra Sweetwater, is up-to-date on "88," coming here from the Fort Worth Division. It was an error in omitting "Bro." when writing of him in a previous article.

Bro. Littlefield will shortly present a plan for raising a floral fund, and arrangements will be made to keep a fund of this nature on hand at all times, large enough to allow the person, in whose care the fund is placed, to be able to purchase the required floral wreaths for a deceased brother or sister as our tribute to their memory, etc. This is a matter very necessary and should be spoken of by the members and they should assist in drawing up a plan or furnish Bro. Geo. with their ideas, so this fund can be raised and handled according to the wishes of the brothers and sisters of this division.

Thanks to Bro. Cochran for notes.

"JO," Cert. 546.

#### Joint Track Division

McCoy has returned to third Denton from military service, vice Bro. Swank.

Bro. A. Y. Garner, first Tioga, has been appointed assistant local chairman. Brothers, help him to get in the few nons over here on the Joint.

Bro. Morahan is back on third Whitesboro, and Bro. Weems on third "FC" Ft. Worth, after a siege with the "flu."

Bro. Mason, second Roanoke, is back from an enjoyable vacation.

Dispatcher Johnston is at Mineral Wells for his health. Bechler, on first; Watkins, second, and Nash on third.

Bro. Rushing goes to Putnum second on account of his wife's health.

"J," Cert. 614.

#### Louisiana Division

The winter cane season is in full swing, with a large increase in work in all depart-

ments, and we are receiving considerable traffic from connecting lines.

Temporary new jobs created: Lobdell, second and third; New Roads-Toras, Chamberlin, Bayou, Goula, McCall, Vacherie, and others would be opened except for shortage of men. Non Joe Brubacher from Waggoner goes to Lobdell third. Keep after him. "No card, no favors."

Bro. H. E. Willis, Gouldsboro second, has been nominated for local chairman. We couldn't find a better man.

We expect to send Bro. Gremillion as our delegate to the convention. Bro. E. L. Engerran, agent St. James, will probably also be a delegate.

The telegraphers on this division will have to undergo examination on the manual blocks in the near future. Brush up on the rules, boys, and try to make the 100 per cent mark.

Dispatcher Ellsworth, off the M., L. & T. at Lafayette, is relieving the regular dispatchers, on their two-day vacations. We hated to lose Mr. Carter, a new man, transferred to Alexandria.

Study Supplement 13 thoroughly. Watch your back time checks; be sure that you receive all that is due you, and don't fail to turn in your overtime slips. Make written transfers when being relieved, and be on the alert always for "Safety First."

Trainmaster Payne has recovered from his sick spell and resumed his duties.

Bro. Tanoose, agent Bayou Goula, is on an indefinite leave owing to injuries received at his station.

Don't wait until the time expires to pay your semi-annual dues and then ask to be reinstated, causing the grand secretary and treasurer unnecessary work.

Some brother volunteer next time. We have no regular correspondent. CERT. 429.

#### Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

#### New Orleans Division

We certainly appreciate the good work of our president and general chairman in securing the raise for us, granted by the Wage Board in Supplement No. 13. I tried to notify all the boys on this division with a circular letter regarding it, and if I missed anyone it was unintentional.

Let us all show our appreciation of the new raise, and to those who worked so hard and faithfully for us in securing it, by sending in our dues at once. There is no excuse now for being a delinquent or a "non." Let us keep what we have secured by a solid organization.

Bro. Knox, Stephenson, off several days sick, relieved by Bro. M. L. Day, second Gloster, who also relieved Bro. McCurley, agent Rosetta, while off with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Haine.

Bro. Fincher, second "JC" Vicksburg, re-

lieved by Bro. Johnson of Cedars a few days relieved by his wife.

Sister Babin, extra, bid in all-night job at La Place.

We announce with deep sorrow the death of Bro. Steve Montgomery, agent St. Rose, after a few days' illness of influenza. Steve was a fine, big-hearted boy and right in line all the time, and we extend to his family and loved ones our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Boys, send me all the news you can each month. I will appreciate your assistance.

C. L. BRUECK, Asst. L. C.

#### Louisiana Division—

Chief Dispatcher Schneider, Dispatchers Henley and Romine off, sick.

Bro. Holliday, working as dispatcher, relieved at "MO" by Bro. Whitworth.

Bro. Ellzey, second "MO," off sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Andrews, the fireman-operator.

Miss Lelia Jackson, clerk to chief dispatcher, and Miss Beulah Youngblood, first telephone exchange operator, also off sick a few days, relieved by Miss Isabella Sommers, extra.

Bro. Jim Phipps, second Flora, had a relapse with the "flu."

Bro. Ecker is still in the I. C. Hospital at New Orleans. Brothers visiting New Orleans, call and see him.

Local Chairman Mashburn, off with the "flu," relieved on second Hammond by Mr. Buck, an old timer.

Sister Furlow, first Canton, on sick leave, relieved by Bro. Tucker.

Dispatcher Carroll on vacation during the holidays.

Bro. Fugate is figuring who he can roll, his position, third Jackson, having been cut off.

Bro. Massey, Memphis Division, goes to agency Bentonia.

We don't believe any division can show a greater per cent of annuals than ours for 1919. Suggest that Bro. Shannon publish the total number of annuals by divisions in the March Telegrapher.

We are glad to see Sister Addison back at Yazoo City and Sister Miller at "BD" New Orleans, after their recent illness.

Bro. "NI" Holmes, cut off at Gwin, is relieving Sister Cummings, Summit days, and Bro. Feazell is relieving Bro. McGowen, first Asylum, off sick.

Bro. W. C. Smith, released from the army, rolled Bro. Bullock, third Gwin, now relieving Bro. Turner, third Brookhaven, off with the "flu."

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Lale Kemp in the sad loss of his brother, J. Gordon Kemp, noted lawyer and mayor of Independence, La.

Have you remitted \$1.25 to Bro. C. C. Wilson, McComb, for the flower fund?

"E," Cert. 2250.

#### Tennessee Division—

Our January notes were received too late for publication.

We are all very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. R. M. Ethridge in Germany recently. He was a devoted member and esteemed very highly. He leaves a brother, mother and several sisters of Fulton, Ky., and carried the limit in the Mutual Benefit Department, made out to his mother.

Bro. H. D. Scott is back at work after being on the sick list some time.

Sorry to hear that Bro. McMillion, now in Chicago Hospital, is not doing so well.

Members of Bro. Mills' family are sick, and he is acting as doctor, nurse and cook.

Bro. L. O. Felts is back in service again after an absence of several years, and relieved Bro. W. R. Dun, Wingo, recently.

Bro. W. W. Nall is now third "U" Fulton, and Bro. J. K. Whitfield on second Water Valley, Ky., being relieved at Paden by Bro. Smith from Wickliffe.

Bro. Merwin, ticket office Jackson, worked one day in "JC" last month, and Dispatchers Shelton and T. L. Allen, Fulton, a few days each as dispatchers, to retain seniority.

This division is now 100 per cent, the two who held our percentage at 98 so long now being "up to date."

Bro. W. C. Harmon, Boaz, and myself withdrawing our applications for third "FU" Fulton, gave the position to Bro. E. A. Dunn.

Curve and Greenfield nights and "JC" Jackson days closed during the reduction drive in expenses; but on account of heavy business Greenfield reopened, causing the writer to return to second Frogmoor.

Bro. McClure, Corinth, attending court two days, relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Chief dispatcher, Water Valley, Miss., was unable to secure another dispatcher during the rush and had to work a trick himself.

The writer and wife, visiting Birmingham during December, expected to find the climate much warmer than Jackson. Instead, we found four inches of snow and ice.

Second "FU" Fulton discontinued Sundays. Bro. Wolfgram expects to attend church on these nights (?).

Bro. Reaves, first "FU," visited Memphis recently.

Bro. Humphrey, extra, recently displaced Bro. Rowe, first "U" Fulton.

"DY," Cert. 2540.

#### Indiana Division—

Bro. E. L. Smith promoted to third trick dispatcher, vice Mr. Wallace, resigned. Lynch to first "Q." Bro. F. B. Fox to second chief operator "X" Chicago. Bro. J. H.

Bloye to Robinson agency, vice Mr. Morenous, deceased, a victim of the "flu." Bro. O. A. Knight, Mattoon, off ten days with the "flu," relieved by Geo. Thomas, a new man. Bro. Manion, "FS" Evansville, relieved a few days by Bro. Grimm, and Bro. McCrillis, agent Dieterich, by Bro. Hill, now at New-ton.

Bro. Sam Wakefield is back at Unionville after doing his "bit" for Uncle Sam.

Bro. C. V. Whitesett writes from France that he is now a sergeant. Bro. R. B. Smith also writes from France and sends his regards to all the boys.

Bro. C. E. Mehringer, second "YD," doing extra dispatcher's work, relieved by Bro. Walsh.

Keep after the nons. When a new man shows up, if he is not a member, start working on him at once.

Brothers, send me a few notes each month so we can have a nice write-up.

Our new hours and rates of pay help out quite a bit. Remit your dues promptly. Don't become delinquent.

"Scotty," Cert. 3640.

#### *Illinois Division—*

Thanks to Bro. J. Cranny, Tolono, for items on Champaign district.

De Moss has returned from the Army to third Otto, and G. D. Cox to De Witt agency.

#### *Illinois Division, Champaign District—*

Bro. R. B. Salladay is back at Aetna after being off since Nov. 27th with the "flu." He lost his wife with the same disease, both being bedfast at the same time. Bro. Gammon, second "KJ" Tower, Kinmundy, was also sick several weeks.

New offices opened lately: "TY" Tower, Tuscola, with Paul Hood, and Bros. Wheat and Shirley, "QN" Tower, Arcola, is being made a joint test office with the Van installation of new phones and board being nearly completed with Bros. Bert, Edwards and Connors; Neoga Tower, with Bro. Schneiderjohn and Bro. Dabney and Mike O'Donnell; Edgewood, with Bros. Cooper, Brown and Mulberger, and "KJ" Tower, Kinmundy, with Bros. Hensley, Gammon and Schwab, all on first, second and third, respectively, as named.

Bro. W. H. Tooker, third Odin, bid in vacancy made by Bro. Dabney going to second Neoga Tower; Bros. Poawlish and Davis, just back from the Army, bid Galton and Humbolt agencies, by Bros. Schwab and Edwards going to second "QN" Tower, respectively.

Bro. W. H. Morrison, Rantoul, was in Chicago several days on company business.

Bro. Priedheim relieved Davis on Kankakee first while he relieved the dispatchers at Kankakee on vacation.

Bro. McCarthy, second Kankakee Tower,

relieved three weeks by Bro. Ray Maddix, first Otto.

Bro. Johnson, third Farmer City, goes to Merna agency.

J. J. GARDINER

#### *Iowa Division—*

We are going to line up the few nons on this division now as they are all able to pay their dues. Don't let your neighbor non rest until he gets an up-to-date card.

Bro. Reeves, Austinville, off a few days with "flu," relieved by Agent Durman, Macy, and Bro. Krell, first Ackley, on sick list a few days, relieved by Bro. E. V. McDonald.

We are glad to see Bro. E. V. McDonald and Bro. Myers are back with us, out of the service of "Uncle Sam," looking so well. The former visited his parents in Mississippi before resuming work on Iowa Falls third.

Bro. Crouch was in Ft. Dodge and Bro. D. Titsworth called on the boys at Iowa Falls recently between trains. The latter has been at Camp Dodge for eight months. He expects to be back at "BU" next month.

Boys, send all your news in by the 20th to the boys at Iowa Falls so we can get it to St. Louis before the 25th. CERT. 3204.

#### *Wisconsin Division—*

Several of the boys attended the C. & A. meeting at Bloomington, January 11th, and there heard Supplement No. 13 discussed.

Brother Wm. Gossard, of El Paso, has gone to California to spend the winter with his sister and enjoy a well deserved rest after working about 27 years with very little lost time.

Unification has taken place at El Paso, with Bro. Gleason in charge as agent, and the office made a continuous, with Bro. Holdren on second and Bro. Gossard on third, and Bro. Long, of the T. P. & W., on first.

Bro. Bert Thompson, of Bloomington, has taken on a life partner. Congratulations.

Bro. Schlaef, delegate-at-large, and Bro. Kiester, alternate-at-large, are both live active members and are entitled to your support.

Bro. Wheeless has an office upstairs over the ticket office, in which four selling windows have been made. Still things are badly congested and more help is needed as Camp Grant will be there for some time to come. There will probably soon be three men at "Q" tower, Rockford, and three at the "CNW" tower near Colvin Park.

Bro. Thomas, Cloverdale, is recuperating from the effects of the "flu."

We will all be glad to welcome the boys back from military service. Their former positions are waiting for them, and we hope that "Johnny comes marching home" soon.

WANDERLUST.

**Chicago Gt. Western R. R., Div. No. 96.**  
**Western Division—**

We had a very pleasant meeting at Ft. Dodge, called at 2 p. m. and closed at 4:15 p. m. We went over the entire old schedule, eliminating useless parts that had been replaced by better conditions and pay. Our local charmain will see to this next time the committee goes in for a revision.

We based the proposed changes on Supplement 13 to General Order No. 27, as it was much better than our schedule, and we believed should be embodied therein. We voted to have our wages brought up equal with other leading roads in our locality, on corresponding positions, which should meet the approval of all concerned.

It was voted to hold six meetings during the year at Ft. Dodge, Ia., on the second Sunday of each second month, the next one coming on the second Sunday in March, the ninth. We want all the boys to attend these meetings. The brothers who attended this meetings were: Mortimer, Belmond; Melcher, Eagle Grove; Poole, Waverly; Sullivan, Omaha, Neb.; Infelt, Mohrville; Anderson, Kirkman; Ferguson, Carroll; Bolks, Coulter; Hoisington, Ft. Dodge; Fedderson, Moorland; Harre, Dumont; Kough, Clarksville; Morgan, Irwin; Gossett, Lanesboro; Kees, Clear Lake Jct.; Schrader, Readlyn; Lieneman, Clarion; Ludwich, Rowan. All the boys enjoyed a few minutes chat before leaving after the meeting closed.

Let us all decide to line up the few nons, and keep after them until they join. Remember, "No card, no favors," and strictly observe it. If you do not know the guilty ones ask your local chairman or his assistant for a list of them.

G. R. H., Cert. 200.

**Southern Division—**

Bro. Lyons has received his discharge from the army and is back at Bentley. Welcome home, Bro. Lyons.

It is now Bros. Pace at Waltham and Leverman Elling at Waverly; Baker at Clarion tower and Steffens at Rowan. The majority of the levermen now have an up-to-date card on this division. Bros. Wetter, at Eagle Grove, and Poole, at Waverly, are keeping right after them. Lohrville tower is solid.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. McAlpine, of Bentley, from diphtheria. We know not when we may be called and should arrange for the protection of our loved ones by leaving them all the insurance possible.

Bro. Heuerman, former agent at Bentley, is now at Eagle Grove, vice Bro. Thorson, who went to Vincent agency.

Brothers working with or near the "non" should keep everlastingly at them until they get up-to-date. Local Chairman Anderson, at Kirkman, will give you a list of them.

Our new working hours have created several positions on the division, mostly held by new men whom we welcome in our midst, but expect them to get up-to-date and in line with us.

Bro. Emerson, agent at Allison, says the "flu" is awfully hard on a fat man. Ye scribe agrees with him, being off nine days with it.

Mr. Schrader and family are having a siege of the "flu." Mrs. Schrader was sick a long time last summer with typhoid fever. Schrader promises to join as soon as possible.

Rowan and Moorland second, new telegraph positions held by Arke Leverish and J. J. Fields, pending bulletin. Somers now has three tricks, Bro. Miller's wife on second, and C. H. Gruis on third, pending bulletin.

Local Chairman Anderson, Kirkman, and Assistant Local Chairman Ferguson, Carroll, were called to Clarion on official business recently.

Brothers, the local chairman has asked me to act as division correspondent. Send me all the news you can to Moorland. Bro. Keas, Mason City, will send North End; Bro. Harre, Dumont, East End, and Bro. Ferguson, Carroll, West End news. Thanks to Bro. Anderson and several other brothers who helped out this month.

"SLIM," Cert. 200, Div. 93.

**Eastern Division—**

Bro. Richardson, formerly agent Richardson, is now located at Camp Hancock, Ga.

Bro. McCoy, formerly operator Sycamore, recently passed through Chicago, enroute to Peoria, Ill., having just been mustered out of the army.

Bro. R. J. Cole, second Grof, died December 7th. The division sent a wreath with Division 36, O. R. T.

Bro. Kretz' father died at Dubuque, January 18th. We extend the bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy.

Sister I. C. Bautsch, second Rice, accompanied her sister to Rochester, Minn., relieved by Miss Mougin.

Bro. Conroy, agent Clare, relieved a few days by Bro. Garrels.

Bro. J. C. Harris spent a day in Chicago recently.

Dispatcher L. O. Ross off sick with influenza, and Bro. W. D. Morse, third South Freeport, obliged to go to hospital, relieved by Bro. Penticoff. Mrs. Penticoff handling the position temporarily. Bro. Rody, St. Charles, relieved nine days by Bro. Clay, Lily Lake. Vacancy on Grof second filled by Bro. Markham. Bro. Larson to first there.

New members: Miss G. Murphy, Elmhurst; Strong, Byron; Trendt, Fugaltton; Schilling, Bellwood.

Bro. Richards, agent Durango, resumed

work after an extended leave in California.

There are still a few non-members on the Eastern Division. Names furnished on application. Have wasted time and patience on some.

Bro. Durr from the C. & A. is on third "Z" Chicago.

Bro. Kratz, first Dubuque, is being relieved by Bro. Barron. Bro. Kretz collected \$17.50 and Bro. McGirk \$6.75 for flowers. Five dollars was expended for Bro. Coles's floral offering, leaving a balance of \$19.50 in charge of Bro. McGirk, Sycamore, for future use.

Bro. Rhodes, former agent No. Hanover, now located at Stratton, Colo., on the C. R. I. & P., spent a day in Chicago with Bro. Dresser, agent Elizabeth, recently.

General Chairman Coleman has requested a date with our general manager for the purpose of incorporating Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 into our working schedule.

Brothers, a few items for the write-up of the happenings on the division each month would be appreciated.

G. A. OTT, Cert. 180.

#### Nester & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.

Bros. Gellner, Klein and Lemming were off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Virgil Merrihew on a trip to Kingston recently, relieved by Bro. Floyd.

Bro. Trace Ennist of Arkville regularly attends the "Safety First" committee meetings. Any brother knowing of dangerous or unsafe conditions at his station, advise Bro. Ennist by letter and he will look after it in the proper way.

Bro. "Slim" Utter, who dropped out of the Order many years ago because he could not be insured on account of his weight, recently joined again without any insurance. He appreciates what the O. R. T. has done for him and believes that the only way we can secure a just wage for our labor is through organized effort. He is what I call a man. We hope the three remaining nons, R. S. Welch, P. J. Joyce and Mr. McDermott, will see the light before it is too late.

Each brother should study and make himself familiar with Supplement No. 13. If in doubt on any point, write your general secretary or your general chairman, who are pleased at all times to give information and take up any matters of interest to you.

OLD SCRIBE, Cert. 17.

#### Duluth, S. S. & A. Ry., Div. No. 116.

Bro. M. J. Clossey, ailing for some time, with his wife, is spending the winter in Arizona. We hope to see Martin return with the birds as fit as ever.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Tobin of Strong's owing to the death of his infant son, November 5th, and his wife the fol-

lowing day. A severe epidemic of "flu" was raging at Strong's at the time and Bro. Tobin, who was a tireless worker in assisting to stamp it out, has been highly commended therefor.

Bro. Clark is back at Soo Jct. after six months in the West, regaining his health. The way he showed up at the last meeting at Negaunee showed there was no doubt but that he had succeeded.

Bro. J. E. Casey, "G" office, spent the week-end at Mass with his sister, employed there by the St. Paul as operator.

Bro. J. A. Halverson, appointed agent at Fiborn Jct., has taken a lot of work from Soo Jct., and we wish him success.

Dollar Bay and Copper Range have been consolidated with the Mineral Range in the Copper Range station; Bro. N. A. Church in charge, the Copper Range man being assistant agent; Hubbell, C. R. R. R. and M. R. R. R., with Bro. Gus Peterson in charge; Republic, C. & N. W. D. S. S. & A. and C. M. St. P., with the St. Paul man in charge; Ishpeming, C. & N. W. and D. S. S. & A., W. L. Bedford in charge. The C. & N. W. have first and third tricks, with Bro. Carlson on D. S. S. & A. second trick. Glad to hear that.

Bro. P. L. Morrow, Herman, spent a few days in Duluth, relieved by Bro. Halver-

Sister Hawes, who lost out at Ishpeming on account of the consolidation, is now at Calumet nights.

Bro. P. C. Peterson, formerly agent at Negaunee, who also lost out on account of the consolidation, is now at Trout Creek during Bro. Clossey's absence.

Bro. W. E. Fish of the Demurrage Bureau spent a few days in Calumet on business. Bro. J. T. Collins and family spent Sunday in Marquette, and the writer and wife spent Sunday with friends in Baraga recently.

Bro. C. M. Garmon, agent Marquette, was married recently. I didn't hear who the lucky lady was. Congratulations, however, to both Mr. and Mrs. "CMG."

Bro. P. M. Stillman was called to Washington recently to confer with the general chairmen of the different divisions relative to Supplement 13 to General Order No. 13, and Bro. C. W. Danielson to a conference in Chicago, also relative to the new supplement.

At a meeting held in Negaunee, Mich., January 19th, there were about 32 members present. This was the best turnout I have ever seen on this pike. Brothers were there who had not attended meetings in years. This shows that the new life the O. R. T. has absorbed is arousing the interest of the members. Let us hope the interest holds up, even after we have received our raise.

Bro. Danielson's books were audited and found correct as usual. He certainly keeps

a fine set of books, and we are to be congratulated on having "Charlie" as our secretary and treasurer.

Well, I thought this all up myself, so if you think you have a kick coming, you haven't. If you know any news, keep it to yourself, then I won't have to write it up. I thank the members for the interest they have shown in our monthly write-up in the past two years. Since Neil Hume quit telegraphing the notes have been few and far between.

Buy W. S. S.

W. E. P.

#### Soo Line Ry., Div. No. 119.

*Chicago Division, First and Second Dist.*—

Bro. W. J. Watts, agent Lomira, off several days on account of death of his brother-in-law, relieved by Bro. Gilbert Martin, who also relieved Bro. Philippi, agent Lake Villa, a few days owing to illness.

Bro. A. N. Theisen, relieving dispatchers at Shops on their "short reliefs," relieved on south end message wire by Bro. W. R. Jahns, and he on third Fond du Lac by Sister Jahns, who later visited "home folks" at Honey Creek.

Bros. Wm. Hinds and H. L. Lepinski, Shops Yard, relieved a few days by Belle Balthazor, and Bro. H. V. Carpenter, third Rugby Junction, by Bro. F. Lang.

Bro. C. J. Wightman to Sheridan agency, vice Bro. M. E. Carey, there pending bulletin.

The brothers on the southern district were greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of Bro. L. F. Lisbeth, agent at Weyauwega, December 26th, ill but a few days with influenza, developing into pneumonia. The writer took up a collection from the boys along the line and sent a floral offering on behalf of Division No. 119. In the demise of Bro. Lisbeth we lose a loyal member and the "Soo Line" one of its best agents. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

Second Allenton and Colgate taken off.

Brothers, send me some notes for the write up.

N. J. FROST, Local Chairman.

*Chicago Division, Northern District*—

It has been some time since I have been able to have a write-up as the only items I get are from the trainmen and what I hear over the wires. Send your items to me not later than the 15th and I will see that we are represented in the journal every month. Jot down the transfers and the names of the men and send to me. I will do the rest.

Two additional operators put on at Chelsea besides Bro. Anderson, Milladore, made three tricks, and Gordon two. A lot of new men have been taken on, which gives us some more material to work on. Keep after them.

Bro. Rayner, agent Rib Lake, spent the

holidays with his folks East, relieved by Lempke, who later went to Morse agency, vice Bro. Carter, to Park Falls second.

Bro. R. J. Hibbard writes from "over there": Drafted at Phillips, he left July 24th for Camp Grant, then to Fort Benjamin Harrison, where he drilled until September 1st, then to Camp Merritt, N. J., whence he embarked for overseas on Sept. 12th with the 21st Railroad Engineers. During the trip over their convoy of eight transports and twelve destroyers was attacked three times by enemy subs, but escaped, due to the good work of the Navy, which sunk two subs with depth bombs. After fifteen days on the Manchuria they landed at Brest, France, on Sept. 27th. After nine days in a rest camp at Brest they left for the interior, going the greater part of the distance on foot. After reaching their destination he was operator for several weeks on the French Narrow Gauge Railroad, later transferred to dispatcher's office for a week and went on as chief dispatcher nights, which job he is still holding. He handled 46 ammunition trains one night. "Ticklish business."

Thanksgiving Day he wrote, saying they had started to drill again and expected to soon move toward home. He was then stationed near St. Mihiel, about ten miles from Ione, within easy hearing distance of the big guns during the offensive shortly before the close of the war. He has never met any of the boys from this country that he knew here. Last address given is Private Richard J. Hibbard, Co. M, 4th Bn., 21st Engrs., Am. Ex. Forces. He would be pleased to hear from all of the "Soo Line Bunch."

"BUCK," Cert. 550.

#### D. S. Division

Have been on two months' leave taking in a few Western and Southern States. Am now on third Boylston Junction.

Bro. Shultie, former agent Fordville, is now on first "Bf," Bro. Kobilka, Holdingford, to Onamia, and Durkee, a new man, on second Moose Lake.

Bro. Larson, home a few days on a visit when first trick "MA" pulled off, now on third "FD."

Bro. Thiele and family have been sick with the "flu," also Bro. Bovee for two months, just recovering.

Keep after the nons. Remember, "No card, no favors," and send me some notes.

W. W. ERICKSON, Cert. 1377.

#### W. & P. Division

My items for January were received too late for publication in that issue.

The "flu" visited us again, taking the wife of Bro. Carson, agent Ladysmith, and the wife of Bro. Gilland at Prentice. There was a floral wreath sent to each of the fu-

nerals in the name of the Order. We extend our sympathy to both the bereaved brothers. Bro. V. H. Griffiths' family at Pennington have all recovered from an attack of the malady, and Bro. Curtis, Brantwood, relieved by Bro. Devine. Also Bro. Olson and family at Ladysmith.

Bro. Paul Noe to Harris, and Bro. E. J. Edwards to Barron agency, vice Bro. Canfield, back on his own trick.

Bro. V. W. Packard attended some military doings at Milwaukee recently. He is second lieutenant of the home guards.

Bro. Harry Anderson writes his father that he was gassed slightly early in the fall, but is O. K. again, and hopes to eat his Easter dinner at home. He will be sporting three service stripes when he comes back. Bro. R. E. Emmerson also writes from France that he is all O. K., and hopes to leave shortly for home.

Bro. Sweinecker, instructor eighteen months in the signal corps, has been discharged and resumed on third Barron.

W. H. B., Cert. 492.

#### FLOWER FUND REPORT.

Balance on hand November 8.....	\$38.26
Received from Bro. H. D. Corstens...	1.00
From Bros. Frank McCorkle, Vic Ottowell and Sodin, 50c each.....	1.50
From Bro. Edwards and Sister Malcolm .....	2.50
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	\$43.26
Paid out since last report:	
Wreath Bro. Sak.....	\$10.00
Wreath Bro. Gilland's wife.....	5.36
Wreath Bro. Carson's wife.....	5.36
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	\$20.71
Balance on hand December 22nd....	22.55
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	\$43.26

W. H. B., Cert. 492.

#### Wisconsin and Peninsula Division—

Sister Myrtle E. Cram is relieving on third North Crandon.

Bro. E. J. Edwards, agent, Deronda, relieved by Sister Verna Malcolm, on a trip to Indiana, went to Barron agency on his return.

Since the death of Bro. Geo. Koerner, agent at Barron, Bro. Canfield has handled the agency there, relieved on first by Bro. Devine.

Bro. A. V. Seifert, of Cardigan Jet., was recently off a few days on account of death in his family.

Bro. A. R. Lund takes the war-time vacancy on second Shoreham.

Hermansville now joint with C. & N. W., Bro. F. J. Buetman transferring to Catawba agency.

Bro. Blair, agent North Crandon, has been

in the Rhinelander hospital for an operation, relieved by Bro. W. Schultz.

Bro. Geo. B. Coryell, agent Osceola, was recently married. Congratulations and best wishes.

It is now Sister Miss Edna Locke, extra.

L. F. Schwenneger has returned from the war and bumped Bro. Olson at Barron. We hope he will now get a card.

Bro. Mark W. Curtis, recently transferred from Harlins to Brantwood agency, who had three weeks' siege of influenza, relieved by Bro. Devine, recently lost his wife from the effects of the same disease, which developed into pneumonia.

E. R. CRAM, L. C.  
Local Chairman.

#### Lake Erie & Western R. R., Div. No. 120.

The brothers in "GO" showed the "Union Pep" by making all the "nons" get an up-to-date.

The three good men at "ZN" ward now have applications and will soon line up; also the agent at Sharpsville, and it is now Bro. Shirley Means, extra dispatcher, at Peru.

Gen. Secy. and Treas. Steckel and Bro. J. J. Dennis, of Hobbs, were recent Tipton visitors. Now, you old faithful members, pay up your dues promptly, and help Bro. Steckel make the division 100 per cent strong and go before the Board of Adjustment No. 3 for a working agreement with a full membership.

Recent new members : S. L. Baer, Coldwater; F. C. Cowan, Arrowsmith; C. C. Landers, Ambia, transferred from Division 19; C. F. Smith and Thos. H. Kennedy, Muncie; G. A. Borders, Schideler, and R. Stokes, Elwood. Now, brothers, keep after the nons near you and give them no rest until they come in.

Blanks have been mailed out for the February election of delegates to the National convention next May.

Bro. J. F. Stroup is back at Goldsmith, after a tussle with the "flu."

Supplement No. 13 has raised terminal positions and is much better than Supplement No. 11 for agents who are not telegraphers.

CERT. 73.

#### Lehigh Valley R. R., Div. No. 124.

Members Division 124:

I wish to express my thanks for the cooperation you have shown during 1918: each and every one have shown the proper spirit. We all have a right to be very proud of what we have accomplished by our combined unselfish determination to win. It has brought our membership up to nearly the 100% mark, considerably over six hundred members. Let us keep everlasting at it until we reach it. With a paid general chairman always on the job there can be no failure. I do not mean by this that we should leave it all to him; let us all indi-

vidually work just as hard as we have heretofore, but he will be able to do a great deal more by having no other duties to take up his time and just to look after the welfare of the organization. There must be no slackers. We, ourselves, must work out our own salvation. Do not for a moment let that "I don't care spirit" get hold of you, which will mean to go back to the mere pittance you were receiving just a short time ago.

Pay your dues promptly in order that we may be able to do things. They were raised to help carry on the work in the proper manner. This increase is small in comparison with the advance in wages received and other things accomplished, and we should pay it gladly. Figure out for yourself, on the amount invested, where would you receive the same percentage of interest on your money; for the amount invested you have received your money back many times over.

I have received many letters from brothers who have expressed their appreciation for what has been already accomplished, saying they were glad to pay the increase in order that we might have a paid general chairman to look after the interests of our organization. I thank you all for this appreciation, and assure you that the committee has done nothing but what it thought was right and proper, and will continue to do all in its power for the good of the Order.

The increase in initiation fees brought in approximately fifty new members during December. All were given ample time and opportunity to join before these fees were increased. Those who did not do so, will now have to pay this increase. There is no excuse for them. We have fought their battles for them without their help. If they do not appreciate what has been done for them, we should not show them any further favors. If they are not for us they are certainly against us.

There are very few nons left on the Seneca Division; we have voted "No Card, No Favors," live up to it; any further compromising with these nons has gone.

I ask that you will give the same loyal support during 1919 that you gave us in 1918, in order that we may have another successful and profitable year.

Fraternally yours,

M. M. CRANE,  
General Secty. and Treasurer.

#### New Jersey and Lehigh Division—

The first annual joint banquet of the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and their friends employed on the Lehigh Valley, the Central R. R. of New Jersey, and the Phila and Reading, was held at the Hotel Walton, Allentown, Pa., Saturday evening, January 11th, and we are proud to chronicle the event as going "Over the Top."

The enormous amount of "chicken" devoured would indicate that they were all related to the ministers. Mr. Walt, the proprietor, is to be congratulated on the spread he furnished.

General Chairman Leh, of the L. V., and General Chairman Vrye, Central R. R., of N. J., divisions, also local chairman Landis, of the P. & R., delivered interesting addresses in regard to the progress of the "O. R. T." in this section, and what we "expect to do" in the future. Music was furnished on a Victrola, and the "warbling" of Bro. Armbruster of Mauch Chunk, who especially is entitled to consideration for the way he kept the boys in "harmony."

The committee that arranged the affair, and worked so hard and faithfully to make it a success, are to be congratulated on having the "grit" to start it with no funds to draw upon outside of their own. This committee consisted of Bros. Butz, Nolf, W. W. Brown, Hulsch, Williamson, G. E. Knittle, and your scribe of the L. V., and Bros. Rausch of the Central R. R. of N. J., and Landis of the P. R.

Bro. Case of Slatington, being unable to attend, sent the treasurer \$2.00 to help defray the expenses, which was returned thanking him for his kindness, as we more than cleared expenses, shown by the following report of the treasurer Bro. D. B. Williamson, of Hokendauqua. Receipts—38 tickets, \$2.00 each, \$76.00; expenditures,—banquet, \$1.50 per plate (38 sittings) \$57.00, 75 badges at 9 cents each, \$6.75; printing 200 tickets, \$1.50; postage and telephone calls 58 cents, total \$65.83, leaving a balance on hand of \$10.17, which has been deposited to the order of the "O. R. T. Social Fund." D. B. Williamson, treasurer.

Bro. Walter Boyle, Third Avenue, is now third copier in Easton Dispatcher's Office, and Bro. Yell is on second "PK." Bro. Ten Eycke is now night yardmaster at Easton. Bro. "Doc" Wolf, manger "Q," has been home several weeks with the "flu."

How does the idea of forming a baseball league strike you, boys? Games could easily be played mornings and afternoons with teams from towermen and operators, telephone and telegraph linemen, station agents and clerks and one from the relay offices. The equipment necessary for each team could be easily obtained.

Until a regular correspondent is elected, I am willing to cover the field the best I can, but it is necessary that I receive notes from both divisions, especially the New Jersey.

HARRY A. SNYDER, Cert. 76.

#### M. & M. Division—

Our first luncheon and smoker was held in the meeting room, Union Hall, North Wyoming St., Hazleton, Friday evening, January 17th. Bros. North, Whitfield, Vogel-

sang, Rundash and Walsh arranged the affair, which required considerable work, but they were amply repaid by its success.

General Chairman Leh and General Secretary and Treasurer M. M. Crane, honored guests, joined a half hundred brothers around the festive board. The menu, palatable and plentiful, was partaken of with a relish and when all had appeased their appetites (for some have great capacity), the aroma of choice Havanas announced the conclusion of the feast.

Bro. F. C. Whitfield, past master as a toastmaster filled this seat most acceptably, and opened the after dinner exercises by introducing General Chairman Leh, who was listened to throughout his discourse most attentively, as he related facts and figures all entirely new to the boys, awakening enthusiasm that had for months been dormant.

General Secretary and Treasurer Crane followed, giving a talk on the financial side, our duties and what they meant.

Al Warner, composer of railroad poems and lyrics, brought forth a burst of mirth with an original poem on the O. R. T. Then there were recitations, instrumental selections and addresses by Bros. Brogan, Early, Walbert, North, Monahan, Hartig and G. W. Welch.

The purpose of the affair was fulfilled with no disappointments and everything tended to show the boys that real work was not only being planned, but that actual work was being done in the interests of the organization.

The tolling of the midnight hour turned the thoughts of the boys homeward, and all left the banquet hall with a feeling of general satisfaction that the program in its entirety and purpose had been most successfully carried out.

The correction is gladly made that L. M. Neifert, third Pine Jct., is a member, in good standing, and not a "non" as previously announced. Bro. Neifert is not of the kind that remain without the fold.

Secretary Vogelsang announces the following new members: G. W. Baum, second Locust Jct.; Joe Facina, first and Wm. Craigie, second Eckley Jct.; F. J. Stern, Jeddo; R. M. Kelly, Ashmore; Joe Paterson, second Pine Jct., and Steve Curry, "H" office.

This brings the list up to near the one hundred per cent margin and another drive will be made for a clean up.

David Baden, Phila. W. U. main office, is now on third Penn Haven Jct. "Davie" blew in with an up-to-date card.

Extra Dispatcher Bro. Flood is idle, with an attack of influenza. This puts Bro. Rundash on the train sheet, Givens on first and Small McGlynn on third "HS."

Bro. "AK" landed the newly created position at Park Place.

The great amount of sickness prevalent,

and the scarcity of telegraphers leaves many working extra hours. Relief Agent A. J. McCollough consequently covers miles of territory.

Still wearing his wrist watch, Bro. D. G. Munday claims he would have had a better time had he been able to attend the banquet.

"WA", Cert. 208.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

We regret very much to record the death of our esteemed Bro. E. J. Purcell, agent and operator at Livonia. He was a life-long member in the Order, and one who we could be proud of.

Bro. Fennell, another life-long order man is very sick with the "flu." We hope for his speedy recovery.

Telegraph job at "MX" abolished and Bro. Loose taking third "CH," Bro. O'Donnell back with Bro. Colligan in "MC." Station closed for few hours at "RJ" in the morning, and operator in tower takes care of car book and bills.

The insulator fire at Lima caused Bro. Range to be on the rounds again, filling in at North Leroy at present.

Everything possible is being done to discourage organized labor on the railroads, but let's show them that we are "wise" to their game" by paying our dues promptly. If the railroads go back into private ownership, and we are not organized, we will soon be working for starvation wages again as we did before.

Bro. Conlon at Buffalo is acting local chairman on this division on account of my having resigned, but I will always be a booster for the cause, and keep things rolling on this end.

L. B. POWERS.

#### *Buffalo Division Notes—*

"Ed" Day, employed in W. L. Donaldson's office, Buffalo, died recently after an illness of but five days. Before going to Mr. Donaldson's office he was located for many years in "BF," was known over the entire division and well liked by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family in their sad bereavement. Bro. Joe May takes the vacancy caused by "Ed's" death at "MS."

Bro. "Mac" McCormick back after four weeks in Cuba.

Bro. Coxe is yardmaster at "FS" temporarily.

Bro. Jack Parks after an extended vacation instead of returning to "WE," took "AB" nights, instead of the "uncertainty." It was a good move making "AB" solid.

"Now for the schedule." CERT. 263.

#### *C. R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.*

##### *General Offices—*

Chicago—Supplement 18 is being held up on account of not being officially issued and

the company doesn't wish to duplicate the work.

Bro. Weld worked here for a while. Too bad, with all that seniority. Should be something changed to meet this emergency in the future.

Bro. Lee doesn't figure on taking a vacation on the farm this year. He says last year he got up at 5 one morning and they asked him where he'd been all forenoon.

Since the overtime figures up close to a dollar an hour it doesn't seem to be half so necessary and messages that used to be positively important are being mailed now.

Bro. Flannigan is now with a bond house here in Chicago. Joe says he bats 'em out at the rate of 35 a day. One day he handled 50 and they have checked him up for a bonus at the end of the year.

Bro. Craig has the floor. Bro. Hanson says he isn't late night chief and doesn't want to be. "NB."

Trenton—Bro. Lowe was off several days sick and Bro. Siler's wife is on the sick list.

Business is very good, although we lost quite a bit when the Kansas Division took over the line, St. Joe to Horton.

The election of officers will soon be here. We must not forget to vote and boost for the men we think will be qualified for the jobs and look after our interests.

Topeka—No write-up in last issue; our items mailed from Topeka on the 22nd reached St. Louis on the 26th. If any complaints, make them to Burleson.

Bro. Dunham, of Wellington, has our sincere sympathy in his bereavement, his father dying in Topeka, January 17th.

Bro. Rollins returned from the navy and bumped Bro. Pearsoll. "Happy" hasn't received official notice where he will land, but is looking toward Halleyville. Sure hate to see my first assistant leave.

Supplement 13 has not yet been officially announced and, as far as the relay men are concerned it doesn't make much difference if it is overlooked altogether. It calls to mind the story of the old multi-millionaire who died and based his claim to a seat right up next to the throne, on his having given a newsboy and an old apple woman a cent each at different times. St. Peter advised his "helper" to give him back his two cents and tell him to go to —.

Assume you have all received the general letter from our general office notifying us that our dues have been increased to fourteen dollars per year, or seven dollars per term. This is a good move and should meet the approval of all, as our committee cannot give us the best results without a good financial backing. Several have not paid their dues for the current term and I trust the slate will be clean by the time this issue comes out.

R. D. STOVER, L. C.

#### *Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—*

Bro. Dutton of the Iowa Division covered this division recently lining up the nons and it is now Bros. Nuckles, Chicago; Lewsha, Seneca; Kososki and Spurck, DePue; Rutherdale and Walker, Genesee; Holland, "MC" tower; Dailey, C. & A. tower, and Vidal, extra. Find out where they are located and don't let them rest until they take out a card and then see that they keep it up. There are only a few left and if everyone will push them a little we will soon be 100 per cent.

Bro. Huser, first Silvia, doing extra dispatching at Rock Island, relieved by Bro. Burghardt, second.

Bro. Poe, second Blue Island, off with the "flu," relieved by C. T. U. Bro. Callahan, who will soon be an up-to-date O. R. T. member.

Bro. Marshall, Utica, took a hunting trip to Spirit Lake recently and had to charter a special car to get them home.

Our committee is in Chicago writing Supplement No. 13 into our schedule. If you haven't paid your dues yet, do so now and if possible make it a yearly; it doesn't cost any more and saves a lot of work in our general office.

E. SPERLIN, L. C.

#### *Iowa Division—*

Bro. O. F. Shepherd, a new man, relieved Local Chairman Dutton at Mindan while on committee work.

Bro. Taylor, former agent Brayton to third Atlantic, relieved by Bro. Mikkelsen from Hamlin. Bro. Cooney, to Colfax third, relieved by Bro. Shepherd on Van Meter second. Bro. Retzer gone to the U. P., Bro. Putnam to Council Bluffs, "Q" second, relieved at Valley Junction depot by Bro. Dunn.

New members: E. E. Pigg, agent Carson; H. T. Catlin, days South Omaha; L. J. Fowler, Albright; J. L. Mangan, extra; O. E. Weaver, second Marengo; W. B. Dunn, second, and E. C. Hoffman, first "VJ"; K. E. Stephens and A. Nefers, levermen, Neola; Pat Brown and Henry Hulse, levermen, Carnsforth; A. E. Edwards, Earlham; T. O. McCarthy, Audubon; O. A. High, extra from Oklahoma Division; M. J. Douglas, Grinnell; M. A. Burns, Victor; T. M. Longwell, Short Line Junction, and C. W. Plumly, West Liberty.

Bro. Wasmos is back at "MU." Bro. Brown, Atlantic third, to "Q," vice Bro. Huey, resigned; Bro. Scott to first "MA," vice Bro. Hardenbrook, "somewhere in France" with the railroad engineers.

Our esteemed Bro. Geo. H. Richardson died recently of the "flu," Bro. Cottin taking Albright agency.

Let's try and have a few items in every month of THE TELEGRAPHER. It's a hard job to furnish a write-up without help. Someone on the West End send me some notes;

will try and keep the good thing going. This is our first appearance in THE TELEGRAPHER for nearly a year.

G. H. F., West Liberty, Ia.

#### *Des Moines Valley Division—*

Bro. Dan Toson, back on few days' furlough from the Radio School, expects to soon be discharged.

Bro. Jemison is in Cambridge, Mass., having some serious ear trouble and is very anxious to get back to Evans. Bro. McVay, of Winterset, displaced Bro. F. E. Brake on Evans first. Bro. M. E. Lash is on second and Bro. Forsythe on third there. Bro. R. C. Jacobs, extra, goes to Given agency. Leroy Allen, a new man, goes to operator, Indianola, no bids.

Bro. Sweeney, of Ottumwa, was called to Rochester, Minn., by the serious illness of his wife. We all sympathize with him and hope for her speedy recovery and his early return to duty.

Bro. Brake relieved Bro. Meyers at Prairie City during the illness of his family.

Bro. Sandimer, of Otley, was a recent Des Moines caller.

Bro. Arnold, of Sigourney, on short vacation, relieved by Extra Harned. CERT. 785.

#### *Cedar Rapids Division—*

Bro. H. S. Martin, mustered out of service, resumed at Cedar Rapids yard, vice Bro. Cooper to Elmira second, and Bro. L. A. Brockaway, West Branch, has second West Branch, after a month's tussle with the "flu."

M. J. Welch, from the G. N., is extra dispatcher.

Bro. J. T. Parks, Kinross, was off several weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. E. B. Albro is still on the sick list.

Bro. M. F. Bullis writes from Bacharach, Germany, that he has just finished a twenty-five day furlough sightseeing trip through France and resumed regular duties as sergeant of the Signal Corps. The German people where he is stationed treat American troops very well.

Bro. O. D. Harmon, Jr., is now with the C. & N. W. on the Iowa Division.

CERT. 621.

#### *Indian Territory Division—*

The Rock Island took over Holdenville telegraph office January 1st. Frisco men replaced there were brothers of No. 126: G. R. Reynolds, first; J. Coughlin, second; J. G. O'Neal, third.

Bro. C. W. Glazener, Seminole second, to Ardmore first; Bro. C. M. Smith, Haywood, to Hughes; Bro. J. M. Burke, extra, to Howe third; J. J. Speak back on Calvin third.

One or two nons on the division yet. Boys, please get after them, and don't let them

rest until they line up. C. R. Maxwell, North Coalgate, furnishes the same old excuse.

Don't wait for the local chairman to remind you of it two or three times, and then finally have to send the organizer around to collect your dues. Pay them up promptly.

Please send in your notes, if you want to see your division represented in the fraternal columns each month.

W. C. Riggs, Cert. 1147.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

It has been quite a while since this division has been represented in our journal, but we are going to try and have a write-up each month hereafter. I want each brother on the division to send me some news and make it his special business to go after the nons on the wire by letter or any other way that he thinks he can get them in.

Bro. Foster has been on the sick list again several weeks, relieved by J. P. Wade, who later went to Ivan. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope the trip to the springs did him lots of good. He has resigned as local chairman in favor of Bro. Jones at Fordyce, who is located on the main line and can get in touch with what is going on over the division better than Bro. Foster.

Sister Brown relieved Newton at Meridian, on sick list. Ogden, Lecompte, is just up from a spell of the "flu." We are sorry to note that Bro. Walter Warren is off sick with "flu" and hope he will soon recover.

Nons and delinquents are: Agent Gray, Dubach; Ogden, Lecompte, and J. T. Chancellor, who goes to Quitman on bid.

Bro. W. E. Hanberry of the Grand Division is now at Shreveport, La., in the brokerage business. Brothers in that section will confer a favor by helping him to secure business in his line.

CERT. 2092.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Quite a few of the boys are now back from the various camps. Bro. W. H. Kreger at Bemis, Bro. Lewis at Superior, Bro. Bieber from Camp Johnson, Fla., where he gained 28 pounds in a few months and looking fine, relieved Bro. Libby at Melvin, resigned to go into business for himself. We all wish him success.

Bro. Armstrong is back at Bushnell; Bro. Gasahl at Little Rock, and Bro. Eakins, Bemis, now agent at Ward, all down a while with the "flu".

Bro. Pace, Royal, was also on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Posivio, later relieved by Bro. Thorn, and went to Dows as operator.

Three men put back on "SR" again.

Yours truly was off two days recently, when the stork left a baby girl at his house.

Help with the notes and come in when you can. Always glad to hear anything of interest and the others are too, I'm sure.

"GM", Cert. 1742.

**Colorado Division—**

Our Chicago flyer was tied up at Colby in the recent snow blockade for three days. The engine tank had to be filled with water by the city fire department, coal being carried from the station to keep the coaches warm and candles used to light them. A week's sunshine at this writing, January 17, has cleared the road pretty well of snow and trains are running about regular again.

A good many have been down with the "flu", on this division, among them Bro. Klass, Ash, and the helper at Selden, Sister Klass and Bro. Blackwood running the station meanwhile; Bro. Herold, at Colby, had a touch of it, also the lady clerk, and Bro. and Sister Moore, at Brewster, were off a week with the malady. Bro. Doolan, agent Genoa, was called to Missouri on account of the death of his father, relieved by Bro. Hobbs, second and third closed meanwhile, owing to the shortage of men.

Bro. F. A. Brown, Almena, was relieved on two weeks' vacation to Linsborg, Kan., by Bro. Lear, from the N. P. in Montana. Bro. Manlon, manager Goodland relay, visited his brother-in-law, Bro. Jones, and wife at Colby recently, and Bro. R. E. Wilson has just returned to Flagler from two months' visit to home folks in the East.

Bro. G. C. Potts, from the Colorado Midland, relieved Cummings on Almena third, when he bid in Calhan second. Bro. and Sister Garber are back at Stuttgart. Miss Bottinelli relieved Griffin on third there, resigned. Bro. Conquest is relieving Bro. Wm. Egger at Dresden agency, while he tries out Stratton agency.

Brothers, get after the few nons on the division and give them no rest until you land them. Remember, "*No oard, no favors.*"

Thanks to Bros. Jones and Maxwell for notes. If the brothers will send them in regularly, we can have a good write-up every month.

E. M. MONTAGUE, Div. Cor., Arriba, Colo.

**C. B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130.****Relay Division—**

We now have the largest membership we have ever had. Get after the few nons and show them that they are working against us when they don't belong to the organization. We must have a solid organization in order to properly protect our interests, and hope the members will continue their efforts until we have every non in the ranks and see that they stay in.

Members are paying their dues more promptly now than ever before and indications are that all will be paid up before March 31st. Those who have not already paid should make a special effort to get their dues to Bro. Rogers before that time and avoid having their names appear on the delinquent list. Under the laws of the organization a grievance cannot be handled

for a member who is delinquent. As this rule is being strictly enforced it is to the interest of each individual to see that their dues are paid within the ninety day limit.

The placing of men returning from military service has been settled and all pending assignments will now be made and all vacancies bulletined.

Supplement 13 is a great step forward and we will make further progress by supporting our officers and the organization. We are the organization and its strength depends upon what we make it.

The general committee which convened at the Palmer House, Chicago, on January 17th, to draw up a proposition including Supplement 13, to be presented to the officials, completed its work on January 20th. After a hearing is given us by the officials we will get out the new schedule as early as possible.

No notes from anyone this month. It would be appreciated very much if the members would send in every item regardless of how small it is.

J. J. ROSE.

**Beardstown Division—**

Our division stands 112 positions, 115 active, 12 military members; total, 115; per cent 102, a record to be proud of, due greatly to Bro. Korte's untiring efforts. Thanks.

The following were nominated for local chairman and delegates to the Grand Convention: C. W. McConnel, Concord; Anderson, White Hall; Frazier, Rockbridge, and Bro. Dameron of Larchland (candidate for delegate to the Grand Convention only).

Bro. Bridges to second and Mrs. W. H. Cole to third Cambon; Bro. Davis, second, and Bro. Baumgardner, third Browning. The stork took a fine boy to the home of the latter January 10th.

S. H. FRAZIER, L. C.

**Peoria Branch—**

Bro. R. C. Hoskins, second Canton, sick one night. Bros. Dubree and Pelley doubling.

Bro. H. Astevens, second Yates City, is improving.

Bro. F. Antrim is back at Oak Hill after a siege of the "flu."

Bro. Pakman, third Yates City, visited home folks Xmas.

It is now Bros. Fleisher, Oliver, Vancil, Chapman (J. W.), Stout, Kiddoo.

Dues coming in nicely. Don't wait until last moment to remit.

D. C. Root, L. C.

**Quincy Branch—**

Bro. L. E. Gray, first Eubanks, off several days owing to sickness in his family, relieved by Bro. R. R. Garrison, who also relieved Bro. Flynn, Colman, and Bro. R. F. Hendricks at Marblehead on account of sickness and later relieved Bro. Moore at Abingdon.

Bro. Gookins, third Quincy switch, off

sick, relieved by Bro. F. M. Haist and I. O. Gray, sick, relieved at Eubanks by Bro. G. R. Hubanks.

Bro. H. McVay, third Augusta, off a few days sick, relieved by Miss Ethel Spurgeon, who also relieved Bro. E. M. Ogle several days.

Bro. C. W. Herron, agent Lynn Center, wished to thank the boys on the North End for paying his dues while off with an attack of influenza.

I would appreciate it very much if the boys on the Louisiana Branch would call me or drop me a note of any happenings.

H. L. THOMPSON.

#### *Brookfield Division—*

The influenza situation at Lathrop was about the worst on the division. Bro. Ritter, the agent, took sick November 23rd, relieved by Sprague, who worked one day, was taken sick and relieved by Bro. Meranda, who, after two days, took sick, T. L. Rogerson from the O. & K. C. working second and Bro. Gray from Block 223 doubled two days until Bro. W. B. Owen from Brookfield took charge. The town was quarantined and a way car had to be sent from Brookfield for the new force to room in.

Bro. Emmerson, third Turney, off with the "flu," relieved by Bro. A. B. Roof from Lakeport a few days, then relieved by C. W. McIntosh from Macon. Bro. Vest, second Turney, relieved on account of sickness by H. H. Barron from Camp Funston.

C. M. Holt, agent Holt, off with the "flu," relieved by C. Park, relieved on second by Bro. Wilhoit from Macon. Bro. Ferrill, second Kearney, off several days with the "flu," relieved by Extra Braunt.

Pay your dues promptly; see what the Order has done for us in the last two raises. Remember the motto: "*No card, no favors.*" A man who will not join now should be treated rough.

Lathrop tower solid. Greetings to Bros. Barber, Morris and Leabe. It is now Bro. Parks, second Holt, and Bro. Paul Dunn, third Randolph.

Birmingham tower, Liberty and Kearney cut to eight hours on Sunday.

Boys, send me a few notes and help have a good write-up.

A. JONES, Div. Cor., Cert. 1586.

#### *St. Joe Division—*

It is now time to pay up our dues again. All who can take out annual cards have been requested to do so by Bro. Rogers.

Bro. A. Arnold, agent McPaul, who died recently from pneumonia following influenza, was one of our oldest and most faithful members and will be missed by us all. Bro. P. B. Adamson, relieving there, taken with the "flu," relieved by former Agent Tom Hood.

Bro. C. E. Rosling to Clearmont agency, vice Bro. R. C. Stewart, resigned, succeeded at Napur agency by Bro. H. Spreckelmeyer, third there.

Bro. C. E. Rosling was off several days on account of sickness in family.

Interlocking plant at Armour now in service, placing a lot of additional work on the men there.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of the wife of Bro. R. E. Lillie, agent Farley, December 21st of pneumonia following an attack of "flu." The members of the St. Joe Division extend to Bro. Lillie their deepest sympathy in this his sad bereavement. Bro. J. F. Jeffries, agent Northboro, was off several days with the "flu," also Bro. L. E. Baker, agent Fairfax, and Bro. L. E. Dobyns, second Corning.

Bro. R. E. Lillie and children wish to thank the members for the floral offering and their kindness during the sickness and death of wife and mother.

Bro. M. M. Foley to Nodaway agency, vice Bro. B. C. Stevens, McPaul agency. Third man put on at Bigelow on account of heavy freight traffic.

Bro. G. A. Conway, Bigelow, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Solleider.

We have one hundred and twenty-seven positions with one hundred and twenty-five members.

Six men at Tower K. C.; St. Louis Ave., all up-to-date, have asked to be put in the schedule. Three levermen at Murray tower also lined up with us, making six members at that tower. Only two nons left on the South End.

Our January notes reached St. Louis too late for publication due to irregular trains.

Some of you boys on the main line and Charlton branches send me news for next write-up.

L. J. MILLIN, Coin, Ia.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

Bro. Harvill, agent Cassville, on sick list, also Bro. Booth, agent Glen Haven, latter relieved by Bro. Orr, third Cassville (closed). Bro. Staben, third Crawford, sick, relieved by Bro. Higgins, Pra Du Chien, and he by Bro. Tate, Malden Rock. Bro. Smith, agent Ferryville, off a week account sickness in family, relieved by Bro. G. L. Dedrick, second.

Bro. Koch, agent Wyalusing, died of "flu." Office closed pending bulletin.

Bro. Hastings has returned from military duty to second Victory and Bro. P. V. McCue, returned from military duty, to third Diamond. Those returning from military duty retain seniority on the division, but not position seniority, and can only take position vacated at time of return.

It is now Bros. G. L. Dedrick, second Ferryville; F. E. Bonham, days Chelsea, and

Yochem, third Trevino. We have but six nons left, including all of the extra men Pepin, second and third, and Purdy, third, and none of them have a reasonable excuse for not having a card. Keep after them.

Bro. Slothauer, second Hager, on sick list, office closed. Bro. Groff, first Bay City, also on sick list. Bro. Mell, agent Cochrane, sick, relieved by Bro. R. Mourning.

It is rumored that East Dubuque agency will be consolidated with the I. C.

Boys, read your TELEGRAPHER and keep informed, also keep your local chairman informed of the changes in working conditions at your stations. It is impossible to keep tab on these things without some outside help. Send news items to Bro. Garber, Trempeleau, and insure a good write-up each month. Bro. White is again the sole contributor of this write-up.

CERT. 227.

#### Ottumwa Division—

We were all deeply grieved to learn of the recent deaths of Bros. Brazelton and Johnson. Bro. Brazelton, who went to work on the morning of January 4th, came home at 11 a. m., took his bed at 4 p. m., a physician was called and at 12:15 a. m., the 5th, he passed away. He had been a telegraph operator on this division for twenty years, commencing at the age of 18. He was born at Kirkwood, Ill., where he died.

Bro. Johnson was born in Borstig, Sweden, and at the age of 2 years came with his parents to America, locating at Charlton. He carried messages at the Burlington depot for some time and commenced work as an operator in May, 1917. He was employed at Whitebreast when he died, and was sick only a week. He was laid to rest beside his father, who died a few days previously. Our sympathy is extended to these sorrowing families.

In the passing of Bros. Brazelton and Johnson the O. R. T. has lost two good members and the "Q" two faithful employees.

We wish to thank the brothers for the, generous contributions for flowers for these brothers.

Our items failed to reach St. Louis in time for publication in the January issue.

Bro. Baldwin, who relieved on Monmouth third several nights while Bro. Snider had the "flu," was later stricken with it, and then Bro. Curry, first, took it, Agent Lyman relieving, doing his first telegraphing in twelve years.

Bro. Harrell was off ten days with the "flu." Bro. Wilson relieving.

Bro. Tribler, first Maxon, relieved Bro. Stout at West Burlington, who goes to the Western Pacific in California. We regret to lose Bro. Stout, but wish for his success.

Bro. Hart, third Biggsville, relieved on agent's job pending bulletin, relieved by Gustaveson.

Bro. Baldwin, who relieved Sister Sloan at Batavia a few nights on account of sickness, also relieved at Mt. Pleasant City office and one night at "MP" depot.

Bro. Stevenson, second Albia, off several days sick, relieved by Bro. Tribler, first Maxon. Bro. Miller, agent Maxon, handling both jobs meanwhile. Later Bro. Tribler took Gladstone agency.

Bro. Mahnesmith, third Maxon, home in Illinois on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Blake, agent Jamison.

Bro. Zahller, first Afton, off two weeks with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Mahnesmith.

Bro. Mahnesmith relieved Palmer at Afton two days, off sick.

Sister Stroup, West Burlington third, off sick, relieved by Neuman from Ottumwa.

On January 5th the boys at Albia took over the operation of the Wabash between Albia and Tracey. They now have three dispatchers to work with instead of two.

Local Chairman Haist is laid up with the "flu."

O. E. McBRIDE, Asst. L. C.

#### Creston Division—

We started out in 1919 in better shape than we ever have been during our history, and want to make it one of the strongest on the Burlington System. We have eighty-eight positions on the line and eighty-eight members in good standing, showing a new increase each month. By a little special effort on the part of each of us, we should soon have this division among the best. Supplement 13 to General Order No. 27 gives most of us a nice increase, dating back to October 1st, and should help to bring in that non you know about.

We closed 1918 without a single delinquent, and six in the military service; adding the following members since June 30th: M. D. Walker, C. E. Reynolds, R. R. Moberly, W. R. Anderson, Royal Walters, E. J. Hillings, J. A. Brownlee, J. N. Nelson, Jas. N. Hunt, R. E. Norcott, H. W. Roll, L. C. Goforth, D. O. Givens, F. E. LeBaron, Don G. Halney, D. C. Perley, J. S. Milligan, J. E. Collier, B. F. Kunze, E. F. Neal, Harry Retelsdorf, W. A. Caldwell, W. E. Goforth, and Sisters Miss Helen Tollen and Mrs. Alice Meierotto.

Through the untiring effort of our local chairman, with just a little lift by each of us, no doubt he will make a record for this division that will be hard to beat.

No news received from anyone but Bro. Hale this month. Try and mail me at least one item each month to Maryville before the 20th, so I can have it in St. Louis before the 25th. Any item, no matter how small, will be appreciated. It is hard to have a good write-up without your help.

O. C. WALLACE, Asst. L. C.

#### Omaha Division—

New members: Miss Hunting, E. J. Mc-Kernan, P. A. Kinkel, E. F. Fredrick, Anton

Swanda, Mrs. B. Elder transferred from Casper Division.

Louisville opened as continuous office, handling, Mo. Pac. business, with Bro. Starkey as agent; 27th Street Tower, Lincoln, being rebuilt, no towermen on duty now.

Bro. Hudson Dixon, off account sickness, relieved by Bro. Swartz; and Bro. Hays, Waterbury, off sick, relieved by Mr. Brewster.

Bros. Graham and Biggs and Messrs. Hubbell, Brewster and Moore back from the Army. Bro. Biggs to second Plattsburgh, and Mr. Hubbell to third Gibson, latter relieved Bro. White there several days; others working extra.

Bro. Holmes, of Walthill, spent Christmas with home folks at Ashland.

Bro. Howerter to Osmond; Bro. Rakow to Laurel extra.

Bros. Denton and West attended the meeting of Linemen on the Nebraska district in Lincoln and they decided to line up with us. They will be included together with all exclusive agents in our next schedule, also all towermen.

Bro. Yocom, Yutan, relieved by Sister Hunting, his wife and seven children all down with "flu" at same time, all recovering, but Bro. Yocom not able to take charge of station yet.

This division finished at the top December 31, 1918. Let's keep it there during 1919.

Bro. Fender took a trip to Chicago, relieved by Bro. Henesh.

Bros. Kimball and Wachal are back at "SY," South Omaha.

Bro. McFarland, Melia, off few days, relieved by Miss McDonald.

Bro. Hampton, McLean, and Bro. Steinbaugh, of Page, spent Xmas at Waterbury and Walthill.

Bro. Byergo, of Royal, ate his New Year's dinner with Bro. Gleason at Walthill.

Bro. Howell, Randolph, was very much surprised when his son returned from camp in New Mexico. He is now ~~home~~ there.

Bro. Moore, Oreapolis, is about again after being down three weeks with the "flu."

Bro. Jackman made a quick trip to St. Joe recently, coming back behind an O.-2".

Dispatcher Frey, over the line two days to see what the operators have to do, complained of his back after trying the levers at Oreapolis.

Sister Elder, from Wyoming, is at La Platte. The station has been painted up.

Sister Crocker, Gibson, off sick a few days, later to South Omaha extra list.

Bro. White, Gibson, visiting home folks in Missouri a few days.

Bro. Starkey will soon be joint agent and operator with Mo. Pac., and we cannot expect the service from him that he has been giving us. Remember this when wishing to work with him.

It is now "*The Railroad Yardmasters of America*," with only 4,000 members.

Bros. Hampton, White and West helped out with the notes this month. Thanks, boys, come again.

H. L. GILBERT, Wann, Neb.

#### *Lincoln Division—*

On account of sickness this division has not had a write-up lately, but hope to give you one from now on.

Supplement 18 figures 15 cents per hour more than your 1917 salary, after taking off 52 Sundays and 7 holidays. The committee is in Chicago putting this into schedule form. During January all employees were put on an eight-hour basis. Give a good eight hours' work, so it will not be your fault if the work is not kept up.

It is again time for you to elect a local chairman, also a delegate and alternate to the St. Louis convention in May. If it's your desire that I shall represent you once more, I will be glad to do so. It will be the largest convention ever held and there will be important work to be done. Your representative should be one of experience.

This division ended 1918 with 130 members, the high-water mark, but we still have a few nons who should be lined up at once, also the Linemen and exclusive agents.

Bro. N. H. Burkhalter, our correspondent, is running for alternate. Send in your votes and remit your dues at once, securing yearly card if possible. About one-third of the members have already remitted for one. Be sure you all have one or a semi-annual by March 1st. After that date you are delinquent and not entitled to any benefits, although not dropped from the roll until June 30th. Send your \$5 to \$10 dues to Bro. J. H. Rogers, Jr., 1505 Market St., La Crosse, Wis., and your insurance assessment, if any, to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

P. H. MILLER, L. C.

#### *Lincoln Division Notes—*

The returning soldier boys hold their road seniority. Let us do all we can to see that they secure good jobs.

Bro. Hershner is relieving Extra Dispatcher Guy Keefer from Lincoln City ticket office, relieving the trick dispatchers for their two days off each month.

Bro. C. L. Evans, agent Roseland, relieved on vacation by Mrs. Davis.

Bros. Davis, Cogil, Smith and Hickey, agents at Norman, Holstein, Juniata and Inland, and Bro. W. S. Harris, from Cobb, were recent Hastings callers.

Bro. J. M. Holder went to Omaha recently to have his eyes treated.

Bro. Halstead was off several days on account of sickness, and Bro. C. A. Smith, agent Juniata, several weeks, station closed for orders meanwhile.

Bro. Alshouse, agent Kenesaw, relieved several weeks by Bro. Fulmer; Rider, a new

man, filling in, and Bro. C. D. Woods, first Fairmont, was relieved a few days by the lady helper from Grafton.

It's now Bro. Leath, second Cobb, and Bro. Machino and Sister Habben at Cuchman. "BURK," Div. Cor., Cert. 1052.

#### *Sterling Division—*

We welcome the following new brothers: Walter Bartec, Amherst, Colo.; F. V. Dodge, Bayard, and Don Kynion, Scottsbluff, Neb. We now have over fifty members on this division and only need a few more to make it a 100 per cent.

Miss Shrieve, a telephoner, went to Ft. Laramie (closed) a few days owing to Non Walker's illness.

Bro. Weekley, Mitchell, on two weeks' vacation visiting homefolks at Troy, Wis., Smith, a new man, relieving.

Bro. Tanna, second Mitchell, went to Curtis, relieved by Modongall, an old-timer off the Frisco.

Miss Taylor, third Torrington, relieved by Wilson on account of sickness, who later relieved Non Barkley at Henry.

Thanks to Bro. Burkett for the items he sent me for this write-up.

Bro. Tucker, Bertrand, upon recovering from an attack of the "flu," spent ten days in Kansas City recuperating.

Brothers, don't overlook paying your dues; if you have not already paid them, do it at once and take out a yearly card if possible.

Items for the journal from the West End should be sent to Bro. Burkett at Mitchell, the balance you will please send them direct to me. Let's have a good write-up each month this year, and don't forget our motto: "No card, no favors."

F. A. SENSE, L. C.

#### *Wymore Division—*

Bro. A. W. Christie, of Washington, Kan., was off a few days to attend the funeral of his father at Hollis, and Bro. E. B. Coe, formerly of this division, but now on Division No. 76, was in Palmyra recently to attend the funeral of his father-in-law.

Cashier Beauchamp at Superior was taken suddenly ill January 8th and died before reaching Atchison, where he was being taken to his home. Bro. Redline of Kesterson is filling the vacancy pending its assignment.

Bro. P. C. Jones of Haddam, now at Shickley, relieved by Mrs. Jones.

It is now Bros. C. C. Logan, J. H. Ostdorf, H. L. Coffrin and J. R. S. Birch. Thanks to the brothers for their hard work in lining these men up. Keep the good work up. We have several more on this division who continue to take all they can get without helping pay the freight.

Don't forget to send me some news each

month as we cannot have a write-up unless you do.

Bro. Christie wishes to thank the brothers for the beautiful floral offerings and assistance rendered him during the loss of his father.

A great many jobs put back on a nine-hour basis on account of the boys being unable to do their station work in eight hours.

CERT. 842.

#### *McCook Division—*

My notes for the January issue were received in St. Louis one day too late for publication, although mailed December 21st.

Our local chairman is in Chicago putting the rates of pay and working rules into our schedule.

The "flu" hit several of the boys at Red Cloud last month and Mr. Norton and wife were running the station a few days. Bro. Shumaker, Franklin nights, relieved Bro. Petersen at Riverton, who was down with it.

Bro. Frank Purvis to Franklin, Bro. H. Marley to Holbrook agency, Mr. Winger to Atlanta and Bro. C. M. Pfriem to Indianola agency. The latter was quarantined on account of his family having the "flu" and second and third men are doubling. Bro. A. E. Frederickson to Hendley, Neb., agency, Mr. Vegalis relieving him at Heartwell. B. H. Stark to Blue Hill and Bro. A. M. Harris, third Oxford, to Roggen agency; Bro. Fields to extra list. Bro. Hoxie on first and H. D. Thompson, a new man, on third.

Bro. R. S. Irwin, agent Beaver City, was elected treasurer of Furnace county.

Bro. A. V. Bloom, first Oxford, on two months' leave in Texas harvesting his rye crop, Alheit relieving and F. W. Wallace relieving A. M. Harris on third while he moves his family from Kansas City.

There are a number of new men on the division and it is hard for the local chairman and assistant to keep track of them, but at nearly every station there is at least one good O. R. T. member who can give us their names. You who have a non at your station drop me a line and I will keep a file of all the letters written them and try the follow-up system on every one of them.

H. R. WEYL, Cert. 202.

#### *Sheridan Division—*

We have not had a write-up for several months, but will try and have one in each issue hereafter if the brothers and sisters will contribute as generously each month as they did this.

Bro. L. V. Snyder, second Hardin, and wife spent holidays at Grand River, Iowa.

Bro. Westwood, agent Lodge Grass, on vacation in West Virginia, relieved by Bro. Wham.

Bro. and Sister Hayworth, Parkman, have returned from two weeks' vacation on their farm in Oklahoma.

Bro. Pollard, to Sheridan relay, relieved at Dietz by Bro. Dick Haywood from Hardin.

Bro. Glenn Chambers, Clifton, and Bro. Higgins, Osage, came to Newcastle to spend their back pay. Bro. Allen Hunter and wife of Echeta have returned from two weeks' vacation in Nebraska.

Bro. Sanders, Arvada, relieved a few days by Bro. Essex on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. H. A. Lawrence is back on second Newcastle.

Bro. Mackey, Sheridan dispatcher's office, has returned from vacation in Casper.

Bro. Hayworth heard from Bro. Halepeska in France recently. We are all glad to hear that he is getting along fine. Anyone having heard from Sergeant Cleo C. Brown, Co. C, First Field Signal Battalion, Ninth Infantry, A. E. F., France, recently, please inform Sister Kathryn Carey, first Alger.

Bro. George Pollard, for two years local chairman of this division, has resigned. We all feel grateful to him for his past work. Bro. C. M. Miller, Newcastle, has been appointed to fill Pollard's unexpired term.

Bro. H. C. Thomas, for four years assistant local chairman of this division, also resigned and we also thank him for his good work in assisting Bro. Pollard. Bro. F. B. Thomas succeeds him.

Each one send the news of their office, also impress upon those you work with who haven't cards that they should line up at once and we will soon have a solid division. We are already 95 per cent strong.

F. B. THOMAS, First "NC."

#### Casper Division—

Bro. H. P. Allen to first Basin, Bro. J. D. Herr from Wabash to Douglas second, Bro. Potter, agent Worland, to Greybull agency, Bro. J. E. Turner to Worland and Bro. G. W. Christy, Agency, to Kirby agencies, pending bulletin. Bro. Brown relieving Mrs. Bas-  
ton on second Cowley, to Wendover as relief agent, later to Kane as agent. H. D. Quinn, of Lovell, in military service since June, to third Kane, promises to line up soon.

Bro. Joe Neeley, agent Lovell, spent Christmas with relatives at Greybull. Thanks to Bro. Potter of Arrminto for notes. Wish all the boys would do likewise.

Bro. Clough is back on Frannie second.

I want to thank you boys for the interest you have taken getting the nons in. December 31, 1918, 58 officers and 61 members and two in the military service, which gives us 108 per cent strong. The Omaha had 110 per cent, beating us by only two.

CERT. 298.

#### Casper Relay—

Bro. Smith has returned from the army to Casper.

Bro. Wilson, second trick wire chief, has

gone to Texas on account of his health, relieved by Bro. Lewis and he by Larsen from Wymore, Neb., on third. D. L. A. Rudisell, "Ham" instructor from Edgemont, relieved J. W. Williams from the Burlington ham factory to teach a telegraph school for the C. N. & W. in Casper.

We regret to announce the recent death of Bro. Northington's mother.

All the Casper relay operators are pleased with Bro. R. A. West, one of the best managers on the system.

RELAY COR.

#### El Paso & So. Western Ry., Div. No. 137. Eastern Division—

We were grieved to learn of the death of Bro. J. A. T. Bearden at Duran, January 15th, from pneumonia. He was sick only a short time and his death was a surprise to us all. The division has lost a true brother, who has worked hard to build it up to its present strength, and the membership have appreciated his untiring efforts. Sister Bearden has the fullest sympathies of us all.

The death of W. W. Arnold, agent Dawson, is reported, but details are lacking.

Your committee consisting of Bro. C. M. Armstrong, Acting General Chairman, Vaughn, N. M.; Bro. F. L. Boughner, local chairman, Eastern Division, Three Rivers, N. M., and Bro. A. E. Rummell, local chairman, Western Division, Osborn, Ariz., has been promised a meeting with the management for the purpose of negotiating a schedule incorporating General Order No. 27 and Supplement 13 and such other provisions that can be agreed upon. Fifth Vice-president Manion was to have been with us, but Bro. Perham required his services elsewhere.

Bro. C. I. Davis, relief dispatcher and trainmaster's clerk at Carrizozo, has resumed in "XN" Tucumcari. Ben Horton has returned from "across the sea" and has taken his old trick dispatching at Carrizozo. Dispatcher D. A. Saunders going back to relief dispatcher and operator at "R" Carrizozo. Horton says "Uncle Sam" added twenty pounds of flesh on his old carcass and feels like a regular man now.

Bro. J. U. Malhurs from Seaboard Air Line in Georgia is third Vaughn. Bro. O. J. Hale has returned to second Tucumcari after enjoying Christmas with homefolks, and Bro. J. A. Holmes has returned to Montoya. Bro. B. C. Prescott, formerly at "CA" Tucumcari, is now in Rock Island relay at Dalhart.

The way the brothers and sisters responded to the subscription for Mrs. R. M. Butler, wife of our brother, R. M. Butler, Hatchita, N. M., deceased, is most gratifying, about \$250.00 being raised. This is a most worthy cause, as Bro. Butler left a family of five small children for Mrs. Butler to provide for. Mrs. Butler has expressed her appreciation for this great assistance, and Division 137 is to be congratulated on hav-

ing a bunch of employees to respond in such a way. Acknowledgment is also made of the generous response of officials and others who contributed.

Bro. H. M. Hester, from the Santa Fe, now is on second Corona, vice Bro. W. P. Frame, transferred to third, Orogrande. Sister Irene Downing to the latter during transfer.

Sister Bock is now comfortably located in the new operators' house at Ancho near the depot, safe from the coyotes, that made the long midnight trip from her former residence quite a dangerous one. Sister Holmes will also have a more desirable place to live in when the old depot building at Material Yard is moved to Three Rivers for a residence.

Bro. R. D. Hiller, buried at Cloudcroft in snow during the winter, is buried in work in summer. There is now tri-weekly service on that branch.

Bro. A. Campbell, third Alamogordo, is recovering from the "flu," Mrs. Davis, wife of Bro. "Bill," relieving.

Shipley, who relieved Burns at Oscura while visiting his old home in Illinois, has gone back to Florida.

Bro. E. C. Chapman, Torrance, has been busily engaged entertaining passengers waiting for the N. M. C. to open, which was completely tied up for over a week during the recent heavy storms.

Bro. A. J. Williams, Mills, while attending court at Albuquerque, was relieved by Assistant Agent Hackett, an old-time express agent.

Bro. Gray and Sister Belknap are handling such a heavy business at Roy that they will soon require extra help.

The prospects for wheat along the Dawson line were never better, which will mean lots of business next summer. Bro. Cross at Taylor reports heavy snows and 29 below.

Division dues are \$4.00 for each six months, payable to E. P. Waples, Acting G. S. & T., 4459 Clarence avenue, St. Louis, Mo., and insurance assessments to C. B. Rawlins, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo. After policies are issued you will be notified what your assessments will be by the St. Louis office. An Annual Card can be had by paying dues for the entire year, which saves considerable work and also protects you that much longer. Let's all get up-to-date and give our committee the proper support. There is only one non on the Western Division. Let's show that we can even beat that record.

Boys on Dawson line, give your news notes to Bro. Williams at Mills and on the Main line to Bro. Boughner at Three Rivers. Get them all in by the 18th and let's have a good write-up each month.

CERT. 157.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. and Sister C. G. McQueen, late of Southern Pacific, are now in Douglas, where

Bro. McQueen is working in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Williams of the dispatcher's office, is recovering from an attack of the "flu," also Bro. Sheffer of Noria, laid up in Hotel Dieu, El Paso.

Bros. Liggett, Bisbee; Shirk, Whetstone; Caldwell, Rita, and Moore and Drummond, Fairbank, are now working nine hours with one hour off for lunch.

Brothers east of Douglas, send me a few items of interest for the next write-up; I'll sure appreciate it.

No need requesting the brothers on the Western Division to be sure and keep up-to-date; they are about a month ahead of the game all the time.

A. E. RUMMELL L. C.

#### *Western Division Notes—*

Rita station closed January 15th. Don't know where Bro. Caldwell will go. Apache nights closed. Rodeo opened as all night office, Bros. C. E. Tanner and F. M. Plummer on second and third. Sister Trent to Columbus second.

Bro. Rummell while in El Paso on schedule negotiations relieved by Bro. Jack Williams, formerly on Tucson second. The writer moved up from third to second Tucson December 31st, relieved by Norman C. Hall from the Department of Justice at El Paso, formerly at Hatchita. Bro. Kyes at Pantano is quite an artist with the pen. Some of his cartoons are dandies.

Bro. T. W. Siek, agent at Osborn, injured while unloading a switch stand from a truck, has asked for a few days' relief.

Supplement No. 13 was certainly a welcome and much needed advance in these times of high prices. We can now feel a little relief from the strain of trying to get by at the old rate and our children can wear respectable-looking clothing and take their place with children of our fellow workers without embarrassment. I believe every man on the division and every man in the country appreciates this raise, and all the men on this division are rendering high class service. Keep it up, boys; be right on the job every minute of the time of your assigned hours. You can surely appreciate eight hours after some of us have served for many years under the old 13-hour rules. If the time ever comes when we have to fight an increase in the hours or a decrease in pay, don't let it be said of a single man on this division that he did not give the best service that was in him.

#### *F. W. & D. C. and W. V. Rya, Div. No. 145.*

#### *First and Second Divisions—*

Bro. Emory Hines has resigned recently to enter school, relieved by his brother, W. E. Hines.

Two additional operators have been put

on at Rhome, making it continuous service during the busy season, filled by Miss Irma Moore, second, and Miss Johnnie Gause, third.

Bro. Dorsey, agent Bellevue, was off a few days on account of the illness and death of his baby. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. Dorsey in their sad bereavement.

Bro. Vinson, Quanah, transferred to Amarillo, later to Memphis. We regret to lose him from this end of the line.

#### *Third and Fourth Divisions—*

The "flu" has caught all the Memphis station force except the agent and cashier, who relieved Bro. Stroup on first while laid up twelve days.

Bro. Thomas, third Memphis, was off a few days with it, relieved by Bro. Newsome, later relieved by Bro. Vinson and sent to "MU," relieved at "AR" by Bro. Reed, of the W. U.

Bro. Sides, second Memphis, was relieved two weeks by Bros. Newsome and Reed while down with the malady.

Bro. Thomas has accepted an agency with the St. L., B. & M. on the Kingville Division, relieved by Bro. Vinson.

Bro. Webster, who started over the division soliciting new members, in alighting from a freight train at Amarillo, sustained a fractured wrist, laying him up and delaying his trip. He was doing splendid work, the fourth division being solid, Amarillo to Texline. Remember the motto, boys: "*No card, no favors,*" and let's make it hot for the non.

Have been unable to get any notes from the Wichita Valley this month. Get together down there, boys, and if any changes occur or you hear anything interesting, send it to your local chairman.

Thanks to Bro. Stroup for notes; he was the only contributor this month.

Agent Maples, Wichita Falls, has resigned, relieved by Agent Smith from Chillicothe, relieved by Agent Abington from Childress, and he by his cashier, Mr. Byrd.

CERT. 230.

#### **Western Pacific R. R., Div. No. 153.**

##### *Western Division—*

We regret to announce the death of Bro. D. M. Hamilton, at Stockton, November 10th. In his passing we lose one of our oldest members. The sympathy of all is extended the sorrowing family and his large circle of friends.

Bro. J. C. Oakes, from the S. P., is relieving Bro. McGinnis, agent Keddie, on account of sickness.

Bro. Aldrich, agent Reno Jct., relieved a few days by C. T. U., Bro. Hunter, who later relieved Bro. Asbury and wife at Omira on two weeks' visit in Frisco, and Sister Scott at Marysville. Bro. Wilhelm, Marys-

ville, on 90 days' leave of absence, relieved by G. O. Fackrell.

Mrs. J. Howard, third Belden, and Miss Callie Williams, agent Beckwith, have been given application blanks. Keep after them, boys. Live up to our motto: "*No cards, no favors.*"

CERT. 122.

#### **Rutland Ry., Div. No. 157.**

Bro. E. J. LaPointe has been honorably discharged from Government service and will probably take a position at Bennington.

It is now Bros. "Sammy" Akins, Bert Simmons and B. J. White. Chatham to Bennington is now solid.

The following is the statement of the secretary and treasurer for 1918:

Gen. chairman's trip to Washington..	\$ 49.45
Second-hand typewriter for secretary and treasurer .....	25.00
Balance due committeemen from conferences in 1917 .....	23.50
Local division's expenses for printing circulars, stamps, env., etc.....	61.07
Salary of secretary and treasurer \$ 8.00 month .....	96.00
Remitted to St. Louis in 1918.....	419.97

Total ..... \$674.99

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919..... 32.42

\_\_\_\_\_ \$707.41

Received in dues during 1918..... \$707.41

E. V. PAGE, Sec. and Treas.

#### **Florida East Coast R. R., Div. No. 160.**

Our general chairman made two trips to Atlanta recently on call from Bro. Gorman, chairman southeastern territory, electing a committee of three, Bros. Alexander, Lewis and Gorman, to represent southeastern territory at Washington with other committee-men and the president to arrange pay and overtime matters.

Bro. Bauer recently held a series of meetings at East Palatka, Titusville, Ft. Pierce, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami, which were well attended. The first real get-together we have enjoyed. We regret that a few at intermediate points could not attend. We expect to have more of these meetings.

Local Chairman Benson, of Princeton, spent his vacation with relatives in West Florida, this being his first vacation since employed on this line; relieved by Bro. R. B. Griffin, who later relieved Bro. Gray at Jupiter, up for investigation.

Bro. D. J. Fury from the B. & O., with us again this winter at Ft. Pierce, temporarily, relieved Bro. I. Cohen, who relieved Bro. Edwards at Stuart for vacation. Bro. Cohen goes back to the Northern Division when relieved. Sister Weeks relieved Bro. Walker, White City, for vacation, also Bro.

J. A. Weeks for a fishing trip. Bro. Gatewood spent few days in Jax recently.

Walton agency abolished, Bro. Robarts going to Marathon. Bro. Rogero to Ormond as clerk operator. Bro. Morgan to first St. Augustine pending bids, and relieved by Bro. Pierce. Cannon to Long Key agency for the winter.

Bro. Gunnell, relieved on first St. Augustine by Bro. Armstrong, goes to New Smyrna as dispatcher. Fourth being put on at former for the winter.

Bro. J. D. Ferrell, West Palm Beach, called to Jacksonville owing to the illness of his father. All wish for a speedy recovery. Bro. Pratt relieving.

Bro. Morris to "MX," vice Bro. F. W. Moore to Buena Vista second, later to Marathon agency.

Bro. J. F. Willis, released from army, is back on his old job, displacing Bro. Chambers, off sick, relieved by Mr. Clifford. Bro. Brown temporarily out of the service.

Bro. Pope, South Jax, furnished a few notes. Brothers on the Northern Division, give me few items about the 15th.

The tourists are beginning to arrive, and with them always a few tourist operators. See that each one carries a card. If not, get busy with him, also advise me certificate number and division, and do not forget the old slogan: "No cards, no favors."

Glad to advise it is now Sister Burke of Boynton; Bros. G. W. Pierce, second "YD"; E. K. Long, third Jupiter; Graves, at Homestead, and F. M. Cabot at Hobo Sound.

I trust every member remitted Bro. Cody at Bunnell the \$1.00 I requested in my circular letter to start a floral fund. Designs are presented in behalf of the entire division and shows the respect of all; also to take care of the two recent purchases.

Send copy of your bids to the general chairman, as your bid to the superintendent may become lost in the mail and cause considerable confusion.

Mrs. Rothwell, mother of deceased Bro. G. E. Rothwell, desires to thank our members for the beautiful floral design sent for his funeral. Bros. H. D. and H. L. Gunter also sent a letter of thanks for the beautiful flowers and kind sympathy shown them upon the death of their brother, our Bro. John L. Gunter, of West Palm Beach, who passed away while in Los Angeles.

CERTS. 1130 and 1248.

#### O-W, Ry. & Nav. Co., Div. No. 161.

Eight applications received in December, 1918, and January 1 to 10th, 1919, six. Those who have been active in securing these applications and have been continuously on the job will be rewarded.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. N. S. Parsons, of Troutdale, a loyal mem-

ber, who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Members of Division 161 extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, parents and relatives. Mrs. Parsons desires to thank us for the kindness expressed during her husband's illness, also for the beautiful floral wreath.

O. R. McNABB, G. S. & T.

#### First and Second Districts—

We will endeavor to have a write-up each month in THE TELEGRAPHER. I have promised Bro. Vermillion to act as correspondent for these districts and hope the members will send me the changes, vacations, etc., from their stations, as we all appreciate reading our journal.

Supplement 13 made a good increase in the pay checks of the boys on the Eastern roads and may put a crimp in ours as soon as the company puts us on eight hours or "lay us off" on Sundays, as many "OS" jobs will probably be discontinued on that day. Spokane and Walla Walla are being released from Sunday work, the dispatchers doing all the necessary telegraphing. This means a deduction of 31 hours and five days for each 31-day month, leaving their salary practically the same since General Order No. 27 was issued.

As we will get back time for October, November and December, let's invest a portion of it in an annual card.

We are paying the non's way, so let us land him for a card as soon as he is paid this easy money.

Bro. Stephens has taken third LaGrande, the writer second Huntington, and Tromley third Union Junction, the only one there without a card. Let's see that he gets one without further delay. Emerson, third Huntington, will soon be with us.

Bro. and Sister Hill go to Tolecaset, putting Miss Bue back on extra list.

It is now Sister Mrs. Thorntons at Durkee; application secured by the writer. Mrs. Hooper also promised me her application. She recently lost her husband. We all extend her our sympathy.

The writer being a stranger on this division will appreciate your help to improve our write-ups by calling me at "HU," giving me the news at your stations.

"KO," Cert. 234,

Formerly W. P.

#### Third Division—

The joint meeting of O. W. R. & N., S. P., S. P. & S., and N. P. members, held at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore., on Sunday, December 22nd, was well attended, all these roads being well represented and much interest manifested. General Chairman Mitchell presided. Local Chairman Vermillion of Baker, Mead of Messner, Sister Lucile Smythe, Assistant Local Chairman Starbuck

and Bro. Orth, agent Touchet, were also present. We regret that Local Chairman Mansell of Wallula and Graul of Spokane could not be with us, owing to no available relief. Hope they can be with us at the next meeting.

Vice-president Manion entertained us with a brief outline of the persevering and untiring efforts of the committee in Washington before the Wage Commission.

We were also favored with an address by Bro. Estis, who was instrumental in organizing a telegraphers' club there. We desire the co-operation of every member. Let us see that those who have not yet joined our ranks are lined up at once.

Sister Smythe, assistant local chairman, Starbuck, while attending the Portland meeting was relieved by J. B. Heinrich, a new man.

I have been requested to act as correspondent for this division. Let me have your notes by wire or mail in time so I can get them to St. Louis before the 25th of each month.

Sister Taylor, second Starbuck, is receiving congratulations from her many friends upon her marriage December 30th to Roy Eaton, serving with the colors at Camp Lewis. We extend our best wishes for their future happiness.

Sister Young of Athens relieved Bro. Nelson, agent Weston, Ore., while off with the "flu."

Bro. Arrowhead, agent Grandview, is back again after a hard tussle with it.

Bro. Reilly of Page relieved Bro. Scott at Benton City while taking his wife to California for her health.

Bro. Cusick, agent at Ayer Junction, has resigned.

L. LUCILLE SMYTHE,  
Asst. L. C. and Cor.

#### *Fourth District, Idaho Division—*

It is now Sister Harbaugh on second, and Sister Runyan on third Orchard; also Sister McDonald and Bro. Benton at Reverse, and Bro. Seward, third Boise, and Bro. Morton, agent Meridian. Boise Branch now solid with the exception of the agent at "BO."

Sister Marguerite Geroux on second Ontario. Bro. L. C. Weaver, extra night chief at Nampa, is now working extra in "CA" Pocatello. Parma and Burley opened temporarily, and another operator to be put on at Medbury. Bro. Benton, first Reverse, to Burley; Bro. McKittrick, second Nampa, to second Nyssa. Bro. F. A. Wilcox, former agent Richfield, is now agent Mtn. Home, relieving relief agent, Bro. Warren Roberts, who is now visiting relatives and friends in Eastern Kansas and Missouri. This makes Mtn. Home solid with Bros. Webb on first, Nadler second, and Selix third.

Bro. Jollyneaux, first "GF," has been down

with the "flu," and Agent F. A. Luce, at Parma, was off several days while his wife was sick with it.

Bro. Henry just finished going over this district lining up the nons. There are still a few left, but with our present good wages and eight hours, and by a little hard work we can soon get them all in.

Mrs. Louise F. Kelly wishes to thank the members for their sympathy and beautiful flowers sent upon the occasion of the death of her husband, Bro. Robt. J. Kelly.

Thanks to Bro. Henry for notes. Some of the rest of you do the same thing, and let us have the O. S. L. in the journal every month.

CERT. 890.

#### *Portland Division—*

Twenty-four members attended the joint meeting of the S. P., S. P. & S., and O. W. R. R. & N. at Portland, Ore., Jan. 12, Bro. T. M. Boyd presiding.

Supplement No. 13 explained by Vice-President Manion. Ideas outlined for future policies in this territory as to standardizing schedules, etc. Bro. Manion suggested that all the roads in this territory should get together for a common understanding of Supplement No. 13, which would perhaps result in less appeals to the board at Washington. The evening meeting was called to order by Bro. Mitchell. Short talks by all present. Bro. Boyd explained his views of co-operation with other organizations.

The second Sunday of April, 1:30 p. m., was set as the regular next joint meeting date.

B. V. PEATE, Secretary.

#### *K. C., Mex. & Orient R. R., Div. No. 163.*

It is with keen delight that I again find myself back in the ranks with the O. R. T. brothers, and have the honor of being appointed by the general committee to the general chairmanship, vice Bro. L. R. Cotney, resigned account of heavy station duties.

Bro. Cotney has served us well and the condition of our division is good. I shall endeavor to maintain it in the same high standard pending the coming election. We have received several suggestions that a new contract should be framed, but I would rather defer such action until we thoroughly understand Supplement 13. Our present contract is in full force except where superseded by Supplement 13.

Our delegate to the coming convention should be instructed to use his influence to have a national set of working rules made and presented simultaneously to all roads.

Brother Kennedy reports a great time the other evening with the Pan-Homa telegraphers' club at El Reno.

Bro. Busey is relieving Bro. Richmond, Sentinel, on his honeymoon. Hearty congratulations to all concerned.

I earnestly ask that all take an active part

in the coming election and that every one endeavor to influence those who have not cards to make application for one.

K. C. PARKHURST,  
General Chairman.

#### Ann Arbor R. R., Div. No. 164.

Bros. McDannell, Waterman, and Davis, were off several days with the "flu." Glad to see them on the job again. General Chairman Workman was also in bed a few days with the malady.

Boys from the North End, mail a few notes to the General Chairman so we can have a write-up of our Division in the journal occasionally.

Bro. Ladouceur, of Ithaca, is now at Howell and Bro. C. C. Hoot, from Clare, has the agency there. Since the consolidation at Clare with the Pere Marquette, Bro. Frank Holmes is on the pay roll of the latter road.

Bro. O. W. Miller is still wearing "Uncle Sam's" clothes, but now that it is all over we hope to see him with us again soon. M. Snydam goes to Ashley first, Bro. Pertner from Dundee to Vernon, relieved Bro. Tirrell at Dundee a few days on account of illness. Bro. Chas. Murphy, third Mt. Pleasant, relieved on vacation by Agent Barnes from McBain, an old-timer who has been in business for himself for some time.

Bro. Kellar, recently discharged from wireless service, Kelly Field, Texas, aviation field, is now on the Wabash-Toledo Division.

Bro. Otis Miller, in the wireless signal service in France, writes Bro. Gum, Hallett, that he hopes to soon be with us again.

It is now Bro. H. L. Hall, agent McBain.

Bros. Gum, Heisey and West attended the Golden Rule Club meeting at Toledo, Dec. 21. Bro. Smith, of the N. Y. C. and Bro. Slosser, of the "Big Four," both gave a nice talk on the way things were handled by the general chairman's committee at the meeting with the director general.

Bro. Knight, from Goshen, brought up some very interesting subjects, including publicity for the order, something we can well think over.

Bro. Doyle, formerly operator at Thompsonville, who was stricken with paralysis after going South, was sent to his sister's home in Marshalltown, Iowa. She writes the secretary that Bro. Doyle shows little, if any, improvement.

Bro. Frank Gum is on the safety-first committee.

We are all glad to see H. O. Smith, G. Y. M., Manhatten, is back at work again after a serious operation at a Toledo hospital.

Bro. Geo. White is still pounding away at "A," Toledo.

Let's all pay our dues promptly and get our up-to-date cards.

CERT. 2.

#### Northwestern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 165.

Having been appointed division correspondent, I want to give our division a write-up every month.

Judging from several meetings during the past few months, we are finally getting together and our growth seems assured. There are still a number eligible to our order and everyone should make it his duty to go after the backward ones and make our division 100 per cent. Remember every new member makes us that much stronger to fight for our rights. Make an effort to attend all the regular monthly meetings. You will be advised beforehand at what point they will be held. It is the desire of your general officers to hold regular monthly meetings at different places along the line, in order that the members of the different sections may have an opportunity to attend and learn what is being done for their benefit. All our previous meetings have been very successful from a business and social point, and they will continue to be so if the boys will come out.

Owing to the condition of the highways, some of the boys experienced some difficulty in getting to the meeting held at Petaluma, Dec. 9, but the attendance was very gratifying. After the meeting, the reception committee staged a light repast of "hot dogs" and coffee.

General Chairman Adams announced the next regular monthly meeting at Santa Rosa, Jan. 12, 1919, at 2 p. m., but it had to be called off later, owing to the "flu" epidemic.

Be prompt in remitting your dues, boys, as it keeps you in good standing and saves our secretary extra work. Our secretary's annual report shows a big majority in good standing and we want it to always be that way.

There have been so many changes lately on account of sickness and installing the 8-hour day that I cannot give all of them at this writing.

Ignacio is back to three tricks again, with the general chairman and myself first and second, and Bro. Donahue, a new man, on third, pending bids.

Bro. Atwood, first Petaluma, to first Sausalito ticket office, vice Bro. Pence to Valley Ford agency.

Supplement 13 with the 8 hours per is very acceptable. With the mail handling and Western Union business adjusted we will be nearing our goal and a place in the sun.

Send me your items to Ignacio each month before the 15th, in order that I may get them to St. Louis before the 25th.

E. L. ELY, Cert. 106,  
Div. Cor.

#### Gulf Coast Lines, Div. No. 166.

Brothers, remit your dues for the current period promptly, and lose no time; remit now. The tedious work of securing applications

has been well handled by our local chairmen, but there are still a few who seem very hard to move. We have footed their bills long enough now. Camp on their trails. Ask me who they are; I have their numbers.

Most of the new members seem anxious to be helpful. We should all realize that our "bushwhacking" days are over and that now is the time for real organized work. There was never a better time to make our division solid.

J. H. McLANE,  
G. S. & T.

There were eighteen in attendance at the recent Sunday in Harlingen, called by Bro. Young. Everybody that could do so went, without inconvenience to the company, and everyone else wanted to go. That's some consolation. Those present were: Brothers Fones, Rinera; Sanders, Sinton; Jackson, Sarita; Plum, Bloomington; White, "VB;" King, Armstrong; Reese, Mercedes; Shoner, "MI;" Henderson, Donera; Girshefski, Thomas; Hackley, "HN;" Young, "UN;" Hundley, "HW;" Forsman and Freeman, San Benito; McLane, LaFeria; Lietch, Lyford; and Parr, Odeme.

Brothers Reese and Young explained Supplement 13.

When you get through with your Journal, mail it to some "non" near you, with a request to read it.

Our annual dues will be increased about June. Explain to your prospects that they will save money by coming in now.

The "nons" on our division who wish to add a star to their crown can do so by mailing \$5.00 to Bro. J. H. McLane, general secretary and treasurer, at La Feria, Texas.

Remember, the better service you give the company the better job you will get and the better conditions you can expect.

Get your notes to me by the 15th, so I can get them to St. Louis before the 25th.

Remember your pledge to get one, and get him if you have to loosen both barrels at him.

The express office at San Benito has been taken from the railroad depot up town.

N. G. PARR, Cert. 117.  
Div. Cor.

#### **Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 168.**

Owing to delays in the mail about Christmas, our notes for January failed to reach St. Louis in time to appear in that issue.

Bro. K. W Vanderpool, of Manchester, is receiving congratulations on his recent marriage.

Bro. Thos. Riley and W. S. Hilligos attended the Chicago convention last month. We are glad to learn that Bro. Riley and his family have all recovered from an attack of the "flu."

Bro. Wells, third Manchester, was off sev-

eral days with "flu," relieved by Bro. Wilson, an old timer.

Bro. J. C. Locker was also off a few days last month with the "flu."

Bro. Deavers, agent Shirley, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Douglas, another old-timer, who worked at Shirley a year ago, and being on vacation, was pressed into service.

Bro. C. O. McKune and family wish to heartily thank the boys for the great help given them during their recent sickness.

Bro. Con. W. Wright, recently traveling freight inspector of this division, goes to second Lincoln.

Keep your eyes open for the new men and land them as soon as they light. Everybody help. No one is exempt in this war on the "nons," and don't forget the few old ones who are still out.

Bro. Locker, of Girard, visited his brother-in-law, Bro. Riley and family, recently.

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent death of Brother Clarence H. Crawson, at the family home in Bloomington, after a two week's hard battle with the "flu," which developed later into pneumonia. He is sleeping today, unmindful of the hardships of the life he has just given up, under a blanket of flowers donated by the O. R. T., and his numerous other friends. Interment was made in the Park Hill Cemetery, Bloomington.

General Chairman Gentz made a short stop at Atlanta, Jan. 16.

Bro. C. M. Banks, Atlanta freight depot, spent Sunday recently with friends in Bloomington, accompanied by his wife, who remained a day longer.

We are very glad to add the prefix "Sister" to Miss Corey, second Alton; also, "Brother" to J. D. Morlearty, Elkhart, and Claude Smith, Dwight.

Please mail your notes to the agent at Atlanta, Ill., in time so they can be gotten into St. Louis before the 25th.

CERT. 543.

#### **Central Vermont Ry., Div. No. 171.**

##### **Southern Division—**

A meeting was held at Willimantic, Conn., the night of Nov. 26, with a very good attendance.

Bro. Gibbs, the presiding officer, gave us a great deal of information in regard to supplements 10 and 11 of Order No. 27.

The feature of the meeting was the presentation of an elegant gold watch to General Chairman Gibbs by Bro. Parkhurst in behalf of the brothers and sisters of Division 171 for the good work he has done for us. Bro. Parkhurst made a very fitting presentation speech and did credit to the brothers and sisters who made this gift possible.

Bro. Gibbs responded, thanking us for the gift, stating that he was so taken by sur-

prise that he was unable to express his gratitude in words at that time. We can further show our appreciation by assuring our committee of our hearty support in any step it may think advisable to take in the future and by paying our dues promptly, as Bro. Gibbs has been to St. Albans, New York, and Washington, in our behalf, and these trips were a great drain on our treasury.

Bro. Fenton, for years agent at White River, owing to the consolidation at White River Junction and the business being handled by the B. & M., was temporarily thrown out of employment and went to New London as chief clerk for the superintendent, shortly afterwards being appointed assistant superintendent and chief train dispatcher. He can be assured of the hearty co-operation of the employees in our department. We all congratulate him on his appointment and wish him success in his new position.

We regret to hear of the feeble condition of Bro. Isham, South Coventry, who has been with the Central Vermont for nearly sixty years, and a member of our order from the first of our organization on this road. His daughter has been assigned the agency at that place and we know that she will follow her father's good example and become a loyal member of the O. R. T. Such members as Bro. Isham are a credit to our organization and we deeply regret that it was necessary for him to leave the service.

Mrs. F. J. Goodell, operator Amherst, and Miss Esther Darby, ticket clerk and operator at Norwich, Conn. Here is a chance for three new members. Remember, "No cards, no favors" is our motto.

Bro. A. Robillard has been assigned operator at "RX" East New London. This terminal has been without an operator for months and we are all very glad of his appointment.

Sister Bothwell has returned to work after being off a number of weeks on account of a severe accident; Mr. Chapman covering first Palmer during her absence, but owing to sickness, was forced to leave, and Agent Fish had to do the operating until relieved by Sullivan, a new man from the B. & M. Line him up, boys. He later went to "FO" dispatcher's office at New London, Conn.

Bro. Ahearn is now doing relief work on the road and in dispatcher's office, a position created owing to the fact that the dispatchers are now entitled to two days a month off.

Mr. Chapman is now covering the operator's position at "BN" Belchertown.

F. M. WEBBER,  
Div. Cor.

#### Windsor Division—

The meeting held at Wr. Jct. recently was largely attended by members from all over the southern part of the State. We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Gibbs, from Yantic, who has done some very hard work for our

organization. Some of the members on this division, and a great many from the other divisions, had never met him before.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 p. m., by Local Chairman Brooks, who gave us a very interesting address and then introduced Bro. Mannie, who explained the financial condition of the division and the good work done in the past by the members.

Bro. Gibbs followed with an explanation of Supplements Nos. 10, 11 and 13, in which everyone was very much interested, especially in his outline of great efforts of President Perham and the general chairman at Washington in having Supplement 13 supersede Nos. 10 and 11.

Bro. Brooks then called on everyone of the members to give a brief outline of what he thought of the work that had been done, which was heartily done.

Bro. Addams, of Wr. Jct. also gave a very interesting talk on what a hard time he had when he joined the Order, and what an eyesore the O. R. T. emblem then was to the officials.

Bro. Kidd from Northfield was present with his whole station force. Bro. Mannie asked the different boys when they entered the service and their senior rights, and they were all very much surprised, on account of his youthful appearance, when Bro. Pembrooke, of Hartland, stated that he had 31 years' rights on the C. V.

The meeting closed around midnight, Bros. Mannie, Gibbs and Brooks going to St. Albans on No. 1, to confer with the officials the following morning on our new schedule, who finally agreed that the Central Vermont should pay just as much money for the same class of work as the other roads all through the country.

Jan. 17, another meeting took place at St. Albans for the benefit of the members that could not go to Wr. Jct. on account of train connections, etc. This meeting was also very largely attended by all the boys from Burlington, Richford and the different branches, and the new supplement was gone over again for their benefit.

I have a copy of all the members and "nons" on the division. It can be had by calling me on the wire or writing me.

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Percival, agent Jerich, who lost his wife recently, after suffering a few days with pneumonia.

The freight office at Windsor has been working short-handed recently on account of most all of the staff being off with the "flu."

Bro. Collins, of Silver St. switch, B. & M., was a recent Windsor visitor; also Bro. Donahey, second Claremont Jct.

Bro. Sullivan, of Palmer, Mass., relieved Mary Lynch, second "WR," on sick list, recently.

Bro. Flanagan has gone into the wood business as a side line.

Bro. Brennan, St. Albans, recently laid off a week, suffering with a hard cold.

Second "SA" assigned to Thompson first "DG"; third "SA" to Bro. Chamberlin, first Windsor. Second Essex Jct. assigned to Bro. Garrow, of third there. Agent Joy, recently agent at Richford, assigned to Waterbury. Opr. Connolly, third "SA," displaced by Bro. Chamberlin, bid in "RY" third.

Bro. Chamberlin recently had the pleasure of meeting Chief Dispr. Buck, the first time that he had seen him for four years.

Agent Prentiss, Burlington, stabbed by a soldier, died at the Mary Fletcher Hospital there.

Bro. Jackobs, agent Braintree, got a very good price for his turkeys during Thanksgiving.

Bro. Hurley, agent Evarts, was a recent Windsor visitor; also Second Trick Dispatcher Rolland, B. & M., North End.

Mrs. M. S. Warwick, wife of ticket agent at "WR," spent a few days in Randolph recently with her mother.

Bro. Flanagan, second "WR," assigned to first Windsor. Sister Lynch, of Cambridge, Mass., relieved Bro. Chamberlin, first "WR," while it was up for bid. Sister Lynch has just received her card.

Remember: "*No card, no favors.*"

Kindly send me some news. Have not received very much for the last few months.

Div. Cor., Cert. 151.

#### Oregon Short Line R. R., Div. No. 172. Utah Division—

Fifty members of the order, employed on the D. & R. G., O. S. L., W. P. and L. A. & S. L. Railroads, in and around Salt Lake City, met at Hotel Utah, Wednesday night, Dec. 18, and discussed matters of interest to the membership. Supplement No. 10 'o General Order No. 27 came in for a good share of the various speakers' subjects.

The meeting was presided over by Vice-president E. J. Manion, who gave one of his famous discourses on organization work. Bro. E. A. Compton, general chairman of the D. & R. G. R. R. system division, also favored the members with an interesting talk.

At midnight the meeting was adjourned and a banquet served at Young's. Apple dumplings predominated.

Among the members present was Bros. Moore, McCarty, Jump, Garrison, Reed, Mangrum, Brickleay, Short, Mort Wescott, Hoover, Ott and Sam Summers, from the O. S. L. Railroad; Enking, Tidwell, Hill, Swivel and Genl. Chairman Hearn, of the L. A. & S. L. Railroad; Wedding, Mogle, Garrett, Mann, Anderson and Genl. Chairman Compton, of the D. & R. G. Railroad; Lord Blaine and L. M. Henri, of the W. P. Railroad; Rice, of the

U. S. Government; Easton, of the C. T. U. A.; E. J. Manion, of the Grand, and others.

Changes are so many and made with such frequency that it is practically impossible to record them. Bro. Young, agent at Dayton, is laying off, relieved by Harry Crouch. Bro. Davy is on second trick there and Miss Christine Ketchum on third.

The Spanish "flu" took several of our boys. Among them: Agent Stanard and his wife, Harry Conine, operator Brigham; Jimmy Raines, operator Salt Lake passenger station, and Elmer Smith, agent at Bakers. Bro. P. C. Garrison, dispatcher at Salt Lake, was listed as "beyond repair," but cheated the undertaker by a nose. Everybody likes "Garny," except Old Man Peebles, and we are sure glad to have him back on the job.

Bro. and Sister Lowry spent a very enjoyable week in Salt Lake, taking in the fair, conference, and other attractions. Bro. Lowry is local chairman of the Utah Division and his wife assists him. She signs "RN."

We are going to establish a "rat club" on the Utah Division, similar to the one maintained by the C. T. U. A. in New York City. People who decline, year after year, to pay in with money to help secure and maintain wages and decent working conditions, will be issued a *free* card in the club. As long as it doesn't cost anything, they will accept it. There are a half dozen old mossbacks that have been living off of us for years, always ready to grab what we secure and pay for. In the February issue of THE TELEGRAPHER we will publish a list of these rats, and their locations. Watch for it.

Old Man Peebles and his wife, Violet, are at Preston now. It is reported they want to get out of there—too much work. It will be all right with us if they move over on the U. I. C.

Asked who was the best agent on the Utah Division, Mr. O. Welch, traveling agent, said it was H. P. Waples, at Tremonton. This sounds good. Waples has a card—always did have one.

O. J. Langston, chief dispatcher at Salt Lake, is in Los Angeles on a three weeks' vacation. O. J. L. left just in time to escape a lot of extra work incident to the change in operating beet runs, locals, work trains, etc., as well as stringing a new time table. W. J. Morrison fell into the job. He says the Lord was certainly on O. J. L.'s side this time. Both these men carry cards in the dispatchers' union.

A severe wind storm blew down sixteen telegraph poles at Madsen and 12 at Bakers, on Dec. 21, breaking wire communication for over 24 hours, excepting for an improvised train wire made up via U. P.

Answer to a brother in California: Yes, E. N. Botsford is still here.

LAURA MAY HENRY,  
Cert. 15.

**Third District—**

Bro. Chas. O. Davy, Jr., who has had the "flu," we are glad to learn is improving and expects to be back on the job soon. We are glad to learn that Bro. G. R. Waid's folks are also getting over the "flu."

Bro. H. C. Crouch, who bid in second Dayton, is looking for some good milch cows. Going into the dairy business in the near future.

We are getting quite a few of the feminine sex on this division. Hope that they will soon all be known as Sisters.

Bro. Lowry relieved Bro. Waid for a few days while the latter dug his spuds.

Boys, the beet season is winding up, why not wind up the dead beats with them and make this division 100 per cent strong. "No cards, no favors" will in time bring the desired results.

R. P. L., L. C., Cert. 206.

**Fourth District—**

Bro. V. L. Roberts, from Owinza, goes to Payette first on bid and Cashier gets the agency. Let's investigate and see where and how he got his seniority.

Relief Agent Copeland goes to the Pacific & Idaho Northern, with headquarters at New Meadows as general auditor. We wish him success.

Bro. McKittrick, second "Q" Nampa, on sick list a week, relieved by Miss Christian. L. A. Collins, relieved by Long, is now extra dispatcher on third dist. Pocatello.

Ex-Bro. Woods, Medbury nights, can't see his way clear to take out a card, but is always very anxious to know when "that raise is coming." Keep after him.

Mountain Home, Ida., is now solid, with Warren Roberts as agent, and J. K. Webb, A. G. Nadler and C. M. Selix on first, second and third, respectively. We had our photos taken there recently, which Bro. Rawlins will no doubt find space for in the Journal some of these days. We are not handsome, but strong for the O. R. T. The station force, consisting of seven employees, subscribed \$1,200 for the Fourth Liberty Loan. Bro. Selix has quit wondering why he can't sleep evenings since he learned that Bro. Webb, who lives next door, purchased a Saxophone.

Roy Copperwaite, third Boise, is now with the Santa Fe at Calfi and will probably soon have an up-to-date, as that is now a scheduled road.

Boys, if you want to hear all about the O. R. T., just ask Mother Collins, agent at Orchard, Idaho, since 1818. She will tell you where to head in at.

Let's all keep after the "nons" until we are lined up solid, and remember, "No cards, no favors."

CERT. 290.

**T. O. & C. Ry., Div. No. 173.**

Bro. Lane, third Maryville, relieved Bro. Brunson on second there a few days.

Bro. Friedell's wife and Bro. Riffel's wife are sick with the "flu." Also Bro. Strope, Kenton second; Bro. Alexander, first Maryville, and Bro. Crist Clisman, third Hatton.

Bro. Simon, in Washington, D. C., eleven days on committee work, was called home Dec. 11, on account of the illness of his brother, who has influenza.

Bro. Turner, "WB," down with lumbago, relieved by Bro. McCoy working both tricks.

Bro. R. E. Powless, Eastern Division, has received seven applications for membership since Aug. 15. If all of us would get busy and do that we would be solid on the south end and other divisions.

Bro. C. H. Snyder, home on furlough from Camp Sherman, expects to be back on second Stony Ridge again before long.

It is now Bros. Joe Salor, third Berwick; R. A. Sidenger, agent Hatton, and O. M. Fridell, again first Berwick.

Bro. L. R. Stoltz, agent Prairie depot, is now on the Syracuse Division of the N. Y. C. lines. A loyal member, and we wish him success.

A brother on the north end of the Eastern Division, between Toledo and Fostoria, is running a "ham" factory.

The Golden Rule Club met Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at Crowe Hall, Toledo. Bro. G. R. Smith, general chairman of the N. Y. C. lines, called the meeting to order and filled Bro. Simon's chair on account of his absence owing to sickness.

Bro. I. E. Schlosser, general chairman, of the C. C. C. & St. L. Ry., gave us a very interesting talk; also Bro. Knight, of the N. Y. C. lines, Goshen, Ind. We enjoyed having these brothers with us and hope to see them at our meeting again. It is the duty of every brother to get out at these meetings and see what is going on. Also the brothers on the N. Y. C. lines. They are for all members of the O. R. T. Don't sit back and wait for your brother who has attended these meetings to tell you what has taken place, but be present yourself and talk a hand.

Bro. Haver, agent Raymonds, was off several days with measles, his daughter relieving.

Bro. Mitchell, second Kile, sick several days, Bro. Arnold, third, relieving.

Bro. Outcalt, "FH," sick several days, relieved by former "HV" dispatcher, Bro. Selby, from Div. 40. He also relieved Bro. McCoy at "WB" office a few days.

Bro. Riffel, West Mansfield, off sick a few days, relieved by H. E. Thorton.

Bro. L. M. Cornwell, second Hatton, was off several days, himself and family having the "flu."

Bro. W. D. Hart, first Fostoria, sick a few days, relieved by Sister Knickle.

Bro. H. L. Blackwell, who relieved Bro. Sanford, Bucyrus, ten days, also relieved Bro. Shirkey, "FD" nights, and at "FD" several days.

Bro. J. M. Outcalt, "V" office, handled the car report, in addition to his other work, several days on account of the "flu" there.

Bro. W. K. Sanford, second Thurston, while attending a funeral, relieved by H. E. Thornton, farming for several years, returned to the key. Sister Leah Knickle is on third there.

Sister F. M. Krouse spent Christmas with her father and relatives in Bradford, Pa.

Bro. Paul Galbraith, one of the first men drafted, is back on first Berwick, after spending a few months with "Uncle Sam," and relieved Bro. O. M. Fridell, now operator and clerk Prairie depot.

Keep after the "nons." Remember, "No card, no favors."

Since the last raise, Moline cut 2 hours and 15 minutes; Lucky, 26 minutes, and Spore, 4 hours. No additional force added.

Bro. F. R. Colgroce, former first Stanley, is now with "Uncle Sam's" forces in Italy.

Bro. J. O. Hellman, formerly third Berwick, is somewhere in France enjoying the sights "over there," and Bro. F. L. Franklin, former first Fostoria, drafted in first call of 1917, has learned the wireless. Last heard from in a shell hole somewhere in France.

Bro. F. E. Billett, former second Berwick, with "Uncle Sam" in Texas, and Bro. C. H. Snyder, former second Stony Ridge, is in Camp Sherman.

Bro. J. J. Saylor, third Berwick, recently lost his pocket-book and contents, about \$25.

Bro. O. M. Fridell, Berwick, called on Bro. F. H. Dudly, first Whitmore, recently.

Any of you brothers who want to know who the "nons" are, drop a line to Brother Simón or Bro. Cox, and don't forget, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Mitchell, second Kile, has returned to work after a severe attack of the "flu."

Our notes for January were crowded out of that issue along with all the other divisions, numbering higher than 130, owing to the space taken up to conclude the hearings before the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions.

S. E. GARD,  
Cert. 165.

#### Carolina, Clinchfield & O. Ry., Div. No. 175.

Our meeting at the Windsor Hotel, Johnson City, Tenn., on Dec. 14, was only attended by a few members on account of the "flu" situation, but we hope to make our next more successful. The following officers were elected: Bros. C. G. Taylor, Dante, Va., general secretary and treasurer; A. R. Beam, Forest City, N. C., general chairman; J. W. Hammett, Kona, N. C., local chairman.

Bro. J. W. Hammett transferred from Green Mountain to Kona, vice Bro. Hill going to Pensacola on "BM."

We are very sorry to report the death of the wife of Bro. J. W. Letterman, Toecane, and extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy.

Bro. R. H. Renfro, agent Marion, has given up agency work, having been promoted to a better position.

We have a few stragglers among us yet, but they will eventually cast their lot on the winning side and help to make our working and financial conditions more favorable. When you can spare the time, call the boys along the line, have a friendly chat with them, and become acquainted with each man on the division. Harmony is a great strength and support for all undertakings. Have them get an up-to-date card, so we can have a good representation. Do your duty to your craft by soliciting their membership, thereby assisting yourself and the craft.

Someone please give a write-up next month, and remember, "No card, no favors," and live up to it.

CERT. 42.

#### S. E. Ry., Div. No. 180.

Bro. Westbrook died with the "flu" after a very brief illness. He was one of our most progressive men, always in line to help the cause. Bro. Blythe is acting agent in his place on first "XN," relieved by Mr. Page, of Libertyville, on third, later to second "NY," relieved by Mr. Scott.

Mr. Malone, second "XN," off a few days on account of the death of his brother's wife, Bro. Blythe and Mr. Scott doubling.

Mr. Pickett, second H. K., off a few days account sickness, Bro. Tutwiler and Fortner doubling.

Bro. Wright, first "NY," and Sister Wright, St. Bernice, are back again after ten days' wrestle with the "flu." Bro. Johnson and Mr. Page doubled at "NY" and Mr. Graves of Superintendent's office relieved sister Wright at "BC."

Bro. Rogers, first "BW," has gone to the C. & E. I. again; Mr. Wright on first "BU."

The floral offering sent to Bro. Westbrook was certainly a fine one, and Bro. Powell should be congratulated on getting it, as it was an extremely hard time to get flowers.

E. L. Terrell, Odon, laid up with the "flu," relieved by J. F. Terry, of the B. & O. Bro. Toliver also off several days with the malady, Relief Agent Graves filling his place.

General Chairman Powell has returned from Washington, D. C.

Bro. L. W. McGuyer was called to Kansas City, Mo., recently, on account of the death of his brother-in-law.

We desire to thank those who responded to our call for a few items. Keep them coming.

CERT. 24.

**Mo. & No. Ark. R. R., Div. No. 182.**

Brothers, we must get after the few "nons" and get them lined up. They owe the Order of Railroad Telegraphers their application, and support with it. Every brother should help to get them in.

Send in your dues for 1919 at once. With increase you get you won't miss the amount it takes to put you up to date for the whole year, and those one-year cards will sure look nifty. Let's do it today and have it over with.

Bro. Beatty to Berryville, Agent Leach to Shirley, Bro. Baker to Searcy, Bro. Speer laying off. L. E. Akers to cashier Heber Springs, Bro. Murphy to Harrison "GM," Moore to Heber third, Younger to Arlberg agency, Bro. Hatcher to Leslie.

We were sorry to learn of the death of our beloved friend and brother, T. R. Thomas, of Shirley, who has been with us several years, and will be greatly missed. His remains were taken to his home, Collegeville, Ark., for burial.

It is now Brother Powell at Wheaton. He sent in his application as soon as he was checked in as agent there; also Bro. Russell at Gilbert; Younger at Alberg, and Leach at Shirley. Very few "nons" left. Boys, keep after them.

Bro. Zieger, Rondo, has resigned. We are sorry to lose such a loyal member, and wish him success.

Members will please send anything of interest in time to get into St. Louis before the 20th of each month.

T. E. McMasters, appointed assistant train master, office later abolished, replaced as Agent at Berryville by the superintendent. Bro. Beatty appealed the case as he rightfully bid in Berryville agency, bulletined without condition.

Bro. Stevenson, Harrison "GO," off one week with influenza, relieved by S. L. Shirley.

Bro. Swain, Everton, has returned to work after a short spell of sickness.

St. Joe agency opened as telegraph office.

Bro. G. W. Musick, of Searcy, transferred to Heber Springs as terminal agent, relieved at Searcy by Bro. Brasfield. We wish them both success.

On account of the writer being off, owing to sickness, was unable to get very many items this month.

CERT. 61.

**Ga., Fla. & Ala. Ry., Div. No. 185.**

The A. C. L. operators held a meeting in Bainbridge, Dec. 9, a nice crowd being present. Following G. F. & A. boys attended: Bros. E. M. Connor, H. B. Hixon, W. H. Grimes, W. R. Hayes, W. L. Williams, G. W. Rollins, S. A. Gallaway, W. A. McDowell and A. S. Vanderdees. Some very interesting sub-

jects were discussed, and the boys all left much pleased with the meeting.

Bro. E. M. Connor was off fourteen days, sick with the "flu," but, we are glad to say, is back on the job again. Bro. W. W. Booth, Carrabelle, was also off a few days with it.

Bro. A. S. Vanderdees, Charleston, S. C., has been appointed car accountant. We are glad to have him with us, as he carries his card with him and the car accountant is supposed to be relief dispatcher in case of emergency.

Bros. J. W. Keene and J. F. Stephens was in Bainbridge recently.

Richland, Ga., has been consolidated with the S. A. L., letting Bros. G. E. Robinson and C. K. Parker out. Bro. Robinson rolled Bro. H. C. Rawles at Quincy, Bro. Rawles accepting traveling auditor's job, Bro. Parker bidding in Helen agency, vice Bro. R. L. Howell leaving the service for other fields. We all regret very much to lose Bro. Howell as he was a fine man and loyal to the order. We all extend our best wishes for success in his new position.

Brothers, don't forget to send in your dues for your new card, now, as we must start the new year off right. We all hope for better things this coming year, but cannot expect them unless we keep up to date. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

"SI," Cert. 15.

**Twin City Telegraphers' Club.**

The meeting held in St. Paul, Jan. 13, was well attended, the best for some time, and the members went home better satisfied with what was being done for them than for several meetings prior when things were still pending at Washington.

Every member should be present at these meetings as it gives him a better idea what is going on all over the country, especially in his own immediate territory, as men from all the different roads attend and exchange views on different matters brought before the club.

Bro. Frye, secretary of the club, will be pleased to write up any member of the O. R. T. in good standing. The initiation is only \$1.00, dues 50c every six months. Let us all try and make the club a grand success. The only way to do this is for every man who carries an up-to-date card to join.

Bro. E. R. Walker, Division 70, third Clearwater Jct., was off several nights, due to death in his family, and Bro. J. M. Formwalt, second Clearwater Jct., was off one night on account sickness, the office being closed meanwhile.

F. J. WINNE,  
Local Chairman Div. 70.

# GRAND DIVISION

## Mutual Benefit Department

**Assessment No. 143 is due January 1, 1919  
Time for payment expires February 28, 1919**

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300.00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500.00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000.00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

### BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY.

#### Claim

No.	Name	Cause	Div.	Cert.	Series	Amount
2492..	Robert M. Hanley.....	Pneumonia .....	53.	32360..	C..	\$ 1,000.00
2535..	Hiram B. Meyers.....	Chronic Nephritis.....	46.	26176..	A..	300.00
2586..	Durlin G. Glenn.....	Lobar Pneumonia.....	Gd.	50743..	C..	1,000.00
2587..	Urban N. Martin.....	Broncho Pneumonia.....	32.	53453..	C..	1,000.00
2588..	Ned E. D. Cagle.....	Broncho Pneumonia.....	53.	47832..	C..	1,000.00
2589..	Allyre Bourget.....	Congestion Pulmonaire.....	131.	42868..	C..	1,000.00
2590..	V. J. Grieshaber.....	Influenza .....	2.	25542..	C..	1,000.00
2591..	Chris H. Schrader.....	Lobar Pneumonia.....	70.	56251..	C..	1,000.00
2592..	George Greenier.....	Pneumonia .....	61.	55376..	C..	1,000.00
2593..	John S. Boling.....	Chills and Malaria.....	Gd.	42606..	C..	1,000.00
2594..	Stanley W. Hibbard.....	Influenza .....	1.	49102..	C..	1,000.00
2595..	Osborn H. Littleford.....	Influenza .....	7.	45908..	C..	1,000.00
2596..	Willard Collett.....	Influenza .....	17.	54308..	C..	1,000.00
2597..	Oscar E. Meeks.....	R. R. Collision.....	93.	41607..	C..	1,000.00
2598..	J. A. Rochon.....	Influenza .....	7.	40472..	C..	1,000.00
2599..	Thorp R. Thomas.....	Influenza .....	182.	35282..	C..	1,000.00
2600..	Clarence H. Crawson.....	Pneumonia .....	168.	47503..	C..	1,000.00
2601..	Max J. Pankowski.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	76.	33359..	B..	500.00
2602..	Orie L. Howell.....	Influenza .....	5.	21831..	B..	500.00
2603..	Roy R. King.....	Killed in Action.....	32.	29813..	B..	500.00
2604..	Philip E. Rivers.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	35.	30987..	B..	500.00
2505..	Frank G. Stevens.....	Influenza .....	89.	28300..	B..	500.00
2606..	Emil H. Grundt.....	Influenza .....	76.	30303..	B..	500.00
2607..	Raymond C. Statz.....	Influenza .....	31.	27315..	B..	500.00
2608..	Hough B. McCain.....	Influenza .....	57.	34818..	B..	500.00
2609..	Merrill E. Wilcox.....	Influenza .....	7.	52048..	A..	300.00
2610..	Grace V. Sawyer.....	Influenza .....	126.	31896..	A..	300.00
2611..	Willie A. Pomerleau.....	Influenza .....	11.	48706..	A..	300.00
2612..	Uldridge J. Coderre.....	Broncho Pneumonia.....	35.	29482..	A..	300.00
2613..	Irvin T. Etta.....	Influenza .....	119.	33946..	A..	300.00
2614..	Hosea C. Collins.....	Lobar Pneumonia.....	61.	54554..	A..	300.00
2615..	William H. Flaherty.....	Influenza .....	38.	40129..	A..	300.00
2616..	Ernest L. Hill.....	Lobar Pneumonia.....	39.	51145..	A..	300.00
2617..	James B. Vickers.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	24.	48076..	A..	300.00
2618..	Chester C. Ritter.....	Influenza .....	10.	54813..	A..	300.00
2619..	Bessie P. Smith.....	Influenza .....	43.	43872..	A..	300.00
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## RECEIPTS.

Received on assessments to December 31, 1918 .....	\$2,203,359.42
Received on assessments January, 1919 .....	41,877.03
Interest for 1918 .....	30,221.16

Total ..... \$2,275,457.61\*

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Death claims paid to December 31, 1918 .....	\$1,617,852.47
Death claims paid in January .....	84,600.00
Assessments refunded account rejected applications .....	2,690.31
Assessments transferred to dues .....	370.99
Balance on hand credit Mortuary Fund, Jan. 31, 1919 .....	569,943.84

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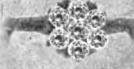
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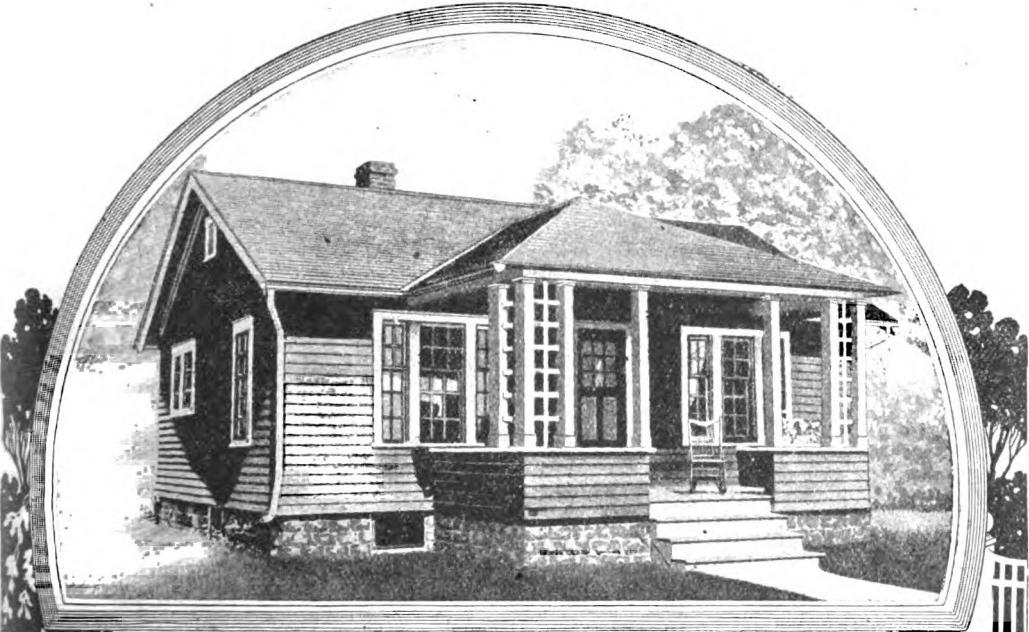
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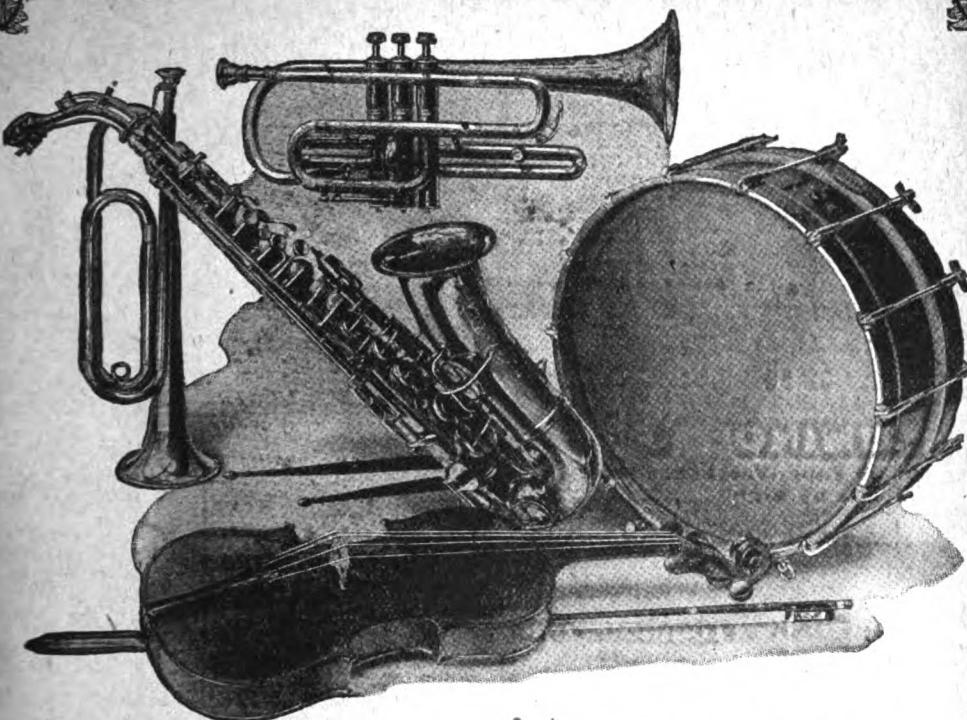
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Grasp this opportunity to make big money—to get started without leaving your present position—without investing a cent.

I am paying thousands and thousands of dollars to men and women for taking orders for Comer Raincoats. Now my big Government contract is finished. Now the banner season of the year for raincoats is right at hand. And now I need more representatives to take orders quick. I want Railroad Telegraphers. They "make good." I want you. I'll pay you big profits for all you do.

I paid Maher of Maine, \$58.50 for one day's work; Cooper of Ohio, \$31.00 for one morning's work; McCrary of Georgia, \$134.00 in two weeks; Mrs. Jennie Ross of New York, \$50 for one week's spare time work.

## I WILL PAY YOU \$2500 TO \$3000 A YEAR

Comer agents are making from \$12 on up to \$100 a week right along, depending on HOW MUCH TIME they give to the work. Mighty few ever had any experience. Nearly all worked in offices, factories or on farms.

Just think of the facts I give you and the details of our wonderful system. You'll agree that almost anyone who tries will make big money with this EASY, SIMPLE and DIGNIFIED proposition.

## Big Profits Right Away

You know that everyone needs a raincoat. You know that damp clothing means sickness and that a raincoat protects the clothing from dampness and prevents sickness. But do you know that only ONE out of every TEN persons has a raincoat? Think of it! Nine out of ten persons need raincoats. Is it any wonder that my agents sign up orders so easily and quickly for the famous Comer Raincoats at the remarkably low prices? No stores have anywhere near so many different beautiful fabrics and styles to offer, nor such low prices.

### No Delivering No Collecting

You don't have to deliver and you don't have to collect. We take care of all that. You just talk Comer Raincoats, take the orders and we do ALL THE REST. You lose no time on return calls. You are making money all the time you put in. You don't have to wait for your profits. You get your pay AT ONCE and we make delivery and collection from the customer.

65  
Fabrics  
and  
Styles

## No Experience Necessary

You just wear the fine sample raincoat we GIVE you, show the Comer style book and samples of beautiful fabrics, mention the SURPRISINGLY LOW PRICES and take the orders. That's all. You get your pay immediately. We deliver and collect.

Comer Raincoats are for men, women and children. In every home there are from one to five persons that need raincoats. ON ONE CALL you will make from \$2.00 to \$15.00 net profit for YOURSELF.

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Dept. V-22 Dayton, Ohio

Cut off the Coupon Here

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He wrote: "I have taken 25 orders today, and am sending them to a man on your force who has never done that!" His commissions for the day were \$31.50.W. S. COOPER  
He used to work in a factory. Now he makes \$75 or better every week, easy. His record is \$65.75 in four hours.

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I want everyone of my representatives to wear one of my coats and I will furnish any man or woman who wants to represent us with one of our beautiful "Comer" Raincoats ABSOLUTELY FREE!

### SEND THE COUPON NOW

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**COUPON**

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Dept. V-22

DAYTON, OHIO

Please give me full particulars about your Comer Raincoat offer. Tell me how I can make \$2,500 to \$3,600 a year. Send me free circular so I can pick out my free sample coat.

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CASEY  
JONES  
DO  
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In these days of progress no one can afford to be old-fashioned. The hand propelled section car and speeder are a relic of the past.



## Up-to-Date

Progressive section foremen and linemen convert their hand cars, speeders into motor cars, and do with the old-fashioned and back-breaking

# Casey Jones and Casey Junior

Among Maintenance of Way men, "Casey Jones" and "Casey Junior" need no introduction. They are known the world over as the STANDARD hand car and velocipede engines. A careful comparison of "Casey Jones" or "Junior" with any other hand car or velocipede engine will readily reveal that it has many advantages over all makes. They are compact, simple, and easily operated. Both motors are free running, belt drive, with improved sliding base belt tightener. Both reverse and run in either direction equally as well. "Casey Jones" is furnished in two models, single speed 4 H. P. and two-speed 4-8 H. P. Single speed is the direct drive only. The 4-8 H. P. is equipped with a two-speed gear transmission, giving advantage of two speeds, low and high. High is the direct drive or 4 H. P., while low is a two to one gear which practically doubles the pulling power of the high or gives advantage of nearly 8 H. P. in traction power. Operator can shift into either speed without stopping either engine or car.

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Both engines are furnished complete with all necessary equipment to properly install. Carburetor, grease cups, priming cups, spark plug, batteries with weather-proof battery box, ignition wires, switch, 10 ft. of Gandee canvas belting, 14 or 16 in. split pulley for car axle, proper bushings for same, patent alligator belt fastener, necessary bolts to fasten engine to car, muffler, and a 16-page instruction book that goes into complete detail as to the proper method of installing and operating. With a couple hours' work "Casey Jones" or "Casey Junior" converts a lever car or velocipede into a motor car.

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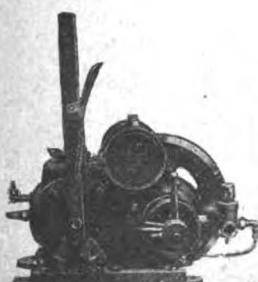
## Terms Are Easy

Terms, \$15.00 cash with order and balance \$5.00 per month until engine is paid for in full. A crew of two men and foreman each chipping in 6 cents each day will more than meet the payments each month. These terms are indeed liberal, and no foreman and crew can afford to be without a motor car.

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# "Too Late!"

Sad words those—"Too Late"—for they always emphasize what *might* have been and should have been but was not—especially in life-insurance.

In March, 1915, a man living in Florida wrote to the POSTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY for insurance-information, which was promptly forwarded.

As he did not reply, other letters with printed matter were sent suggesting that he protect his family by taking out a policy, even though a small one. *He put it off.*

Finally, in October, 1918, the Company wrote him\* and inclosed an interesting booklet entitled: "HOW MUCH INSURANCE OUGHT I TO CARRY?" Then, after more than three years, an answer came—not from him but from his wife, who wrote:

"Your letters and your interest in my husband's insurance appreciated. He died one week ago from pneumonia without insurance and leaving two children."

Like most husbands he doubtless intended to take out a policy, but like many careless ones, he put it off until *too late*.

It was *too late* to protect his family after he was dead, or even after he was sick. There was a time he could have done it quickly and at little cost, but he waited until *too late*.

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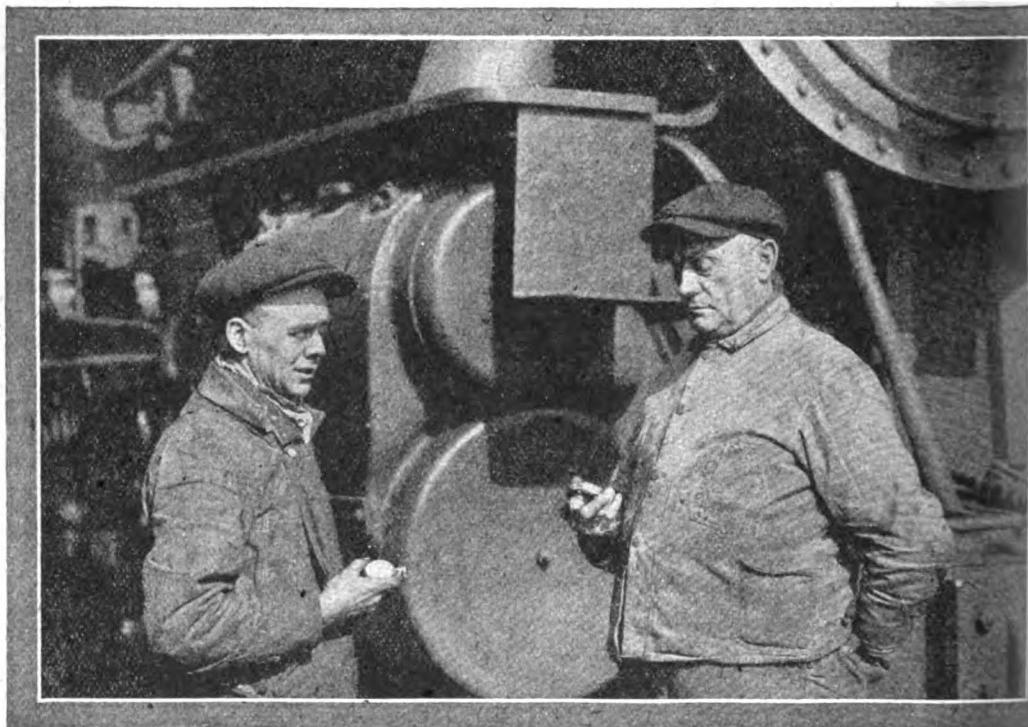
THIRD: 9½% dividends guaranteed in your Policy and the usual contingent dividends paid as earned.

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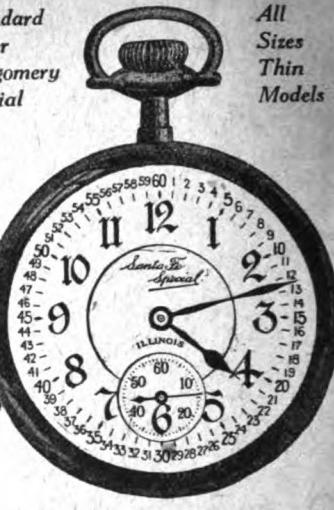
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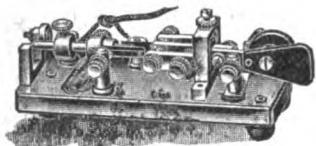
I will appreciate very much indeed a letter from you if you are interested in the purchase of a typewriter. Your letter will receive my careful, prompt and personal attention. My monthly payment plan is wide open to members of your organization.

Thanking you for the consideration given this advertisement and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

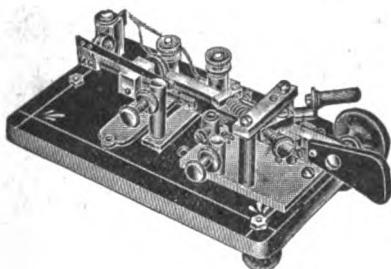
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# Why Two-Thirds of the Telegraphers



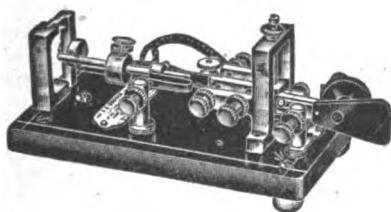
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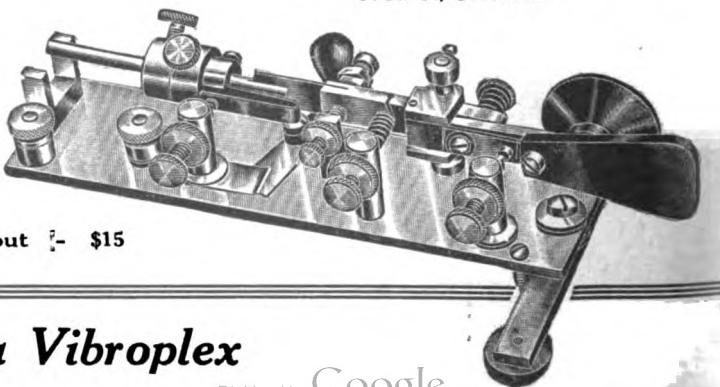
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T. J. Wright, an Illinois member, reports three promotions since taking the course.

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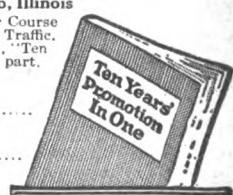
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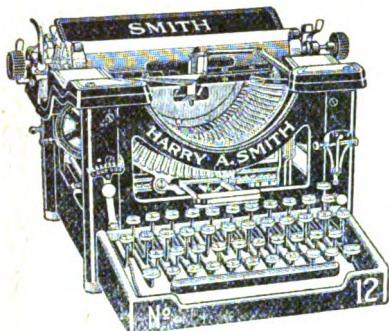
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Send the coupon, giving me your O. R. T. number for reference and your order will have my prompt, careful, personal attention.

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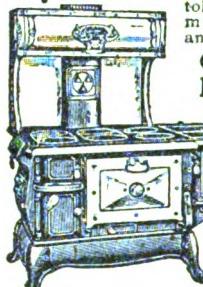
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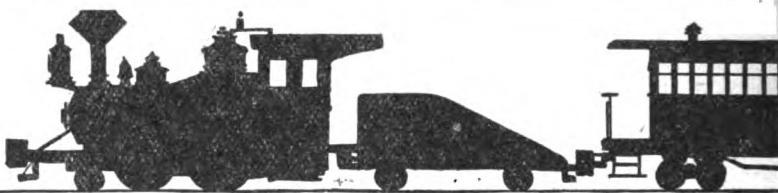
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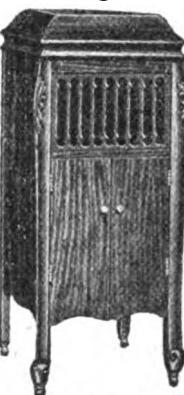
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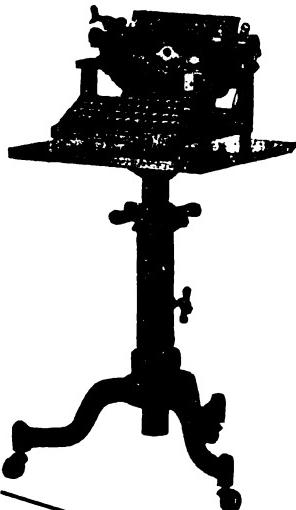
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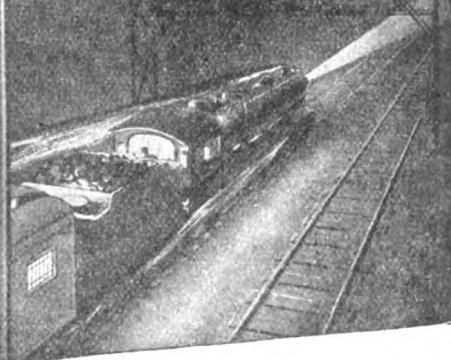
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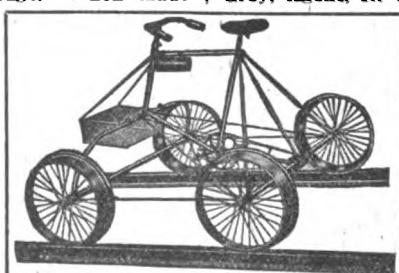
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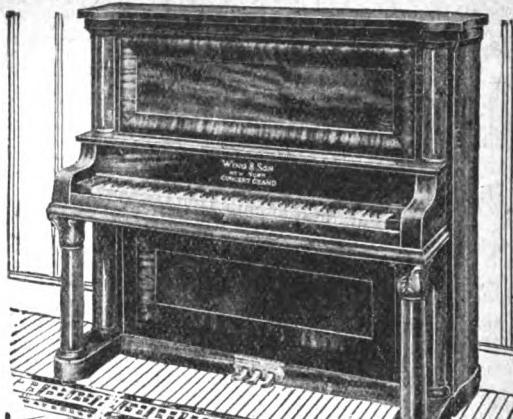
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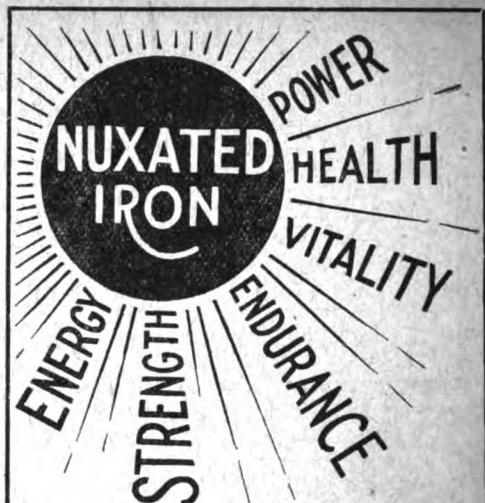
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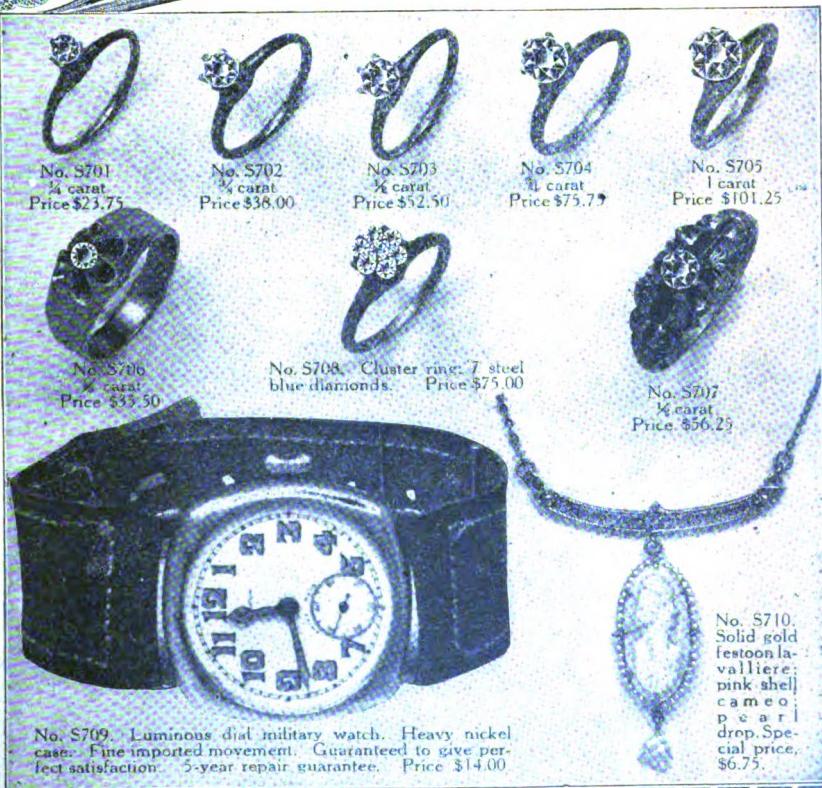
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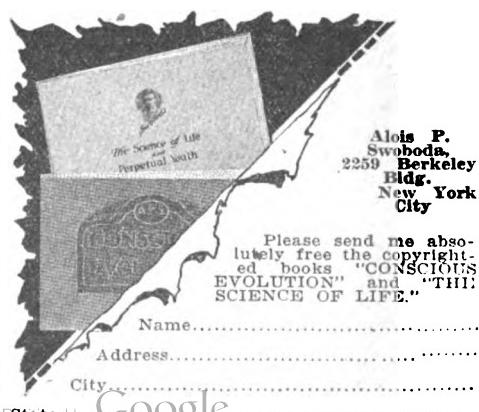
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By letting the circle remain open it will be a hook, and this hook stands for *A*. Thus *A* will be *Ad*. Add another *A* at the end, thus *Ad* and you will have a girl's name, *Adas*.

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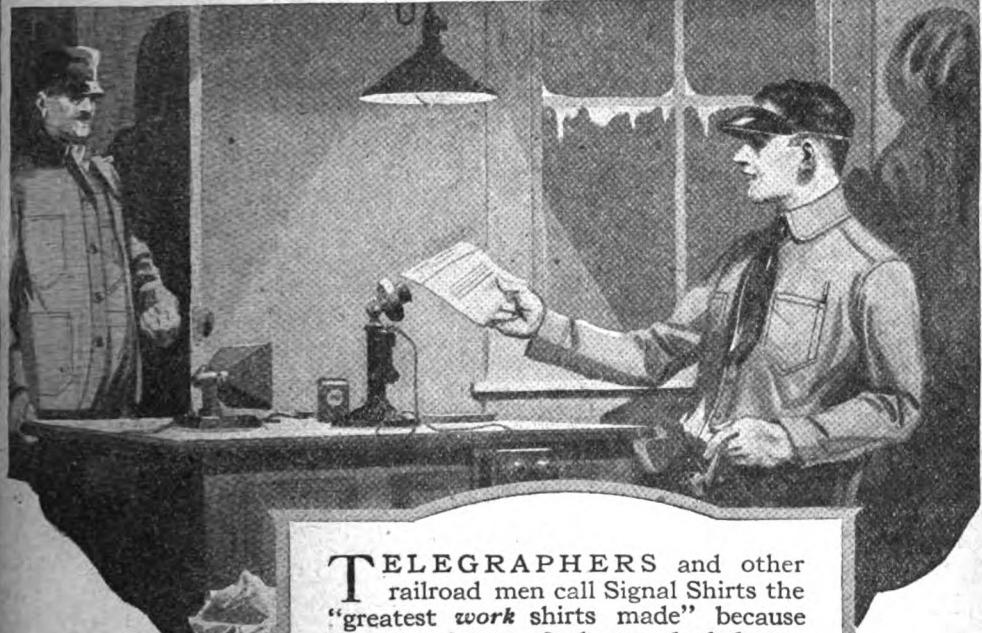
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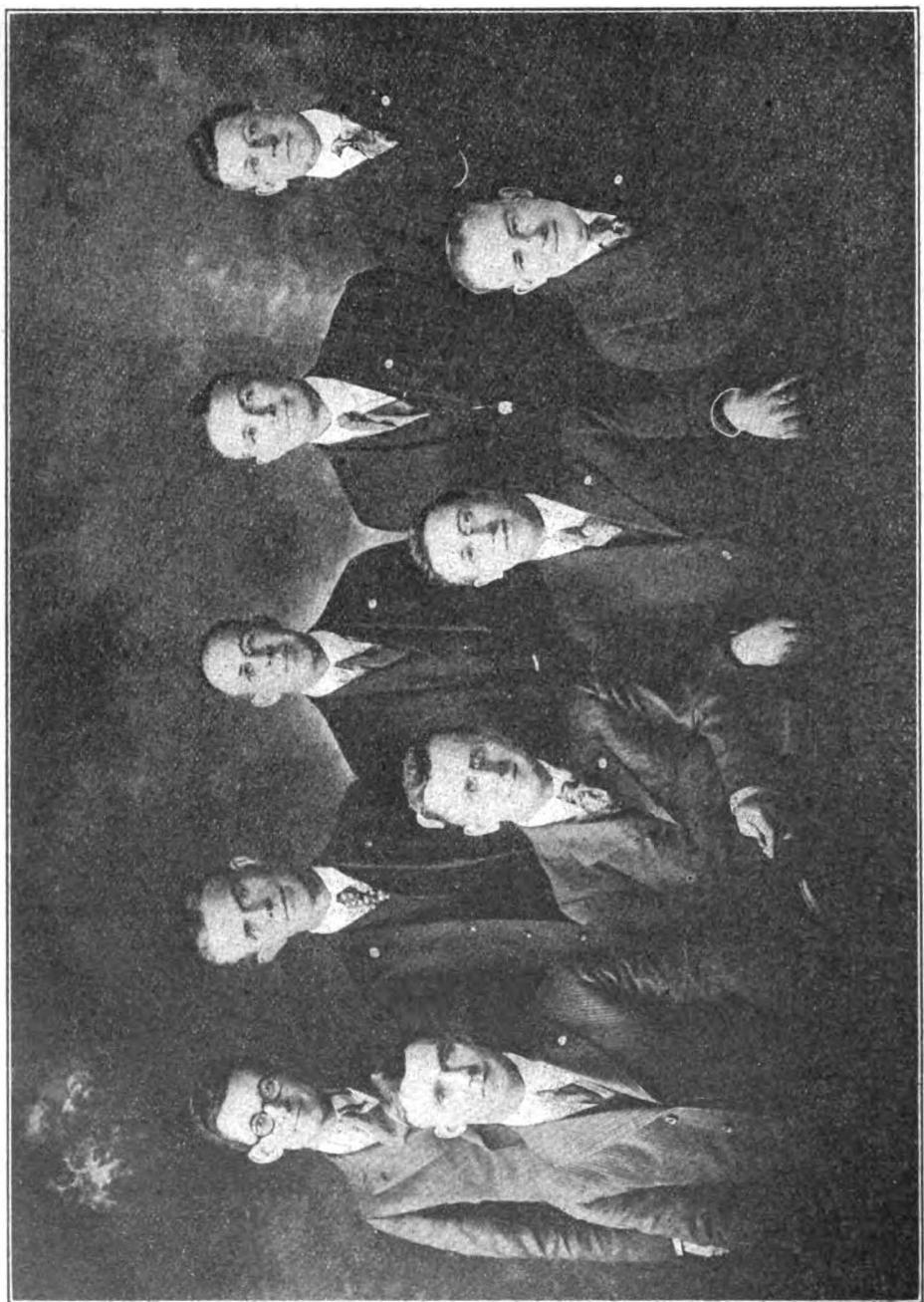
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## EDITORIAL



### Extension of Tenure of Government Control of Railroads

#### Government Ownership of Railroads

ONE of the paramount reconstruction questions confronting the American people at this time is the Railroad problem. The people of the nation now have in their hands the means of communication and the facilities for the distribution of the necessities of life, and before relinquishing these utilities to private interests, the people should study this important matter with care. Although the public has paid for the railroads, telegraphs and telephones many times, it shall probably be required to pay for them once more, but only once more, and they will then belong to the nation.

The American Federation of Labor in its reconstruction program recently adopted, has declared that public and semi-public utilities should be owned, operated and regulated by the Government in the interest of the people, for which principle organized labor stands.

On February 3rd, the Chief Executives of the fourteen Railroad Labor Organizations met in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of considering what action, if any, railroad labor should take to have the railroads remain permanently in the control of the nation. After thoroughly deliberating this problem, the final and unanimous conclusion reached was that the railroads should be owned and operated by the Government.

A. B. Garretson, President of the Order of Railway Conductors, was unanimously selected to represent all of the railway labor organizations before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and give expression as to the views of railroad labor on this important question. Realizing our members are greatly interested in the argument advanced and in order that they may become acquainted with the causes and reasons why the labor organizations are in favor of this plan for the proper disposition of the railroads, a transcript copy of the hearings which commenced on February 10th is published:

HEARINGS BEFORE THE  
COMMITTEE OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
FEBRUARY 10, 1919.

STATEMENT OF MR. A. B. GARRETSON.

The Chairman: Just give your full name and address, and your official connection with the Brotherhoods.

Mr. Garretson: For the purposes of the record, Mr. Chairman: name, A. B. Garretson; capacity, President of the Order of Railway Conductors, appearing on behalf of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America, Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America; Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Freight Handlers and Station Employes; Switchmen's Union of North America, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers.

Senator Townsend: Do all of those apply to railroad matters?

Mr. Garretson: In so far as their memberships are in the service of railway companies.

Senator Townsend: You do not, for instance, speak for the blacksmiths generally throughout the country?

Mr. Garretson: No sir; only those in railway service.

Senator Kellogg: You include all the railway organizations?

Mr. Garretson: Those are all the railway organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor; and, in addition, there are the Four Railway Brotherhoods, which are non-affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

I want to make clear this: The total membership of those organizations represents almost the entire body of railway employes of the country. There are a few small unions covering some particular crafts that are not embodied in that list.

Senator Poindexter: How many men altogether are in those unions?

Mr. Garretson: The information furnished to me by the representative of the Railway Department of the American Federation of Labor is to the effect that they represent approximately a million and a half railway employes. The four brotherhoods, in addition to that represent approximately 400,000 men.

Senator Pomerene: Is that 400,000 in

addition to the million and a half?

Mr. Garretson: In addition to the million and a half, making a total of one million nine hundred thousand men. That is, actual workers. The body of citizenship that they represent would be arrived at by the ordinary processes.

Senator Kellogg: About five times that?

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Townsend: Many other men employed in railroad service, in one capacity or another are not included?

Mr. Garretson: All men above what might be described as the classified employes; that is, the rank and file. It would be rather difficult at any given time to say exactly what proportion, because in some of the pursuits a man has to follow the railway service for a period ranging from 90 days to six months before he becomes eligible to membership in some of these organizations. Consequently, there is probably anywhere—ranging according to fluctuation in the number of employes—from ten to twenty per cent who are not in the ranks of these organizations. That is a rough estimate of the number that is not included. They have to serve a certain length of time before they are eligible to membership in these organizations.

Senator Townsend: There are some who never go into the unions at all?

Mr. Garretson: Some, yes.

Senator Townsend: Many men working for the railway companies in one capacity or another are not included in that 1,900,000?

Mr. Garretson: There is no data in existence, except to take the gross number of employes that are in railway service in the country, as near as we can from the Interstate Commerce Commission's reports, because that is the most available source; but that leaves out a very considerable number of employes who are in intrastate service on roads that do not report to the Interstate Commerce Commission. I should judge that there is a total slightly in excess of 2,000,000 men on the pay rolls of the railway companies.

Senator Pomerene: I saw a statement

the other day—I do not know how authoritative it is—that there were two and a half million.

Mr. Garretson: I would put it in excess of two million, but I would not attempt to place anything in the way of an exact limit above that. Consequently, if that be true, that there are two million men, there would be 100,000 in various capacities that are not represented here; and if there are two and a half million, then there would be over five times that figure; but the great body of railway employes of this country is represented by these organizations.

The plan which was presented to this committee by Mr. Glenn E. Plumb has received, as far as its principles are concerned, the unqualified endorsement of the representatives of these fourteen organizations. There has been no endorsement by us of any given detail of that plan. You will readily understand that in the coming together of the number of interests that we represent, there is a diversity of individual opinion in regard to the various phases of any scheme that might be presented, and that it would take time and conference to reconcile those varying opinions with each other. Consequently, while the principle embodied in the plan of Mr. Plumb receives our entirely unqualified endorsement, there has been no agreement either attempted or arrived at between us as to what I heard referred to here the other day as the "mechanics" for making the application of that or any other plan applicable to the problem.

There has never been a time, I think, in the history of the world when a problem of as great magnitude as this has confronted any body of men. The greatest industry in the world probably is the American railways. Its importance far transcends the importance of any other problem, either social, political or economic, in the fact that it reaches its ramifications into every household of the land. It is a thing of vital interest, and it cannot be honestly approached by any man only from the standpoint of his own personal interest. He has got to come to

it from a broader standpoint than that, and he has got to consider it from the standpoint of the citizen, which should be the widest standpoint that any man can assume. If he only offers a solution that guards the petty interests of himself and his class, he will never be able to arrive at an honest solution that will conserve the admitted rights of all. It is charged, justly or unjustly, that laboring men must, of necessity, be as narrow as any men on earth. If laboring men cannot give a certain amount of consideration to the viewpoint and to the interests of others, laboring men measure up to a mighty poor standard of citizenship; and what is true of the laboring man is true of his employer, no matter whether it is a government or whether it is a private employer. From our standpoint, we do not make one confusion that has seemed to be apparent through most of the presentations that I have listened to before this committee. We only look on the Government as replacing the private employer, and we hold our relations are exactly the same to the employer, whether it is the Government that employs us or a private individual that employs us.

Naturally, we draw our conclusions to a very considerable degree from the experiences of past years, during which these unions have had existence, and we apply that experience precisely in the same sense to the conditions of our service, whether they are to be continued under the Government or as they are at present, or whether there is to be another overturn, and whether those services would, in that event, be rendered to those whom we formerly served in their private capacity.

I want to draw the attention of the members of the committee to this: It has been the expressed desire on the part of most men who have appeared here that they be permitted to present their viewpoint uninterruptedly. I should be very glad indeed if at any stage of the game any member of the committee who desires to ask a question brought to his mind by any statement made by me, will break in right then and there and ask

that question. It will not in any way disturb my line of thought, and it is often more satisfactory to get a reply to a question that will make something clearer than it is to wait until after there has been a full presentation, and then to broach it.

We, naturally, in our own interests, study a social situation as it exists. It would be a brave man who would, at the present time, in world affairs, be reactionary enough to expect that after the close of a world-wide convulsion, like the war that has just been intermitted, at least—who would either expect or declare that the tangled threads of social life or of industry are to be picked up where they were broken by the advent of that war. It is not an era of going backward. Forces have been let loose that are to be reckoned with, and it stands every man in hand to keep his ear close enough to the ground to realize that those forces are to be reckoned with if the social structure of the world is not to be overturned. No man can measure up to that which is required of him unless he is prepared to go forward from now on, as he has gone forward for the past two or three years, and apply the popular shibboleth of "doing his bit" in a manner that will work out a solution for the good of mankind; and there is no question more intimately connected with it than the question of transportation.

I have heard some pretty close hair splitting done here in the past two days as between the financial side and the operating side of the railway question. The fact is, when you come down to consider it from a practical standpoint, they are so closely interwoven that they are really one question. All the revenue of a railway company comes from the sale of transportation of persons and property. It has no other legitimate source of revenue, and, therefore, its questions of operation and finance are so closely entangled that to undertake to separate them is the old problem of trying to unscramble an egg.

Can the function best be performed of the operation and the financing of these

railways by private interests or by governmental interests, is the real question that is involved; and, to me, the real question before Congress at the present time is not the adoption of a comprehensive plan as the first measure for the operation of the roads, but a declaration as to what is to be the future policy, and whether or not every mile of railway now controlled by the Government, or non-controlled by the Government is, in the future, to be administered as a Government appendage instead of as a private interest? When that question is once solved the uncertainty has gone out of the situation, and then all that remains is to perfect the machinery for making either one or the other effective, whichever it may be. From the standpoint of our own interests and experience, we, of these organizations, are strongly of the belief that those interests can best be administered through a direct governmental agency, working not for transportation with profit attached to it, but to furnish efficient transportation at actual cost to the people. You will bear in mind that this is not the opinion of men who have been committed to the idea of Government ownership. I do not even know the personal opinions of all of the executives of these fourteen organizations, but I am going to illustrate from the men of the four brotherhoods, the executives of whose opinions I have knowledge. Out of those four men who subscribed here, as the fruit of their experience, to Government ownership, three of them have absolutely always been private ownership men, opposed to the idea of Government ownership, and they have only arrived at their conclusion to endorse Government ownership because, in the light of their experience, their knowledge of men, their knowledge of affairs, they have become convinced that it is the logical method.

Senator Poindexter: Has that experience been under the present Government operation, that has led them to that view?

Mr. Garretson: And former private operation.

Senator Poindexter: That has been a part of it?

Mr. Garretson: Yes, largely. Bear in mind, three of these men are absolutely private ownership men.

Senator Poindexter: Would you mind telling us who they are?

Mr. Garretson: Yes; I am perfectly willing to tell you. Messrs. Stone and Lee and Shea, of the engineers, the trainmen and the firemen and enginemen, are private ownership men. The only Government ownership man in the party is myself. There is undoubtedly the same varied complexion of opinion between the executive officers of the other ten organizations with which we are associated in this endorsement.

To carry the analogy further, some of those men believe that if private ownership is to be continued, the roads should be turned back within the shortest time possible to do it—to quote the Director General—"in an orderly manner."

Senator Watson: Mr. Garretson, did I understand you to say that Stone, Lee and Shea were private ownership men up until the present time?

Mr. Garretson: Have always been.

Senator Watson: But they have now changed their minds and are Government ownership advocates?

Mr. Garretson: They are endorsing this plan, because they have been convinced that it is the most desirable method. And, Senator, do not let me misrepresent them. In general, they are private ownership men yet; but, as applied to this industry they have gone to the other side; and up until 1912, I was as ardent a private ownership man as any one of the body. My change of view came around through my advocacy of Government regulation. In an address before the New York Economic Club, in the year 1912, on a question involving the railroads, I made the statement that I had always been a private ownership man, but in following up the theory of strong Government regulation I became confronted with this: That if through regulation the balance on a railway is written in the red, who is responsible for that deficit? And I said that I had arrived at the stage where it seemed to me it might be pos-

sible that Government ownership, if responsibility lay on the Government, through drastic regulation of rates, for that deficit; if responsibility was permitted to lie with the regulating body—it might develop that, in furtherance of that theory, Government ownership might become the lesser of two evils. If it is once admitted that under regulation the Government creates the deficit and it is admitted that the responsibility for that deficit lies with the power that created it, you have gone far toward Government ownership; and that is the idea that has underlain every presentation made before this committee, by owners, security holders and others. They assert that responsibility now. If there is a liability on the part of the Government for any losses sustained, to be consistent you cannot do otherwise than admit participation by the Government in profits, because if the Government is liable for the deficit on one line that is created by regulation, it is, by the same rule of consistency, entitled to excess profits for the purpose of protecting itself against the losses that occur on the so-called weak lines.

The three basic principles underlying ownership of anything are the two speculative features of acceptance of losses or possession of profits, and the third is the control of the enterprise. All of these plans that have been presented here recognize the principle of Government ownership, in demanding a guaranty of returns. A guaranty of returns is nothing but a partnership in losses.

Senator Townsend: Let me see if I understand you, Mr. Garretson:

Mr. Garretson: Good.

Senator Townsend: Were you converted to Government ownership by the thought that under Government control of the railroads, through the Interstate Commerce Commission, a deficit had been made, and, therefore, the Government should have full control to continue the deficit?

Mr. Garretson: No. Control must continue. That is admitted by all interests. I do not believe there is a man of any

shade of faith in this country who would dare advocate turning the railways of the country back to the corporations with the corporations untrammeled.

Senator Townsend: I understand that, but I did not quite get the force of your statement. There were deficits in the railroads while they had absolute control, without any Interstate Commerce Commission?

Mr. Garretson: Without any regulation?

Senator Townsend: Yes. Now, by a parity of reasoning, would you say, then, that that was a reason why the railroads should continue to operate without regulation?

Mr. Garretson: Oh, no; you misunderstood me. I did not touch on the condition of the railways prior to the existence of Government regulation. It was Government regulation that created the deficit, in the case I referred to.

Senator Townsend: Was that necessarily so?

Mr. Garretson: If the rates fixed by the commission will not yield on a given railway enough money to meet operating expenses, fixed charges and dividend returns, then a deficit would be created.

Senator Townsend: Do you not recognize that there are elements that enter into the railway control which ought not to be answered by an increase of rates? For instance, might not the control of it lack something in efficiency?

Mr. Garretson: It could; but the fact remains this: There are railways that, on a given rate—say between New York and Chicago—the same rate would yield one road abundant funds to meet all of those things, and a surplus in addition thereto.

The other road, under the same rate, would not be able, on account of its capital charge, or on account of the inefficiency of operation—because both militate equally—but if one road has to earn three dollars a mile to meet its capital charges, and the other has to earn six dollars a mile, it is perfectly apparent that the same rate will not result in the same way on the two properties. There

is a deficit created from those two causes, and I was leaving the element of inefficiency out of it, and only dealing with the element of regulation as creating the deficit.

Senator Cummins: Mr. Thom said that under the former regulation, the Government controlled the revenue, and that it controlled the expenses of the enterprise. Now, any power that controls the revenue and expenses of operating a particular property comes pretty nearly being in possession of that property, does it not?

Mr. Garretson: Is de facto in possession of its prosperity, and should be in possession of the property itself. That is my standpoint.

Senator Underwood: May I interrupt you there a moment?

Mr. Garretson: Certainly.

Senator Underwood: I think you have reached the point that is the dividing line. Your argument is that because the Government, up to this time, has taken over the regulation of the rates for transportation; therefore, it has assumed the Government function and it might as well go ahead and assume the whole function?

Mr. Garretson: That is it.

Senator Underwood: I would like to ask you a few questions right along that line.

Mr. Garretson: Good.

Senator Underwood: The original purpose of the Act to Regulate Commerce was in the interest of reasonable transportation for the public. Whether they were getting it or not, the Government concluded they were not?

Mr. Garretson: It was absolutely in the protection of the public that the first steps were taken.

Senator Underwood: Now, I assume that when those laws were passed, it was not the intention of Congress to reduce the revenues of the railroads or the transportation companies below a level at which they could operate and pay their expenses and make a reasonable return on their property?

Mr. Garretson: I should absolutely say not.

Senator Underwood: But as it turned out in some cases, it has resulted in that?

Mr. Garretson: It has.

Senator Underwood: Now, would an effort on the part of Congress to readjust this regulation so as to allow the railroads to make their operating expenses and a reasonable return on their investment, or on the money used in the railroads, change the original status, as you and I understand it, and as we agree that it existed?

Mr. Garretson: It my opinion, it is an utter impossibility, Senator.

Senator Underwood: But would it change the original status? Outside of the details, that was the purpose of Congress in the beginning?

Mr. Garretson: Outside of this: You will bear in mind we are absolutely in accord as to the original purpose underlying the creation of regulatory measures. The development of those measures beyond the original purpose—that development being founded on experience by Congress—has brought it to a stage that probably never was originally expected. Out of that and out of the facts that I just referred to as making it an impossibility to now equalize it, they have created a condition where a large proportion of the roads are able on those rates that are fixed from time to time by the commission, to keep their heads above water, and, in some instances, to make large sums of profits; but there are others that it would be necessary to make special rates for, on account of the amount they have to earn to arrive at the same result that some others naturally arrive at; and that, in my opinion, makes it utterly impossible for Congress or for the Interstate Commerce Commission, as its agent in that respect, to make a universal rate that will meet the conditions, because there are other things that must be changed before that can be done.

Senator Underwood: I realize the difficulties, but assuming that there is a chance—discussing the principle and not the details—for Congress to pass laws that will readjust this regulatory system so that these weak roads will have suffi-

cient return in order to function properly and to perform their service to the people who live and do business along those lines of road, that is not a far step, if it can be done, from what was originally intended when the Act was passed, is it?

Mr. Garretson: There is not any doubt of that. Here is what is true: There you are coming right back to the essence of our appearance here. We believe that that can best be done—I would not assume than any man here had ever played poker, but in poker there is such a thing as a "jack-pot." A "jack-pot" the whole thing, and then the strong line takes care of the weak, and makes a universal rate easily applicable, because there is common ownership of the strong in the weak.

Senator Underwood: That comes right down to the dividing line, as to whether we are going to complete Government ownership or private ownership?

Mr. Garretson: That is it.

Senator Underwood: We may go to one or the other; but suppose we do not go to Government ownership and do go to private ownership; do you think we should stop where the regulatory machinery is now, or should we attempt at least to arrange the regulatory machinery so that the weak railroads may have an opportunity to earn sufficient to run them and to pay a reasonable return on the property used?

Mr. Garretson: I am perfectly free to admit that if it is decided that the properties shall be returned to private ownership—that is, returned to their owners for operation—that, of necessity, must be done. But I am also perfectly free to admit that I am absolutely at sea—and I have been somewhat of a student of these problems—that statement on the part of a walking delegate might excite derision on the part of a master of high finance for a railroad corporation—but I have, in my way, studied it; and I have never yet been able to determine this: Let me illustrate as between two lines of railway between New York and Chicago, one of them capitalized at one amount, and one at another, assuming, for the moment, that their facilities are equal—

their terminals, equipment, and all those things of that character. Now, if one of them uses 800 miles between New York and Chicago, and the other one uses 1,000 miles, that does not change the fact that they are competitors for through business as between the two points, and they must charge the same rate, if they are evenly in the field for the business. To start with, each of those companies is capitalized at so much per mile. If one of them is capitalized at eighty thousand dollars per mile, and the other is capitalized at one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars per mile, what system of rates can give them an equality in the market to handle the traffic? And, in addition to that, one of them pays all its employes, runs its engines and cars, and has 200 miles of additional track, etc., to look out for in its traffic performance. There is no true equality between them; and yet our whole system of rate-basing is on common points. That is what makes me say I have never been able to determine how you can get those two roads on an equality, even if they were capitalized exactly the same.

Senator Underwood: I concede it is a most difficult proposition.

Mr. Garretson: It is.

Senator Underwood: There is no doubt about that; but this committee, in making its report, is going to reach a dividing line some day, where it will say, "We will go to Government ownership," or "We will give another trial to private ownership." Of course, I concede that if you go to Government ownership and "jack-pot" the whole returns, there is not that equation necessary to be discussed further.

Mr. Garretson: It solves itself.

Senator Underwood: But if we are going in that direction, and continue private ownership, then I thought you were negativing the idea that it would be wise for this committee to attempt in some way to equalize this proposition. Now, I come back to my proposition: If we vote for a continuation of private ownership, do you not think it is the part of wisdom for this committee to take action

looking to some form that will bring about a budget that will enable these weak roads to exist and properly serve the people along their lines?

Mr. Garretson: If you can find a means for doing it, assuming for a moment that you arrive at the conclusion that the roads should be returned to private management, and so continued; the demand is absolutely insistent that you must devise, if it be within the power of man to do it, a means to equalize those things. I have an idea that very many men have followed the same road that I have; they have been driven to the belief that there is the only solution. And here I want to draw this line of distinction as between the ideas that I am presenting for myself and others and those that I am presenting for myself alone. These are personal views, and I have no desire to commit any man of the organizations that I represent to the individual views that I express upon those things. You will bear in mind that in my discussion with individual members of the committee, it brings out matters upon which conference between us has never been held, and my answers must be taken as the personal expressions of the man answering; because the same condition is true as among the ten men who head the Federation organizations as between the four men that head the Brotherhoods; there is that diversity of opinion in the personal sense as to Government ownership applied to anything outside the railroads.

Senator Underwood: I understand that. You said there were presented here in Mr. Plumb's paper certain general principles that your organizations believe in?

Mr. Garretson: That is it.

Senator Underwood: But my questions were directed to your personal experience of many years in the operation of railroads.

Mr. Garretson: Yes. I do not want to place myself in the attitude in which I

would misrepresent a man with whom I was associated and by whom I had been chosen as his spokesman.

Senator Underwood: That was all I wanted to bring out. I did not want the record to show that if we did go to the proposition of continued private control, you were in the position of opposing our attempting to do something in the way of a budget to take care of these weaker roads.

Mr. Garretson: If it is decided that private ownership is, in the opinion of Congress, the more desirable course to pursue, we are not in any sense appearing as reactionaries. I have an idea that the first thing that gave very many of the men I represent their bias toward Government operation grew out of their relation with that question during the period in which the Government has operated the railways. I do not want you to get a misconception as to our attitude in regard to Government operation. Government operation, in the time that it has been in the Government's hands, has never received any trial as to its efficiency. Think over an enterprise of the magnitude of the American railways; no precedent to guide them in this country at all; in foreign countries, nothing of the magnitude of ours; and to bring them under a centralized control at a time when they were absolutely disabled, so far as functioning was concerned; when they were hampered with a volume of business growing out of the war conditions, that would have taxed their capacity at their best; and then put their operation upon a new plan, the wonder is not that they failed in many directions, but that they operated with the degree of efficiency that they did; and it could only have been brought about by the earnest effort of the classes of men who were connected with these railways, to bring about the result of efficiency, whether they were impelled with the desire universally to do it economically or not.

(Continued in April issue.)

**THE OPINION OF PRESIDENT BARR,  
AND COMMENTS THEREON.**

In commenting upon the speech of William H. Barr, president of the National Founders' Association, before that organization in New York, recently, in which he maintained that the 8-hour day in American industry should be abolished and wages reduced to a pre-war level, Frank P. Walsh, who was joint-chairman of the National War Labor Board, said:

"I consider it most deplorable that immediately following the patriotic outburst of our people over the victorious close of the war that a man, assuming to speak for large employers, should have for his first utterance that the workers of America must be deprived of the 8-hour day; implying that the 8-hour day was something that was extended to labor as a war measure.

"The fact is that the fine thought of this country, in both the ranks of workers, employers and the general public, is with the declaration which President Wilson made almost five years ago, to the effect that society had reached the point where it was insistent in its demand that no man should be compelled to work over eight hours a day in order to earn a living.

"This was not, even at that comparatively early date, an arbitrary announcement, but simply a declaration of a palpable economic and physiological fact: That men's best effort and fullest life can only be accomplished when he is not taxed beyond his physical strength by his daily task and when he has sufficient time for his mental development and recreational needs, all of which are a necessary basis for useful citizenship.

"The so-called basic 8-hour day, which is criticized as being a mere scheme for raising wages, will disappear when the actual 8-hour day is installed with a fair living wage for eight hours' work. When men insist upon working more than eight hours a day it is because they cannot make enough to live upon in comfort during eight hours.

"As to wages: It may be a startling fact

to some, but nevertheless the research of our Government shows conclusively that prior to the war the great majority of the common laborers of the country were earning far below enough to live upon.

"The deficiency was made up by public and private charities, so that the community as a whole carried the heaviest burden of the cost of industry. With the increased cost of living during the war, it was found that the lowest possible wage upon which a worker and his family could subsist in health and reasonable comfort was 73½ cents per hour; this, of course, based upon the actual 8-hour day.

"The National War Labor Board fixed the minimum rate for common labor at 42½ cents per hour, a bare subsistence wage. If the industries of the country are to be on a self-sustaining basis after the war and common laborers are not to be forced to live in part upon charity, it is obvious that there can be no reduction of wages, at least in the field of common labor.

"Likewise, as to the wages paid skilled mechanics, considering the preparation for the work and the value of the product turned out, as well as the colossal fortunes gained by others from their energy and skill, in my opinion no disinterested person who has made a careful study of the question can honestly say that wages of skilled craftsmen in general are too high today, even for peace time.

"The fact is that on account of economic repression of various kinds, workers prior to the war were not in a position to secure anything like the fair fruits of their efforts from employers. War necessity, shortage of labor supply, accelerated movement in trade union organization and a desire upon the part of the Government, as well as many large employers, to deal justly with workers, all have operated to bring wages to the present general standard.

"When the cost of necessities of life diminishes to a pre-war level (which I doubt will occur within less than five years), then the workers in the average industry will be receiving only a fair return for their work, if present wage

standards are rigidly maintained. Otherwise not.

"The reconstruction problems in industry are manifold and must be met in the highest spirit of fairness and accommodation. To throw the whole subject into the realm of bitter controversy at this time will make the task of allocating the industrial structure exceedingly difficult. None but the thoughtless have failed to observe the sweep of ultra-radicalism throughout the world; call it what you will. That it has roots in this country cannot be denied, and the situation must be faced by our common citizenship in a spirit of breadth and clear understanding.

"If America can handle its industrial and economical problems with justice and fairness and in the period of reconstruction establish a constructive program which will lead us along a broad highway of consideration and justice for the

producing masses, it will not only bring enduring contentment and happiness to our people, but make our country the exemplar of the rest of the world. I confidently believe that this great end can and will be attained.

"If, however, these self-constituted spokesmen of industry (who I refuse to believe typify the enlightened employers of the country), in their fatuous disregard for things as they are, insist upon reaction as expressed in their threatened extension of the hours of labor, wage cutting, and like practices, the industrial workers of the country may take their threats seriously, make common cause with the farmers and agricultural laborers and, through peaceful political means, take charge of and operate the Government solely in the interests of the producing masses, changing our present industrial and economic regime with a thoroughness and swiftness unparalleled in the history of nations."

## Decision on Questions Submitted to the United States Railroad Administration

In accordance with our announcement in the February TELEGRAPHER, the following questions and decisions thereon will be of interest to our members:

### UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, January 6, 1919.

### INTERPRETATION No. 8 TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.

As there seems to have been a misunderstanding on some railroads as to the application of General Order No. 27, the said Order is hereby interpreted to apply to all persons in the employment of the railroads earning less than \$250 per month in December, 1915. Where such persons have not been granted the increases provided for in General Order No. 27 such increases will be made applicable retroactive to January 1, 1918, and until superseded by Supplements thereto.

W. G. McADOO,  
Director General of Railroads.

### UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, D. C., February 14, 1919.

### INTERPRETATION No. 11 TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27 AND INTERPRETATION No. 7 TO SUPPLEMENT No. 4, AMENDMENTS, ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS AFFECTED.

#### STATEMENT.

Many questions have arisen as to the payment of back pay due under Section F, Paragraph (9), Article II of General Order No. 27, reading:

"The wage increases provided for herein shall be effective as of January 1, 1918, and are to be paid according to the time served to all who were then in the railroad service or who have come into such service since and remained therein. The proper ratable amount shall also be paid to those who have been for any reason since January 1, 1918, dismissed from the service, but shall not be paid to those who have left it voluntarily. Men who have left the railroads to enter the Army or

Navy shall be entitled to the pro rata increases accruing on their wages up to the time they left, and the same rule shall apply to those who have passed from one branch of the railroad service or from one road to another."

And Sections 1 and 1-A, Article IV, Supplement No. 4 to General Order No. 27, reading:

"Section 1. Each railroad will, in payments to employees on and after July 1, 1918, include these increases therein."

"Section 1-A. The increases in wages and the rates established herein shall be effective as of January 1, 1918, and are to be paid according to the time served to all who were then in the railroad service, or who have come into such service since and remained therein. A proper ratable amount shall also be paid to those who, for any reason since January 1, 1918, have been dismissed from the service, but shall not be paid to those who left it voluntarily. Men who have left the railroad service to enter the military service of the Army or Navy shall be entitled to the pro rata increase accruing on their wages up to the time they left, and the same rule shall apply to those who have been transferred from one branch of the railroad service, or from one road to another."

#### QUESTION 1.

Should an employee who left the railroad service prior to the issuance of General Order No. 27 or Supplement No. 4, to enter or enlist in the United States Army or Navy, or in the Army or Navy of our associates in the war, be entitled to back pay?

#### DECISION.

Yes, upon satisfactory proof.

#### QUESTION 2.

What is meant by the word "passed" as used in Section F, Paragraph (9), Article II of General Order No. 27, and the word "transferred" as used in Section 1-A, Article IV of Supplement No. 4 to General Order No. 27?

#### DECISION.

"Passed" or "Transferred" shall apply to employees who were passed or transferred to another department, or from one division to another, or from one railroad to another, by the officers of the railroad, or where such transfer was arranged by the officers of the organizations of which the employees were members.

#### QUESTION 3.

Should an employee, who resigned voluntarily on account of physical inability to continue in the service, be entitled to back pay?

#### DECISION.

Yes, upon satisfactory proof.

#### QUESTION 4.

Should an employee granted a leave of absence by the duly authorized officer of the railroad and engaging in other than railroad service during such leave, except organization committee work, be entitled to back pay?

#### DECISION.

No.

#### QUESTION 5.

Should an employee, who resigned voluntarily after 12:01 A. M., May 25, 1918, the date of issuance of General Order No. 27, be entitled to back pay accruing under this order?

#### DECISION.

Yes.

#### QUESTION 6.

Should an employee, who resigned voluntarily prior to 12:01 A. M., July 1, 1918 (the date on which the increases provided for in Supplement No. 4 to General Order No. 27, were included in payments due employees coming under the provisions thereof), be entitled to back pay accruing under Supplement No. 4?

#### DECISION.

No.

#### QUESTION 7.

Should an employee, who resigned voluntarily after 12:01 A. M., July 1, 1918 (the date on which the increases provided for in Supplement No. 4 to General Order No. 27 were included in payments due employees coming under the provisions thereof), be entitled to back pay accruing under Supplement No. 4?

#### DECISION.

Yes.

## QUESTION 8.

Should an employee, who resigned voluntarily to accept or secure employment at some other point on the same road, or on another road or elsewhere, be entitled to back pay?

## DECISION.

No, because remaining in the service at the point employed, except as herein defined, was the consideration upon which the promise to make the increase effective as of January 1, 1918, was based.

WALKER D. HINES,

*Director General of Railroads.*

## UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Director General of Railroads

## RAILROAD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3.

INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN R. R. Versus TELEGRAPHERS.

## QUESTION No. 1.

Under the application of Supplement No. 13, should the language as contained in the Article of Agreement quoted below be applied to the extent of three consecutive hours being considered a day's work for Sundays and holidays, with a minimum of 8 hours' pay at the regular hourly rates?

ARTICLE 9—Sunday Service—"Telegraphers will not be required to work Sundays or holidays, except when absolutely necessary to protect the Company's interests. The foregoing will be as liberally interpreted by the Company as possible.

The Agent-Telegrapher at stations where no other Telegrapher is employed and the Agent and the Telegrapher at stations where but one Telegrapher is employed and where the Agent is not required to perform telegraph service, will not be required to work to exceed a total of three hours in the aggregate on Sundays, each period on duty to be counted not less than one hour and thirty minutes, and the Sunday service to be performed within the limit specified in Article 16 of this agreement for the day's work." (Article 16 provides for the number of hours constituting a day's work.) "If required by competent authority to work in excess of three hours in the aggregate, will be allowed overtime at the rate of fifty cents per hour.

Three hours will constitute a day's work for Relay Telegraphers, not required to handle train orders on Sundays. Time worked in excess of three hours will be paid for as overtime at the rate of fifty cents per hour.

Telegraphers will not be required to transmit telegraphic car reports on Sunday."

## POSITION OF EMPLOYES.

The Telegraphers hold that the Query No. 1 should be answered in the affirmative, maintaining that Article No. 9 of Telegraphers' Agreement remains unchanged by Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, viz., Supplement No. 13, Article IX, last paragraph reading as follows:

"Agreements or practices, except as changed by this order, remain in effect."

## POSITION OF THE RAILROAD.

Supplement No. 13 does not specifically change the rule on which our contentions are based.

The Railroad submits that the agreements and practices under Article 9 (Sunday Service), above quoted, is changed by Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, in line with the second paragraph of Article IX as contained in the supplement. The railroad does not subscribe to the views of its employes that a minimum of 8 hours pay at the regular hourly rate should be allowed for hours of service rendered less than 8 hours when employes involved are assigned for service on Sundays and holidays, and if an employe works to the extent of three consecutive hours on Sundays or holidays he should be paid at the regular hourly rate governing the employe involved, and not a minimum of 8 hours' pay at the regular hourly rates. The basis of calculation, as indicated in Article 1 of the supplement in question is to establish the yearly salary predicated on monthly rates which were in effect January 1, 1918, and using as a divisor 306 working days for the purpose of arriving at the hourly rate—such divisor being exclusive of 52 Sundays and 7 holidays; in other words, Sunday is paid for in the 26 or 27 working days in the month, and if a Telegrapher is required to work on Sunday he will receive pay for each hour of service rendered. To pay 8 hours' service for three hours' work would be an extreme punitive payment, not required under the supplement in question. The Director General in the concluding paragraphs of the supplement in question uses the following language:

"This order, which I am promulgating, will, in itself, go far toward eliminating Sunday and holiday work wherever practicable, and toward reducing such work where it can not be eliminated to the fewest number of hours. This will result from the fact that hereafter all such work will be paid on an hourly basis instead of on a monthly basis, as has been true in the past to a considerable extent.

"Employees who have heretofore had to work on Sundays and holidays will get through this order a direct compensation for that condition, by reason of the fact that their hourly rates of pay in the future will be, to a large extent, substantially increased, as from an examination of Article 1 it will be seen that in determining the hourly wage a divisor of 306 days has been used, which will, in a large measure, compensate for punitive Sunday and holiday overtime."

#### QUESTION No. 2.

Should Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 be interpreted to mean that all work performed on Sundays and holidays shall be considered overtime and paid for at the rate of time and one-half, with a minimum of 8 hours at the rate of time and one-half?

#### POSITION OF EMPLOYEES.

The telegraphers hold that if Article 9 of their agreement with the International & Great Northern Railroad, dated December 1, 1917, is affected by Supplement No. 13, then Query No. 2 should be answered in the affirmative, for the reason that Supplement No. 13 clearly recognizes the right of the employee to overtime rate for Sunday and holiday work when the 52 Sundays and holidays were eliminated from the working days of the year. The plea is further supported by the wording of the fifth paragraph of Article IX, Supplement No. 18, reading as follows:

"Therefore, the employing officer will realize that he must pay additionally for every hour of Sunday and holiday work."

The use of the word "additionally" can properly have but one meaning in this connection—that of being in addition to the hourly rate for week-day service. As the request of the Telegraphers for a punitive overtime rate for Sunday and holiday service was denied, it must follow that the word "additionally" means the overtime rate of time and one-half time. Time and one-half time is not a punitive rate, but a regular rate allowed to all classes of labor for service in excess of regular hours.

The Telegraphers hold that as Supplement No. 13, Article B, clause (a), specifically states that eight hours shall constitute a day's work, without reference to either week-day, Sunday or holiday, then any day on which a regular assignment for service is made for employees coming under the purview of this article must carry a minimum of eight hours' pay per day.

#### POSITION OF THE RAILROAD.

The Railroad does not subscribe to the views of its employes that all work performed on Sundays and holidays shall be considered overtime and paid for at the rate of time and one-half time, with the minimum of 8 hours at the rate of time and one-half time. The Director General, in the concluding paragraph of Supplement No. 13, states:

"It has not been practicable to adopt a plan for paying a punitive overtime rate for time worked on Sundays and holidays. The object for such punitive allowances is to impose a penalty or punishment for the work to which the allowances attach. In the nature of things, it is unjustifiable to impose such punishment in respect of work which cannot be avoided."

The Railroad's reply to Query No. 1 fully indicates its position as to the payment for hours beyond the number of hours worked, and under Query No. 2 the Railroad does not feel that the work performed on Sundays and holidays should be considered overtime and paid for at the rate of time and one-half time with a minimum of 8 hours at the rate of time and one-half time.

#### DECISION.

The three-hour provision of Article IX of Telegraphers' Schedule is annulled by Article V of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, which provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work. Telegraphers who are regularly assigned to work on Sundays and on holidays, will, therefore, be paid a minimum of eight hours' pay for each day assigned.

Telegraphers not regularly assigned to work on Sundays and on holidays who are notified or called to perform service on such days will be paid as per call and overtime provision of Article V of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,

Washington, D. C., February 20, 1919.

H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

## BRIEFS

We are still growing.

Have you paid your dues for the current term? If not, why not?

Two thousand four hundred and eighty-nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of February.

The topic—"Government Ownership of Railroads"—is an interesting one for discussion through the Our Correspondents' Columns.

After this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER the mailing list will be revised, and only members in good standing to June 30th next will receive future numbers of the Journal.

A few Senators object to the proposed plans for the League of Nations to prevent future wars, but they have not formulated any constructive plan in lieu thereof.

Destroy illiteracy that men may actually live, writes P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, in a stirring appeal that this drag on Americanism may be removed through legislative action.

An agreement in the principle of collective bargaining is necessary to the maintenance of proper living standards and a safeguard against combinations that have the magnet of wealth as their ideal.

A president of one of the large railroads has openly opposed Government ownership of railroads because it will kill competition. Does he mean the competition in reducing wages and lengthening the hours of employees?

The action taken by the Chief Executives of the fourteen railroad organizations in endeavoring to have Congress

favorably act on Government ownership and operation of the railroads is meeting with the approval of railroad employes.

The failure of the Senate to pass the General Deficiency Bill, containing an appropriation of seven hundred and fifty million dollars for the Railroad Administration, may be one of the methods employed to force the railroads back to private ownership.

By a vote of 55 to 29 the Senate refused to adopt the resolution for the woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. The measure lacked one vote of the necessary two-thirds. As this Congress ended on March 4 the measure will be reintroduced at the next Congress.

For the first time since 1915 the New York state insurance fund, administered by the State Industrial Commission, has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. The increase in the number and frequency of industrial accidents resulting from war conditions made it advisable to suspend dividend payments for the period of the war.

Announcement is made that at the next session of the Dominion Parliament the Government may introduce legislation to secure unoccupied and untilled fertile lands near railroads for returned soldiers. If all other means fail it may be necessary to secure them by expropriation, according to President Rowell, of the Privy Council of Ottawa.

Since the February issue of THE TELEGRAPHER announced the Tacoma Division of the Northern Pacific was one hundred per cent organized, the reports received at this office indicate that many local chairmen have their territory thoroughly organized and more trying to attain that goal. Friendly rivalry is good for the organization.

Liberty is freedom from all restraints except those which the lawful rights of others impose. It is within the lawful rights of committees of employes to present to officers of railroads working rules governing conditions of employment and wages of their constituents, and we believe your liberty is being abridged when the managing officers decline to meet your committee.

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The State Senate has amended the Oklahoma compensation law. The waiting period is decreased from fourteen to seven days, rates are increased and the medical period is advanced from fifteen to sixty days or as much in excess of sixty days in certain cases as the compensation commission deems necessary. More industries are included in the amendments, which now cover disfigurements.

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Prohibition of immigration for four years after the war, except natives from Cuba, Mexico, Canada and New Foundland, has been agreed to by the House Immigration Committee.

The American Federation of Labor supported the measure on the theory of "America first," and that there are a sufficient number of foreigners in this country that should be assimilated. The present labor surplus was also used with effect by the trade unionists and other advocates of this measure.

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The rear-end collision at South Byron, N. Y., on January 19, in which 22 passengers lost their lives, was due, says the Up-State Public Service Commission, in a report just made public, to the fact that the engineer of the train, which crashed into the other, was "for a temporary period not in full possession of his senses." He had had no sleep for 17½ hours previous to the accident.

"It is reasonable to assume," says the report, "that there comes a time when nature asserts itself, especially in the present case of a man over 61 years of age."

Government officials are planning a vigorous campaign against swindlers who are seeking to defraud relatives of soldiers through false telegrams and letters. The usual practice is for the swindler to obtain the names of relatives of a soldier from the published casualty lists. A telegram signed in the soldier's name is sent, saying he is free to come home on furlough if his relatives wire money for the trip. In filing the message the sender waives identification and asks his relatives to do the same.

Officials urge that in no case should relatives waive complete identification in transmitting funds to soldiers.

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Piece work is disappearing on many important railroads in this country, following the announcement of Director General of Railroads McAdoo, before he retired from office, that if it were shown that the employes oppose this system it would be abolished.

The A. F. of L. railway employes' department announces that the following railroads are the latest to join the no-piece-work column:

Chicago & Alton, Norfolk & Western, Hocking Valley, Pennsylvania, Long Island, Cumberland Valley, Denver & Rio Grande, Chesapeake & Ohio, and Indiana Harbor Belt. Pere Marquette employes have declared against piece work and they have notified the management to that effect.

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Illness among workers causes a wage loss in Pennsylvania of at least \$33,000,000 every year, while existing facilities for medical care among wage earners are conspicuously absent, according to the unanimous report of the State Health Insurance Commission, just submitted to the Legislature.

One-fourth of those actually disabled by illness never receive medical care, while a large number of those ill, but still trying to work, are without attention, the committee declares, in urging legislative consideration of the problem of providing sickness protection for workers, which is referred to as "the next step in social in-

surance" dealing with "one of the most vital of the social and industrial problems of our times."

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The operation of railroads by the workers is suggested to the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee by the four railroad brotherhoods, the A. F. of L. railway employes' department, the Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes and Trackmen and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Fourteen of the organizations represent approximately 1,900,000 workers.

The tentative plan submitted by the workers contemplates the organization of a federal corporation which would take and operate these properties under the full regulatory power of the Government, to whom it should account for all of its operations and expenditures. A certain agreed percentage of the net results would belong to the corporation, whose stock should be held for the benefit of the employees.

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"Our membership is practically unanimous in favor of Government ownership of the railroads," report officers of the A. F. of L. railway employes' department.

The question submitted to a referendum of these unionists was: "Do you favor Government ownership or control, as against private ownership?"

The various internationals are reported as follows:

Machinists—For private control, 426; against private control, 130,935. Blacksmiths—For, 82; against, 27,990. Boiler Makers—For, 118; against, 26,559. Railway Carmen—For, 805; against, 100,972. Sheet Metal Workers—For, 28; against, 9,984. The electrical workers report that their locals voted as units on the question and that private control was defeated by a "vast majority." The telegraphers, railway clerks and switchmen have taken no vote.

An alarming percentage of illiteracy among certain groups of working children is disclosed in figures made public by the children's bureau of the United States Department of Labor. These figures are based on the experience of the bureau in issuing federal certificates to children going to work in five states where state certificates were not acceptable for the purposes of the former federal child labor law.

More than one-fourth, or 5,294, of the 19,546 between 14 and 16 years of age to whom certificates were issued could not sign their own names legibly.

In the five states where 18,379 white children between 14 and 16 years were certificated, but 742 had reached the eighth grade in school. Of 1,166 colored children only 40 reached the eighth grade.

In other words, 96 per cent of the white children and 97 per cent of the colored children granted certificates had not reached the eighth grade.

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Organized commercial telegraphers of Boston have protested against the labor policies of Postmaster General Burleson and ask for a congressional investigation "of the wage schedule, discrimination and reinstatement questions and an inquiry into the general conduct of the telegraph companies under control of the Postoffice Department."

The key men declare that the alleged wage increases granted them by the Postmaster General prove entirely unsatisfactory to all classes of workers, union and non-union. It is also stated that discrimination is still practiced by Western Union officials, under Government supervision and that in no case has reinstatement or satisfaction been given, and that company officials' word is being taken in every instance with the Postoffice Department.

The unionists declare for Government ownership, but oppose Government control under the Postoffice Department.

The Minimum Wage Board of the District of Columbia, created by an act of Congress, has ruled that \$16 a week is the lowest amount any working woman can live on in the nation's capital. The board reports that of this amount \$9 is necessary to pay for room and board. It is stated that a majority of working women in Washington must be content with a room often poorly heated and shared with one, two, or not infrequently three other women.

The board will attempt to apply this minimum in each industry and the first will be the printing and publishing industry.

It is stated that 25 women in this industry are receiving less than \$9 a week, 131 less than \$11, 263 less than \$13, 313 less than \$15, with the remaining 135 of the 448 women employed in this industry receiving \$15 or more.

Meetings of these workers will be held for the purpose of electing a committee to meet similar committees representing the employers and the public.

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State compensation for injured workers is both practicable and economical, is the verdict of Missouri state officials operating under this system.

Missouri trade unionists are urging the Legislature to pass a compensation law that will exclude private liability companies.

Compensation laws generally provide that employers may insure in a state fund or by other methods endorsed by state officials. As the Missouri private insurance companies are opposing any form of state compensation, either partial or complete, H. C. Chancellor, a member of the Missouri Legislature, wrote to

managers of state funds for authoritative information on this subject. A synopsis of the replies follow:

Maryland—"Our state fund has been successful." Writer predicts that the state fund "will eventually write all compensation insurance in this state," because of its cheapness.

Montana—State fund has been "unqualifiedly" successful. No sentiment to abolish the plan, but considerable sentiment to make the state fund exclusive.

Nevada—No criticism against state fund here. Believe "that any effort to abolish it would meet with every resistance."

New York—State fund's success "has been most impressive." Private interests "have not been so bold as to come forward and publicly advocate the abolition of the state fund."

Ohio—"Our state fund has been very successful. Both the Ohio Manufacturers' Association and the Ohio State Federation of Labor are most ardent supporters of the state insurance fund." No private companies permitted in this state.

Pennsylvania—"I do not know of any serious criticism that is being made by enemies of our state fund."

Washington—"Our state fund has been very successful." No private companies permitted in this state. Criticism of the act comes from those who have been put out of business.

West Virginia—No criticism of law except from private companies. "I am personally strong for an exclusive state compensation law."

Wyoming—"We have an exclusive state fund and it is popular and we believe the best system."

Similar reports were received from Nova Scotia and Ontario.

# PERSONAL MENTION



The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Veach of St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Denver Wells of Centertown, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. M. Gearhart, of Bolan, Iowa, twin girls.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Littell of Port Credit, Ont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. B. Cunningham of Cleveland, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. F. Harrell of Almyra, Ark., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. W. Hendricks of Falmouth, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Bristolville, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Jarvis of Cleveland, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. F. Fryer of Dresherville, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Gosselin of Farnham, Que., twin girls.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. L. Shockley of Richmond, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston of North Anderson, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. C. Clavio of Noria, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Peplin of Walpole, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Ellis of Houston, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. L. Beyer of Quilan, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Lyle of Utica, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Wallace of Atlantic, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. B. Loyd of Krum, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Karl Beulah of Atlas Tower, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Newsom of Union Point, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. B. Clemmer of Allentown, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. S. Whittaker of Evanston, Wyo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. Smith of Bradford, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Huhmel of Camp Hill, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Bramlett of Du Pont, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. B. Smith of Carleton Place, Ont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. L. Vanderpool of Caliente, Cal., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. N. Beauchemin of Div. 7, to Miss R. Vieu.

Bro. J. E. Brouillette of Div. 7, to Miss Beauvais.

Bro. J. C. Blair to Sister Cornelia Fields of Div. 61.

At Quinlan, Okla., Bro. G. H. Kiser of Div. 61, to Miss Etta Edwards.

Bro. W. E. Neighbors of Div. 58, to Miss Nettie Wheatley.

Bro. Ralph E. Loomes of Div. 53, to Miss Dida R. Singleton.

At Cassopolis, Mich., Bro. M. S. Davis of Div. 1, to Miss Mildred Pitcher.

At Boonville, Mo., Bro. B. M. Martin of Div. 22, to Miss Frances Jewitt.

Bro. W. R. Holder of Div. 22, to Miss Mary Snodgrass.

At Port Barre, Ia., Bro. Willery Fennell to Sister Lois E. Clarke of Div. 166.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Pottsville, Pa., Bro. F. V. Phillips of Div. 10.

At Reading, Pa., Bro. Abram L. Mosser of Div. 10.

At Scotstown, Que., son of Bro. A. Cloutier of Div. 7.

At Farnham, Que., daughter of Bro. H. A. Gosselin of Div. 7.

At Bicknell, Ind., Sister Gail Boyd of Div. 17.

Bro. M. C. Bayer of Div. 54.

Sister Anna Ketterer of Div. 76.

At Weatherford, Tex., Bro. G. O. Kelly of Div. 88.

At Troutdale, Ore., Bro. N. S. Parsons of Div. 161.

At Bloomington, Ill., Bro. Clarence H. Crawson of Div. 168.

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Bro. J. A. Murphy of Div. 141.

Mother of Bro. F. W. Hoffman of Div. 54.

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Mother of Bro. M. T. Moran of Div. 17.

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Bro. Frank M. Benjamin of Div. 8.

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At Headland, Ala., Bro. J. L. Campbell of Div. 15.

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# LADIES AUXILIARY

## THE SOCIAL EVIL.

By KATE E. CARR, President.

As a first step in a nation-wide campaign against the social evil, ministers and church leaders were urged in a pamphlet issued by the United States Public Health Service to observe February 23 as Health Sunday, with special sermons and meetings that day devoted to discussion of means of improving morals. The social evil is one of the horrors of our present civilization, and like slums, sweatshops, and bread lines, is one of the most prevalent and common symptoms of a mismanaged industrial body.

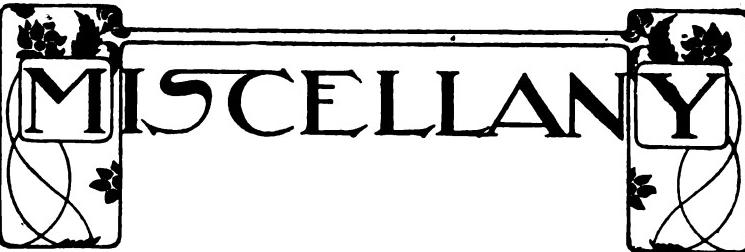
We are creatures of three dimensions, that is, mental, physical, and spiritual. With the physical as the base, or foundation of our existence, it requires no great strain of the imagination to observe that when the base of the triangle becomes impaired through some cause, the mental and spiritual sides of our lives lose a like amount of stability, or chance for a normal and natural development. Hence, if we would have people of strong morals, our first consideration would necessarily be that these same people have healthy physical bodies. Prevailing economic conditions must be such that each individual be assured of plenty of good nourishing food, proper and sufficient clothing to obtain physical cleanliness, and good sanitary housing requirements. Also sufficient means to allow for dental and possible doctor bills. When industrial conditions make or permit those physical necessities to be impossible, then we may truly expect to find mental and spiritual delinquency in proportion to the physical deterioration.

Considering the paltry wage upon which thousands and thousands of factory

and shop girls are expected to maintain an earthly existence, is it to be wondered that these same girls might find their moral standards becoming wobbly when under industrial depressions the shops close their doors? Is it surprising that when families must be reared on a wage often insufficient to maintain a normal existence for one person, that the daughters of these same families are caught in the great web of the social evil? No, these girls that are made food for the awful social monster, are no more to be blamed or even criticised for their plight than are their sisters to be censured for not being allowed to vote.

We are victims of environment. The social evil belongs to society in general. The poor unfortunates who are drawn into this awful pool of blackness are no more responsible for its prevalence than were the victims of the recent epidemic responsible for the ravages of influenza. Society is accountable for its own crimes. Sometime society will waken to the fact that it is time to cease dealing altogether with the effects of this evil, that to accomplish effective results it must attack the cause.

If the church, or other agencies, should in dealing with the results or possible results of our social evil, accidentally throw a bomb into the cause of this nightmare, let us celebrate the occasion by doing all in our power to help them in the good work. But, in the meantime, let us remember that organized labor is a gigantic tool drilling away at the very core, or great cause, of all industrial and economic evils. If you would save the hundreds of homes and orphans that are made desolate yearly by our social evil, throw your knowledge, good will and financial help into the ranks of unionism.



# MISCELLANY

## A MESSENGER BOY'S MISTAKE.

"Hey there, kid!" called the manager to the sleepy messenger who lay curled up in one of the arm chairs in the telegraph office, "Here are two rush messages that must go right out to-night."

"Aw, cum off! It's now nine o'clock an' we're not s'posed to deliver after that time," protested the boy.

"I know, but these are rushes that must go out, and there are no 'ifs' or 'ands' about it," insisted the manager.

"Where they go to?" queried the sleepy boy as he rubbed his eyes.

"One of them is for Mrs. M. A. Smith out on Penn street, and the other is for Mrs. M. A. Smith way out on Penna street. The first one says the sender will be here at 8:00 A. M., long before you get down in the morning, and the other one requests Mrs. Smith to come on the night train, so there is nothing to it but to deliver them tonight," explained the manager.

"Gosh, this is a bad night, an' they're mor'n a mile apart. I'm agoin' ter put on 15 cents special, can I?" asked the boy.

"Don't care if you do, kid. It sure is a bad night, and the ladies should be glad to pay that much extra to get their messages delivered. If there are any kicks comin' I'll give you a quarter in the morning myself," and the manager got chesty over his generosity, which he thought would excuse him for not offering to deliver one of the messages himself.

"Don't get them mixed, kid," he called as the little messenger hurried out of the office door. The sidewalks were very slippery, and as the boy left the building he slipped and fell. He was game, however, especially with 30 cents in sight, and

was soon on his feet, hurrying away in the dark.

Mrs. Smith of Penn street lived a full half mile northwest, while Mrs. Smith of Penna street lived over a mile southeast from the office. The night was extremely dark, and through the heavy sleet which was falling the artificial gaslight looked like a firefly in the distance, and gave out about as much light.

After some difficulty Abe located Mrs. Smith on Penn street, delivered the wrong message, and after pocketing his fee, hurried in the direction of Penna street. The first message read as follows:

"Come to Sedalia, Mo., tonight if possible. Your father injured in a wreck.  
(Signed) John Axter, Surgeon."

"Why, mamma!" exclaimed Mrs. Smith. "what does this mean?"

After reading the telegram Mrs. Martin replied:

"Well, what do you think of that for nerve? I suppose your father did not die in the yellow fever epidemic, as we thought, and now that he is in trouble he wants you to come to him. I wonder what became of Mary?"

"I presume she is with him. But how do you suppose he knew we lived in Lawrence?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"He must have kept track of us for some reason," replied her mother, "which is more than I have done so far as he is concerned. When we separated, he took Mary and left for the South without giving me a dollar for your support. You were only an infant at the time, but I have managed to get along so far without his help. Now that he is probably on his deathbed I suppose he would like to see you and bring about a reconciliation. None of that for me."

"But, mamma, if father is on his deathbed, and has sent for me, you would not oppose my going to him, would you?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"No, I think not. In fact, if you wish to go I would encourage it. You may meet Mary, and after her father's death, she may want to come and see me. I would welcome her, and you may say as much for me if she is there."

So it was settled, and Mrs. Smith left on the midnight train for Sedalia, without having even looked at the address on the message.

In the meantime Abe, the little messenger, plodded his way through the dark, slippery streets, through the sleet and rain out on Penna street in search of the other Mrs. Smith. It was a long and tiresome walk for the poorly clad little urchin, but as I have said, he was game. He knew his duties, and had the courage to perform them. These sterling qualities remained with him in after life, and fitted him for the responsible position he now holds as manager of one of the largest offices for the Western Union Telegraph Company.

It was almost eleven o'clock when he located Mrs. Smith, and she had retired for the night. With some difficulty he succeeded in awakening her and delivered the message, receiving a fee of 25 cents from the generous lady. After pocketing his unexpected fee, he hurried home and was soon in slumberland, delivering messages all over Lawrence, outside the delivery limits, receiving fabulous fees for his untiring efforts in behalf of the suffering public.

Poor Mrs. Smith of Penna street, however, had just the opposite sensation. Returning to her chamber where there was a better light, she read the following telegram:

"Topeka, Kansas, March 13.

Mrs. M. A. Smith, Penn St.,

Lawrence, Kas.

Home on the plug in the morning.

(Signed) Hubby."

"Well, what do you know about that? HOME on the plug? Not if I know myself you won't come to THIS home 'Spose the horrid thing has got on one

of his drunks again and thinks I'll meet him with open arms. I'll do that all right, but one hand will have a rolling-pin, and the other—let's see what I'll use in the other—No, I won't. I'll just call in Mr. Brockelsby, the night policeman, when he goes home in the morning and have the drunken sot arrested. That's what I'll do." With this decision fully settled in her mind she pounced into bed, jammed her dainty fists into the mattress with grim satisfaction in the thought of what would happen if "hubby" was there.

A little later Mrs. Smith dropped into a restless sleep, dreaming of drunken husbands arriving on every train. The trains seemed to come in every few minutes, and as the men came up the walk they were so drunk they reeled from side to side. Brockelsby was at the front door and admitted them instead of placing them under arrest as he had been instructed to do. The room was full of drunken Smiths, all claiming to be her husband. Finally, one of them attempted to kiss her, and she awoke with a scream. Sleep was out of the question for the remainder of the night, and she paced back and forth from room to room, starting at every sound, fearing "that drunken husband" was trying to break into the house.

It was a night of terror to Mrs. Smith out on Penna street, and all because the little messenger boy had made a mistake in delivering her the wrong message. Like Mrs. Smith of Penn street, she never noticed the address, and it would have made no difference if she had. Penn stands for Pennsylvania, as also does the abbreviation, Penna., and the poor woman would never have discovered the difference if she had read the address a dozen times, while in her overwrought frame of mind. Smith, her discarded, drunken husband, was coming home and it would take a stronger argument than a wrong address to convince her otherwise.

Morning came at last, as all mornings have done, but poor Mrs. Smith of Penna street had never experienced such a morning. The water had run out of the

cistern pump in the kitchen and there was not a drop in the house with which to prime it; she had used up all the coal in the house during the night, and had to go to the cellar for more. After building the fire in the kitchen stove it would not burn, although she had been very careful in its construction, putting the coal in first with the kindling and paper on top. It had always started for her in that very stove before, and there was no excuse why it should not do so now. Then Brockelsby was later than usual, and she knew he would be too late for the train, although it was now only 6:30 and the train was not due until 8:00.

It was a long walk for Mr. Brockelsby, and the streets were a mass of ice, making it slow work for a pedestrian, but Mrs. Smith did not think of that, nor did she take into consideration that her "drunken husband" would meet with the same difficulty as the policeman, or even more. The fear that Brockelsby was going to be late continued to annoy her very much. She had looked out of the window for the fiftieth time, when to her great joy she saw the old policeman coming down the middle of the street, not caring to risk himself on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Smith made a dive for the front door and down the step she went with a bound, forgetting about the icy walks. On the second step her feet shot out from under her, and she hit the walk below with a force that made the air look like a starry firmament. She made several unsuccessful attempts to arise, but it was no use, she had to call Mr. Brockelsby to come and help her up.

After being assisted from the "nasty ice," which seemed to laugh and glisten, simply because of its ability to trip unsuspecting women, Mrs. Smith related her troubles to the policeman, who agreed to return immediately after breakfast.

"You won't be long, will you, Mr. Brockelsby?" anxiously questioned the little lady.

"No, I will hurry right back, but there is plenty of time, as it lacks an hour to train time, and it will be slow work coming out here over this ice," assured Mr. Brockelsby.

Promptly at a quarter of eight the policeman returned and waited one, two and three hours, but no Smith, drunk or sober, put in an appearance.

However, Mr. M. A. Smith of Penn street arrived as per telegram only to find his wife had gone to Missouri.

"But did she not get my message last night?" he asked, after Mrs. Martin had related the circumstances connected with her departure.

"Why, no. She only received the one which I have just told you about, and I have my doubts now about it being her father after all," replied Mrs. Martin.

"Well, if that don't beat my time," replied the disgusted Mr. Smith of Penn street. "It's about the twentieth time my telegrams have gone astray. I'm going down to the office and have it out with the manager," he exclaimed, as he picked up his coat and hat.

"Better have some breakfast before you go, Marion," suggested Mrs. Martin in a kindly tone.

"Possibly I had. I may be the better able to curb my temper," was the reply, as he threw his coat and hat savagely on a chair.

An hour later found him at the telegraph office. The manager happened to be in, and for a wonder was in a good humor, thus minimizing the prospect for trouble.

"What became of the telegram I sent last night, addressed to Mrs. M. A. Smith on Penn street?" asked Mr. Smith, after he had surveyed the lanky form of the manager.

"Delivered, I s'pose," was the usual reply.

"Like Sam Heck it was!" replied Mr. Smith. "My wife got a message calling her to Missouri on a wild goose chase, and I suppose some other Mrs. Smith got the one I sent, and has had a time of it trying to explain matters to her husband."

"The dickens you say. I warned the kid to be careful and not mix those telegrams," replied the manager meekly. "Here is the delivery sheet, number 23 should have gone to your wife and the other was number 24 for Mrs. Smith out

on Penna street. Is that your wife's signature?"

"No, I should say not, but there it is for number 24," replied Mr. Smith after scrutinizing the sheet.

"That's too bad," replied the embarrassed manager, "I'll make a copy of the one for Mrs. Smith on Penna street and send the boy out with it as soon as he returns." Of course the explanation was a soothing balm for Mr. Smith's angry feelings, and he paced up and down in front of the counter while the manager was making the copy.

"If it is all the same to you I'll deliver the copy to Mrs. Smith and offer what apology I owe her for the blunder," suggested Mr. Smith. "Besides the boy may not deliver it, after he learns he has made the mistake."

"I have no objection if that will help mend matters any," replied the manager, glad to grasp at any straw that might help avert the prospective trouble.

About eleven o'clock Mr. Brockelsby saw Mr. Smith coming down the street and called to Mrs. Smith to come and identify her husband. Unfortunately Mrs. Smith had gone to one of the neighbors across the alley and the policeman had to go it alone. He met the gentleman at the front door, and with a frown on his weather-beaten face asked:

"Is this Mr. Smith?"

"Yes, sir, and may I ask if this is where Mrs. Smith lives?" was the good-natured reply.

"That's a pretty question for you to ask, Mr. Smith. You know as well as I do that Mrs. Smith lives here, and—"

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Smith," interrupted Mr. Smith of Penn street, "but I have no knowledge who lives here. I came to—"

"Yes, I know all about it," broke in Mr. Brockelsby, "and unless you go on your way peacefully I shall have to place you under arrest," he insisted, as he exhibited his star of authority.

"I again beg your pardon, Mr. Smith. I came here to offer an apology, and to—" but Mr. Smith of Penn street was again interrupted by the angry policeman, who

stepped out on the porch, closing the door behind him.

"But, Mr. Smith, won't you allow me to explain matters?" protested Mr. Smith of Penn street, exhibiting some impatience.

"I do not think any explanation you can make would help matters, after your conduct in the past, and you had better go your way, thus avoiding trouble," firmly replied the upholder of the law.

"Have it your own way then, Mr. Smith, but here is the cause of all this trouble, and I wanted to apologize for my part of it. The telegram your wife got was not intended for her at all—" Before Mr. Smith could complete his explanation, the door opened and Mrs. Smith of Penna street exclaimed, "Why, Mr. Brockelsby! that is not Mr. Smith, er—at least not MY Mr. Smith."

"Thank Heaven!" ejaculated Mr. Smith of Penn street. "Now I can explain matters. Then your name is not Smith after all?" he asked, addressing Mr. Brockelsby.

"No, sir. What got that notion in your head?" asked the policeman, with a mixture of embarrassment and a smile upon his face.

"Why, I supposed you were Mrs. Smith's husband, 'cocked and primed' to give me a licking for having sent her that telegram, which was intended for my wife over on Penn street. My wife got this lady's telegram and is now over in Sedalia, Missouri, to see her father, who has been dead for the last fifteen years," explained Mr. Smith, while a faint smile played around the corners of his mouth.

"The devil you say!" exclaimed Mr. Brockelsby. "Let us go inside where there is not so much chance for publicity."

After they were comfortably seated, Mr. Smith remembered he had not delivered the telegram intended for Mrs. Smith, and had to offer another apology for his carelessness. After reading the message Mrs. Smith exclaimed:

"Oh, my poor papa! I must go to him at once."

Some of the neighbors were hastily summoned to assist Mrs. Smith, while Mr. Smith hurried down town to order a hack so she could catch the train at one o'clock.

On his way home Mr. Smith decided to go to Sedalia himself and meet his wife, as he was satisfied she had gone on a wrong mission, and would naturally be worried. After some persuasion Mrs. Martin decided to accompany her son-in-law, and the two left Lawrence about two hours after Mrs. Smith of Penna street had departed.

The train carrying Mrs. Smith of Penn street was delayed several hours and she reached Sedalia only a short time ahead of Mrs. Smith of Penna street.

When she was ushered into the room at the hospital, she saw a look of disappointment pass over the injured man's face and when he exclaimed, "That is not my daughter!" she began to fear her coming was a mistake. However, she determined to investigate, now that she was there. Possibly he was her father, after all. It had been many years since he had seen her and the recognition could not be expected to be instantaneous.

"Is this Mr. Martin, the gentleman who was injured and sent for me?" she asked sweetly as she approached the bed.

"My name is Martin, and I was injured as you can see, but I told the surgeon to wire for my daughter, Mrs. M. A. Smith, of Lawrence, Kansas," replied the injured man.

"My name is Mrs. M. A. Smith and I live in Lawrence, Kansas. When I received the telegram last night, mamma and I decided I had better come, so I took the first train that would bring me," replied Mrs. Smith, as she searched through her portemonee for the telegram.

"Do you live on Pennsylvania street?" asked Mr. Martin.

"Why, no, I live on Penn street. Good gracious! Could it be—Yes, it's plain enough, Penna. street. I wonder why I did not notice that before?" she exclaimed in embarrassment.

"Someone has the orders mixed, I should guess," suggested the old man, a

grim smile overspreading his face in spite of his pain.

"Well, if that don't beat my time. Here I've come all this distance—"

"Without any running orders," interrupted the old engineer, enjoying the joke, regardless of his injuries.

"Well, I'm here and I might as well make the best of it," replied the little lady, as she took a seat near the bed. "May I ask, is your name Joe Martin?"

"Yes, ma'am. Why?"

"Have you no other daughter living?" she continued, ignoring his question.

"Why, yes. That is, I suppose she is living. I haven't seen her for a good many years though. Why do you ask?"

Without replying to his question, Mrs. Smith shot another one at the old gentleman, who had by this time nearly forgotten his injuries.

"Your oldest daughter's name was Mary, was it not?"

"Sure. You've got the right of track, go ahead. I'll not delay you," replied the old railroader, forgetting he was talking to a lady.

"And your wife's name was—"

"Ethel," interrupted the now thoroughly interested old man.

"I believe your second daughter was also named—Ethel? Am I right?"

Before replying the injured man raised himself to a sitting posture, disregarding the pain it cost him.

"Y—as," he stammered, "but who put you next?"

"Please lie down. Remember your injuries, and when you promise me you will be quiet I will tell you," replied Mrs. Smith, as she assisted him back upon his pillows.

"Mum's the word. Now give me a clearance, please. I can't go very far with that kind of a signal out," suggested the old engineer.

"One more question. Do you know where your wife and second daughter now live?"

"No, but I wish to God I did. After I left them, like the coward that I was, I could never locate them, although I searched far and near," he replied, showing an earnest look in his face.

"Well, I do. S-h-h, be quiet now. Remember your promise," she warned, as he made a second attempt to arise.

"Don't you know you're delaying this train? Hurry up that clearance, young lady," he insisted.

"Then don't forget your promise to be quiet, no matter what I may tell you. Unless I am badly mistaken, as I was about that telegram, I am your daughter Ethel. Your wife, who is my mother, lives with me on Penn street in Lawrence, Kansas," replied Mrs. Smith, scarcely able to control her feelings.

"Thank God! as well as the little messenger boy who delivered the message to the wrong address," ejaculated Mr. Martin, every feature of his swarthy face indicating happiness.

Just then the nurse admitted a gentleman in the room who proved to be Mr. Martin's fireman, who had escaped injury in the wreck.

"Well, Dad, you look unusually happy for a man who came as near death as you did. How is your injured wing?" he asked, as he approached the bed.

"Happy did you say? Why, Jack, I could not be happier had my Creator given me a pass into Heaven last night," he exclaimed, as he held out his uninjured hand to his comrade.

"Just think of it, Jack, here I am with only an injured shoulder, when I had but one chance out of a hundred in my favor from being crushed to death. Then to think of sending for Mary, my daughter, and having the message side-tracked, and fall into the hands of Ethel, my long-lost child, and her mother. Haven't I good cause for bein' happy?" the light in his eyes and the expression of the face indicating the excitement to his overwrought nerves, and the joy in his heart.

"Well, I should say so. Where is —" he paused as he glanced toward Mrs. Smith, and the old engineer placed his hand lovingly in that of Ethel and said:

"Here she is, Jack, right beside her old Dad."

"Mr. Martin, there is another caller downstairs, a Mrs. Smith. Shall I show

her up?" announced the nurse, who had just entered the room.

"For the love of heaven, Dad! Guess I'd better beat it," exclaimed the fireman, as he started to leave.

"You'll do nothin' o' the kind," insisted Mr. Martin. "Jest head in on that side track in the clear over there an' leave it to me—"

"But, Dad—"

"A good railroader never disputes orders," interrupted the engineer. "Get in the clear 'fore you're bumped into," indicating with his free hand a place at the foot of the bed.

"But in case of doubt—" began the fireman.

"There are no doubts in this case. I'm runnin' this engine an' all you've got to do is to keep up a full of head o' steam. We've got the highball, so let's get in the clear while there is time." Then turning to the nurse, he continued, "Run her out on the main line, the crew's all ready."

"You mean, to show the lady up?" questioned the nurse.

"Sure thing. You're on," replied Martin.

"Papa, if that is Mary, don't give me away," smilingly suggested Ethel.

"Sure. I'm at the throttle. Jest let me have a clear track an' if I don't bring this train to the terminal on time, it won't be old Martin's fault," he replied with a loving look at his long-lost, but newly found daughter.

"Oh, papa!" exclaimed Mrs. Smith of Penna street as she entered the room. "Are you hurt much?"

"Scarcely worth mentioning. A dislocated shoulder, a few cracked slats, a broken leg or two, and some bruises about the body is all," replied the old man, with a smile as he greeted his daughter.

"All! isn't that enough? But then you always did insist on seeing the bright side of life," replied Mary.

"Couldn't be a railroader if I didn't. But Mary. I've something else to talk about jest now. First let me introduce you to Mrs. M. A. Smith, of Lawrence, Kansas. Mrs. Smith, this is my daughter Mary,"

and as the ladies touched hands a mischievous look shone in his eyes.

After a short explanation about the mix-up in the telegrams, Mary exclaimed:

"And the funniest thing happened just before we discovered the mistake. I thought that drunken sot of a husband of mine was coming home when I got your telegram, so I called in a policeman to arrest him when he put in an appearance, and when your husband came with my telegram the policeman mistook him for *my* husband. I came just in time to prevent him from carrying out my orders."

While the ladies were laughing over their little joke, the fireman started for the door.

"Hold on there, Jack, the switch is against you and you can't get out of that siding jest yet," called Mr. Martin.

"Jack! YOU here!" exclaimed Mary as she saw the embarrassed fireman for the first time since she entered the room.

"Yes, Jack's here, an' what's more, he's goin' ter stay here. I put him in the hole for the limited an' he can't get out till the board's turned," interrupted her father. "Now, Mary, I've got a word to say about these runnin' orders. Jack may have hit the bowl a few times, possibly mor'n he should have, but you are like your old Dad was when he made a fool of himself an' left the best woman on earth. You're high strung. Now as for Jack, he's got a clear board, an' hasn't touched a drop since you drove him from home. That's not all either. He's got the cleanest record of any Tarpot on the road. He'll be promoted to a hoghead in less than a month, an' I want you to get right down off that high hoss of yours, an' tell Jack he's got his regular run back. See? What d'ye say?" asked the old man as he looked at Mary.

"Jack, is this true what papa has just told me, and can you forgive me?" questioned the little wife, with an anxious look on her face.

"Go it, Jack, the limited has gone, the switch is set for you, an' if ye don't get to the terminal on time, I'll see that you get your share of brownies," exclaimed

the old engineer, his face beaming with smiles.

"Excuse me, Mr. Martin," said the nurse as she entered, "but there is a lady and gentleman downstairs that wishes to see Mrs. Smith. I don't know which one, though."

"Mary is busy, papa, I'll go," suggested Ethel, as she left the room with the nurse.

"'Papa?' What does she mean by calling you papa?" asked Mary, after Ethel had closed the door.

With a chuckle, her father replied:

"Jest like a woman. She'll ask you to keep a secret an' jump at the first opportunity to tell it. Wait till she comes back an' I'll enlighten you."

We will not attempt to tell what took place down stairs. Mr. Smith of Penn street and his mother-in-law had just arrived and after considerable persuasion consented to see the injured man.

When the trio entered the room, the old engineer raised himself to a sitting position and exclaimed:

"Ethel, my wife! May God bless you for this!"

Let us pass over the mutual explanations and expressions of forgiveness of the re-united old couple. It is none of our business if they did shed tears of joy.

Mary and Ethel were very busy in conversation when Mrs. Martin, smiles beaming all over her face, lifted her head from the pillow beside her husband's.

"Now, Mary, let me explain what Mrs. Smith meant when she called me papa—"

"Never mind, papa, Ethel has just finished telling me all about it," replied Mary, as she assisted her father back on his pillow.

Let us leave the re-united family here in their happiness and return to Lawrence. A few weeks later, as we were passing the telegraph office, we saw Mr. Martin and Marion A. Smith of Penn street in conversation with the manager. They evidently had young Knight, the little messenger boy, on the carpet, so we entered.

"Well, Kld," Mr. Martin said, "you sure did get your wires crossed in handlin' those orders tother night, but we all hit the double track about the same time an' had clear sailin' without any smash-ups. Now, my laddie, what d'ye s'pose we ought to do with you?"

"Dunno," replied the boy, "unless you have me fired."

"Never turned a man in in my life, 'specially if he tried to do what's right. For my part, I'm mighty glad you did

get your wires crossed, an' here is your reward for havin' made me the happiest old hoghead alive," said the old engineer, as he handed the boy a ten-dollar bill.

"What was the outcome of the blunder?" asked the manager.

"Why, you see," began Mr. Martin—

Oh! pshaw, we would not try to unravel that mix-up again for twice ten, so we will close the office door, and while Mr. Martin is explaining matters, we will go in search of another story.



# POETICAL

## The Moon of March.

When the March moon shines, beware!  
There is witchcraft in the air—  
Magic—mischief—everywhere.

Whoso falls beneath the spell,  
Suffers things I may not tell—  
Sorceries unspeakable!

Ghosts and goblins—phantoms pale—  
Haunt the woods and throng the dale,  
Rise and pass—and leave no trail!

Wailing voices vaguely cry  
To the unresponsive sky—  
On the lawless wind go by!

Hedge and stump and wayside tree  
Common things we daily see,  
Clothe themselves in mystery.

Trees and fences in the gloom  
Strange, uncanny shapes assume  
Threatening danger, wrath and doom.

Then the Moon-Maid overhead  
Strand by strand and thread by thread  
Doth a net of silver spread.

Woe unto the luckless wight  
Who shall feel its meshes tight  
Drawing 'round him in the night!

Howsoe'er he tug and strain  
He shall not be free again—  
Cobwebs still will cloud his brain!

—ARTHUR GOODENOUGH.

## Faith.

Oh, World, thou choosest not the better part!  
It is not wisdom to be only wise,  
And on the inward vision close the eyes,  
But it is wisdom to believe the heart.  
Columbus found a world and had no chart  
Save one that faith deciphered in the skies;  
To trust the soul's invincible surmise  
Was all his science and his only art.

Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine  
That lights the pathway but one step ahead  
Across a void of mystery and dread.  
Bid then the tender light of faith to shine,  
By which alone the mortal heart is led  
Unto the thinking of the thought divine.

—GEORGE SANTAYANA.

## The Feller Called Me.

Better get mad with the feller call'd Me  
Than with anyone else on earth.  
He's so blind sometimes that he cannot see  
The gifts that were his at birth.  
He stumbles and trifles and goes astray  
Instead of just going right on  
Up the straight and narrow and truth-set  
way  
To the golden gardens of dawn.

Better get wise to the feller called Me  
The first thing that you do;  
It will help so much in the day to be  
To put what you want to through.  
Study him over and take his size,  
And probe him clean down to the deeps,  
And learn by his ears and his nose and eyes  
What bad in his nature sleeps.

Better pick quarrels with the feller called Me  
Than with anyone else you know;  
Ponder him over from A to Z,  
And watch him wherever you go.  
For every weakness you find and cure  
Will be something to set you ahead  
In the path that is straight and fine and  
sure,  
That your soul is destined to tread.

—FOLGER MCKENZIE.

## Boosters.

The boosters are a jolly lot,  
They hold the lodge together.  
Attend the meetings every week,  
In calm or stormy weather.

A pleasant word, a kindly smile,  
A genial helping hand.  
These are the things that go to make  
The boosters' jovial band.

To aid the sick, to cheer the strong.  
To get the lodge new members,  
To see that they are all O. K.,  
Is what this band remembers.

To make the brothers love the lodge,  
To better its condition.  
To make the lodge respected, is  
Their very best ambition.

The boosters are a jolly lot,  
And we shall happy be,  
When we can look at a big lodge,  
And none but boosters see.

—Fraternal Monitor.

# FACETIOUS

## Infinitesimal.

Hokus—I can read him like a book.  
Pokus—But he's such a small type, I  
should think you'd ruin your eyes.—  
*Judge.*

## He Was Right.

Boozy Brennan (trying blarney)—It's a  
foine day, yer honor.

Judge—You are right, and the amount  
of yours will be \$10.—*Detroit Free Press.*

## Intelligent Direction.

Customer—Where will I find the can-  
delabra?

New Floorman—All canned goods are  
in the grocery department on the fourth  
floor.

## Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, what is the difference be-  
tween capital and labor?

Paw—Well, the money you lend repre-  
sents capital, and getting it back repre-  
sents labor, my son.—*Cincinnati En-  
quirer.*

## So Was the Chauffeur.

Manager—Sorry, madam, there is no  
room except an empty bed in our chauffeur's bedroom.

New Arrival—Sir, I'm a lady!

Manager—Yes, yes, but so is the chauffeur.—*London Opinion.*

## His Guess.

Ascum—There goes that Mrs. Gabbalot.  
What a marvelous gift of conversation  
she has! Wonder what she does when her  
tongue gets tired?

Kidder—Oh, she probably lets her teeth  
chatter.—*Indianapolis Star.*

## Closefisted.

Edith—That dreadful-looking old man  
her husband? I don't see what she mar-  
ried him for.

Marie—I don't think she sees much of  
what she married him for either.—*Pear-  
son's Weekly.*

## Slightly Sarcastic.

"Do you feel able to take a few letters,  
Miss Pounder?"

"Why, certainly. That's what I'm here  
for, isn't it?"

"I suppose so, but my request came so  
soon after your last telephone conversa-  
tion that I was afraid you would be ex-  
hausted."

## Wise Bobby.

"Bobby," said the teacher to a pupil in  
the juvenile class, "what is a syntax?"

"I guess it must be the tax on whisky,"  
replied Bobby. And the teacher thought  
he was entitled to a credit of 100 per  
cent.—*St. Paul Dispatch.*

## His Simple Request.

Prison Visitor—My good man, is there  
anything I can do for you in the outside  
world?

Convict—I'd appreciate it very much,  
lady, if you'd call on the mayor and ask  
him to extend to me the freedom of the  
city.—*Buffalo Express.*

## Dad's Opinion.

"Four hundred dollars for furbelows?  
Why must daughter have all these frocks  
and ribbons and frills?"

"Young Mr. Flubdub is beginning to pay  
her attentions."

"Hum. I know him. An expensive lot  
of bait for a poor fish."—*Louisville  
Courier-Journal.*

## The Way They Work.

"Have you any alarm clocks?" inquired  
the customer. "What I want is one that  
will arouse the girl without waking the  
whole family."

"I don't know of any such alarm clock  
as that, madame," said the man behind  
the counter; "we keep just the ordinary  
kind—the kind that will wake the whole  
family without disturbing the girl."—*Tit-  
Bits.*

**Breaking It Gently.**

He called his typist to his office, "Miss Keytap, you dress neatly and you have a well modulated voice. I might add that your deportment is also above reproach."

"You shouldn't pay me so many compliments."

"I only want to put you in a cheerful frame of mind before taking up the matter of your spelling and punctuation."—*Boston Globe*.

**The Upper Class.**

"So you wish to marry my daughter," said the proud parent.

"Yes, sir," replied the young man.

"How much money are you making?" asked the governor.

"Forty dollars a week," was the reply.

"Forty dollars a week! Why my daughter can make that in a munitions plant and not work overtime."—*Detroit Free Press*.

**Drouth Broken.**

Two men were on a journey on a hot summer day. "Have you anything with you, Matthias?" asked one.

"Yes, a bottle of wine. What have you, Moses?"

"Dried tongue."

"Good! We'll divide our provisions."

Matthias produced his wine and it was divided. Then he asked his fellow traveler to bring out his provisions.

"I?" said Moses.

"Why, yes, the dry tongue you said you had."

"I haven't got one now," was the cool reply.—*Boston Transcript*.

**Common Sense Talk.**

The late Prof. Lounsbury, of Yale, was a foe of the purist and pedant. On a summer vacation in the Adirondacks he gazed across the lake one gray and sultry afternoon and remarked:

"It looks like rain."

"What looks like rain, professor?" chuckled a pedant in a rocking chair. "I've got you there."

Prof. Lounsbury turned a cold eye upon the critic and answered, "Water."—*Yale Record*.

**After the Raid.**

"The Parisians can extract fun even out of the German Gotha raids," said Senator James Hamilton Lewis in a Washington interview.

"Two young Frenchmen met in the Tuilleries Gardens the morning after a raid.

"Any damage down your way?" the first asked.

"Damage? Rather!" the second answered. "Father and mother were blown clean out of the window. The neighbors say it's the first time they've been seen to leave the house together in seventeen years."

**Unnecessary.**

The late Ambassador Walter Hines Page used to be an editor, and, like all editors, he refused a great many stories.

A lady once wrote to him:

"Sir—You sent back last week a story of mine. I know you did not read this story. For, as a test, I had pasted together pages 18, 19 and 20, and the story came back with these pages still pasted, and so I know you are a fraud, and turn down stories without reading them."

Mr. Page wrote back:

"Madame—at breakfast, when I find an egg is bad, I don't have to eat the whole of it in order to make sure."

**Before Throne Tittered.**

It happened in the German capital. Two German Socialists were standing talking in the street, and one, becoming excited, exclaimed: "I tell you what, that idiot of an emperor—" His discourse was cut short. Turning quickly, he was confronted by a German policeman, who informed him that he was under arrest. "What for?" asked the captive, beginning to weaken.

"For uttering treason against your emperor." "Oh, but you didn't let me finish. I was going to say 'that idiot of an emperor of Japan.'"

"No, you don't!" replied the policeman. "There's only one idiot of an emperor. Come along with me."—*Edinburgh Scotsman*.

# Our Correspondents



## A "SERMON" TO THE "NONS."

Text, Isaiah, 1:18.—"Come now, and let us reason together."

There are some things I want to say to you. And I want to say them in plain English, that you may all understand just what I mean. But because I make frequent use of a personal pronoun, don't get the idea that it is all "big I" and "little u," with me. Far from it! I concede the fact that you are just as important, perhaps more so, in your line of work, as I am in mine. However, you have your faults; I have mine. It would be very easy for you to see *my* faults. It would be just as easy for me to see *yours*. That's human nature! But it is hard for us to see our own faults as others see them. In order to see them, it is necessary for someone to drive the facts right home to us in a way that they will "soak in," and do us good.

You will not agree with all I say. "The truth hurts!" No doubt some of you will feel "sore" toward me by the time I am through. If so, I will suggest right here a good remedy for the soreness. It is simply a liberal application of *common sense*. I have been a "non" myself. There were times when I felt "sore," too. But I tried this remedy and got relief. In fact, I was entirely "cured." I can now honestly and with pleasure recommend it to you.

"Self-preservation is the first law of nature." You all know this. However, like a man-made law, it is well to be reminded of it once in a while. And what does "self-preservation" mean? It means the same as self-protection. It means the protection of one's own life; of one's own property; of one's own personal interests; and of one's own business, whatever nature it may be. Therefore, I contend that every railroad agent and telegrapher is in a business, in one sense of the word

at least, for himself. And it is the *only* business which many of them are supposed to be engaged in while working for a railroad corporation. His job, let it be big or little, is his business. And it is his business to protect his job or his business and to promote his own personal interests, just the same as he is compelled to protect and promote the company's interests. But how can he do it? How has it ever been done? It has never been done, and *cannot* be done, single-handed. Every O. R. T. man who has had to fight for his own God-given rights, and also fight for *your* rights, Mr. Non, knows it. And every non-member, unless he is young and inexperienced in the railroad work, knows it. But I am not talking to the young ones now. I am after you older ones who have been through the "mill" and all up and down the line.

You, who have promised time after time, that you would join the O. R. T. just as soon as you felt financially able to do so, yet you are still standing aloof, despite the fact that you have received several good increases in pay since you became an adept at making promises.

You, who for many years complained of your starvation wages and wrote pitiful letters to officials pleading for more pay, which you never received until the O. R. T. got busy and secured it for you.

You, who have stood on street corners talking to your chums and incidentally boasting of what a good schedule "we" have on this road. How did you get it? What did *you* do in helping to get it?

You, who have said: "If the O. R. T. gets a schedule on this road I'll receive the benefits whether I'm a member of the Order or not!" To use a slang phrase, don't that make you feel like "30 cents"? It looks smaller than that! Fortunately, however, there are not many of your kind.

You, who if thrown out of work, would whine like a whipped cur, regard the O. R. T. as a handy "Bureau of Information," and be glad to have its aid in securing for you another job. Whenever it comes to this, bear in mind, "*No card, no favors.*"

You, who are comfortably situated and feel that you can manage to get along without even the sympathy of the O. R. T., and yet you are willing and anxious for the Order to add something to your worldly stores without receiving in return so much as a courteous "*Thank you!*" Consistency! Verily, "*Thou are a jewel!*"

You, who for many months have eagerly watched the Associated Press reports from Washington, D. C., and *hoped* that the O. R. T. committees would be successful in securing something good for you.

Why should you stand idly by and merely hope for others who pay their dues, to hand you out something for nothing? What legal or moral right have you to expect aid either through, or directly from, an organization of which you are not a member and in nowise help to buildup and sustain? You are indifferent and inconsistent, to say the least. I will not say you are dishonest. I will leave that for you to decide. Put this question fairly and squarely up to yourself: "*Am I an honest man?*" Undoubtedly, you will decide in the affirmative. But it's a little difficult, Mr. Non, for others to see it in exactly the same light, so long as you maintain your present attitude toward the O. R. T., which has treated *you* honestly. "*Actions speak louder than words.*" You say you are an honest man, but your actions belie your words.

Now, the proper and sensible thing for you to do is to prove your honesty and show your appreciation by getting into the O. R. T. ranks, and help those who have been helping you. "*Right about, face!*" Buckle on the O. R. T. armor, get to the front and help fight your own battles. Don't, for God's sake, be a contemptible slacker all your natural days!

By ED. S. COYLE.

### THE TRAIN DISPATCHER.

The February issue contained an article on this subject from Cert. 1994. He expressed some very good ideas, but for fear that he or any other members are not aware that conditions on some railways are exactly contrary to his argument, I want to put him right.

One would naturally be of the opinion that dispatchers as a whole were strongly against the O. R. T., and against any efforts to persuade them to join it. I do not know if Cert. 1994 is a train dispatcher or not, but he hands out a lot of charitable consolation for such unfortunates who on up-to-date roads are not asking it nor do they need it.

Hundreds of dispatchers have never entertained the idea for a moment that to be a member of the O. R. T. would belittle them. Far be it from such. They feel very proud to be members, and would not drop out very easily, either.

Dispatchers on the Canadian Pacific do not consider themselves officials except in the interest they have in trying to work the job to the best of their ability.

Cert. 1994 is in a sense correct in his idea of dispatchers being punished for trivial offenses, but men on roads where this is practiced do not in many cases belong to the Order and, of course, are subject to such treatment and have no come-back.

It is interesting to note his remarks regarding a dispatcher being like a Bolshevik or an anarchist when he is approached to become a member of the Order, and his last remark is very unbecoming to what we in this country call a dispatcher (a human being in one accord with all other members and as a general rule respected by the same), when he says they are a kind of mule in their makeup. Evidently he is living in a part of the world where dispatchers must be of a very inferior type, where they are nons, and where conditions as a whole are dreadful, or he would not be able to paint such a desolate picture. He possibly has some personal reason for such a statement. Probably he has tried at

one time to join the mules and did not have the kick that such mules require.

I believe he will feel very happy and a different man when I tell him that dispatchers on the Canadian Pacific have always been solid O. R. T., they have taken their part in the work of the organization and always do it well.

Our general chairman was and is still a train dispatcher, and like all the dispatchers on this road, he is a good one or he would not be kept.

Officials in many departments find themselves sometimes in the need of an Order to fall back on, and men in our Order, if they have an agreement with us, can come back to the fold at any time.

I believe it will be very interesting for Cert. 1994 to learn that Canadian Pacific Railroad dispatchers have recently secured one of the best schedules on the continent.

At our last monthly meeting among the fifty members present who were dispatchers was the general chairman, ex-general chairman, local chairman, a two-trick dispatcher and a one-relief dispatcher with prospects of several more coming. As for particulars of our present schedule, I venture to say it cannot be duplicated, and it was secured by O. R. T. men for O. R. T. men, all solid and proud of it. With best wishes to Cert. 1994 and the noble Order,

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#### DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

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We read with much interest the two recent letters in THE TELEGRAPHER, from Cert. 2080 and Cert. 1319. We heartily agree with Cert. 1319, but disagree with Cert. 2080 in almost every particular. He has jumbled and twisted his discussion to such an extent that we scarcely know just what he is trying to arrive at, but we surmise that he wishes to see the railroads returned to private control with all due dispatch, and why?

He tells us that if the Government takes over and owns and operates the roads, autocracy will creep in, and before he ends his discussion he says we should

have a voice in the law making of our business life. We would like to ask our honorable brother if he considers it "having a voice" when the railroads are run from Wall Street, the fat salaries paid by and through money kings to the kaisers of finance by a process of manipulation beyond the comprehension of a layman, while the small stockholder gets enough to remind him that he almost has a share, and the employes have to fight for a salary that equals in size the proverbial snowball after a sojourn of a few hours in the hot place.

Cert. 2080 thinks we have a louder voice under private ownership than Government ownership, and perhaps he is right literally, for we will be compelled to hallo louder and longer to gain attention, and gain less, and he proves it by his own statements. He admits we have the best foothold we ever had, he didn't say under what system gained, but we all know it was under Government control. Now if that be the case, why should it not be to our interest for the Government to keep on controlling, or better yet, own the roads outright?

We have been working under private control and ownership since the beginning of railroad history, and it has been a fight and struggle to keep from decorating the potter's field on the wages we have received for our labor. No more autocratic and despotic personages are known in history than those money czars, who have grown fabulously rich through the process of sapping the public and their employes. They have grown to such a proportion that they actually hold our very existence in the hollow of their hands. Under private control the business and finance of these United States have constantly passed into the hands of the trusts until about 90 per cent of the capital is owned by 10 per cent of the public. Our Cert. 2080 wants the railroads delivered up to these robbers so they may swallow up the other 10 per cent.

He predicts there is going to be a fight. I think fighting for a living will eventually become unnecessary under Government ownership. There is plenty for all that are willing to work. There is no

necessity for some to be hungry while others roll in luxuries, yet it is a fact, and it all came about under private ownership.

We will admit that the war had much to do with the bettering of our conditions, but the war is over with, and we do not desire a business war. Cert. 2080 says there is going to be one as soon as the roads are returned to their owners, and I believe him, but I can't understand why he wants them transferred. He says that he fears political dishonesty. Under the present system, with most of our Congressmen, Senators and corporation lawyers there is no doubt but what there would be graft the same as before, and again, there is or would not be much difference between private ownership and Government ownership with an unscrupulous bunch of law makers in control, for they and the corporations are practically one and the same, but herein we find much to commend in Bro. J. H. Parker's letter. He says: "Let us support our friends." Instead of putting corporation lawyers in Congress, let us put a worker, let us get in politics, let us be the Government, let us have a Government of the people and then it will be run by the people and for the people. We don't have to be a lawyer to know what we want or what we need; we don't have to be lawyers to run the roads, and we don't have to put a lawyer in Congress to do justice by us, and as labor does everything and gets nothing, let us put labor where it will get everything and everybody will want to become a laborer; there will be no fights, no dusty hobos, and above all, there will be no limousine bums to grab the fruits of labor and make criminals and cause hunger. In the meantime, write your Congressman and tell him if he wants your vote to work for a bill for public ownership of all railroads.

J. F. O'NEAL.

#### PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATION.

In considering Government operation of railways, the only fair proposition is to compare what has taken place under Gov-

ernment control, with our past experience under private control, and figure for ourselves what would have happened had railways remained in private hands during the war.

We have certainly gained more during the past year of Government operation than during many years before. We have organized some of the largest systems in the country, whose private managements have heretofore successfully resisted our efforts. We have increased our membership at a rate that would have been impossible except under an administration favorable to our aims, and perhaps most important of all, the eight-hour day has been established.

A good portion of this progress must of course be credited to our past efforts in building our organization to a point where it could be effectively used; but judging from past experience, we would have had no such opportunity to organize the Santa Fe, the Pennsylvania, the Great Northern and other lines but for Government control and Mr. McAdoo's friendly attitude, and probably no such increase in wages without a terrific struggle. Please remember that at the beginning of the war the cry of big business was: "Labor should not demand better pay and working conditions during the war; it is not patriotic!" And it appeared that the private managements were inclined to fight it out on that ground.

The operation of the railroads as a war measure, however, is no criterion of what might be done under public ownership; in fact, the first principle of public ownership, namely, the *elimination of profit*, was set aside, and the Government in taking control, burdened itself by undertaking to guarantee profits all around, and no questions asked.

Entering the war, the Government found itself crippled by the railways having fallen down, and being unable to give the necessary service. In order to carry on, it became necessary to take over the roads, pay a billion dollars a year rental or profit, and raise wages; this involved a big increase in rates, and the public naturally became dissatisfied. A great many people said: "There, you see public

ownership won't work," when in fact no such thing as public ownership has been attempted at all.

If the Government is to take over, own and operate the railroads, it should be done at a time when conditions are normal, not as a hasty war measure to save the country from peril and privation; when the cost of living is nearly stationary, and increasingly high prices do not make it necessary to abruptly and repeatedly increase wages; last and most important, *profit* must be eliminated. Under these conditions Government ownership could be given a fair trial.

The present experiment of private profit under public operation gave us higher rates; it had to, if the profit was to be paid and wages kept up. Another time, under an administration unfriendly to labor, it might bring lower wages.

The only thing to do, then, is to return the roads to private ownership and let them alone, until such time as the people are ready for public ownership with the *profit cut out*.

There is no half-way ground between private ownership and public ownership.

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# FRATERNAL

## NOTICE

All items for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 25th day of the month in order to insure their insertion in the following issue.

### St. Louis, Mo., Div. No. 2.

#### "Clover Leaf" Ry.—

The meeting held at Frankfort, February 23, 1919, was well attended by the boys along the line. General Chairman Walters made a short talk and Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 was then discussed and made more plain to the boys who did not just exactly understand it.

Bro. Elson, second "DS", was relieved several days by Bro. Sampson, relieved on second "MC" by Bro. Leach from "YD".

We are all very sorry to hear that Bro. Lindveille, second "PU", is sick and hope he will soon be able to return to duty. Sister Beckie, from Edwardsville, is relieving him.

Bro. L. A. McMichaels, of Alhambra, Ill., was appointed correspondent from Frankfort to St. Louis, and Bro. O. R. Childers, Mchigantown, Ind., from Frankfort to Toledo, and all brothers and sisters who wish to have news in the journal should have it to the correspondent of their division not later than the 20th of the month, to enable them to get it to Bro. Rawlins' office at St. Louis by the 22nd.

Bro. E. A. Plummer, agent at Brocton, and wife dined Sunday with his father, south of Forest, Ind., after which he went to the Frankfort meeting.

Boys, let's help Bro. Walters to line up the few nons on our line and make it solid O. R. T.

O. R. C., Cert. 215.

#### Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Ry.—

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blake, Kilbourne, Ill., desire to acknowledge through THE TELEGRAPHER the receipt of a draft for \$300, the amount carried by their son, George W. Blake, in the Mutual Benefit Department of the O. R. T., and also extend their heartfelt thanks to the operators on the C. P. & St. L. for the beautiful floral offering as a token of their deep sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

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### New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

#### New Haven Div., N. Y., N. H. & H.—

The meeting of February 7th opened up with 52 present and 13 applications for membership. The following officers for the ensuing year for the local division were elected: Chief telegrapher, O. S. Culver, re-elected; first vice chief, W. S. Johnson; second vice chief, J. Mills; secretary and treasurer, G. F. McCormack, re-elected.

The committee previously appointed by the chair to count the ballots for delegates and alternates to the St. Louis convention reported the following successful candidates: Delegates—O. S. Culver, G. F. McCormack, L. H. Dowd and W. B. Shaikop; alternates—F. A. Davis, J. C. Kelly, E. P. Brennan and A. Brewster.

Bro. F. A. Brown, of New Haven, one of the original nominees for delegates withdrew before the vote was put out, which accounts for his name not being on the ballot. Had he remained in the contest, there can be no doubt that his ability and many years of faithful service in the order would have honored him as delegate. The same committee also reported the following local chairmen elected: New Haven Division, W. S. Johnson; Hartford Division, T. F. Kennedy; Waterbury Division, J. T. Murphy; Danbury Division, E. G. Shea; C. N. E. R. R. T. McDonagh; General Office, M. H. Handy.

Local Chairmen S. A. Tourtellotte, of the New Haven Division, and B. H. Dunbar, of the Waterbury Division, having declined a renomination, retire from office with a degree of honor and accomplishment that many men may not hope to excel.

Although the General Committee will now be composed of quite a few new faces, as heretofore it merits our fullest confidence and support. We may congratulate ourselves that we have such capable and seasoned material to take up and continue the work.

The importance of the business transacted at the meeting would alone have made it the most noteworthy of the year. Equally notable was a feature not down on the program, which came as a surprise. Very rarely have we been favored with such an array of visiting "talent," which included Vice-president Pierson, General Chairman Ross, Local Chairmen Joslin, of Providence; Riley, of Boston; Enos, of Boston; Clark, of the C. N. E., and Tourtellote, of New Haven.

We regret that we have not several pages of THE TELEGRAPHER at our disposal to spread their remarks.

Although the meeting continued long beyond the usual hour, it never became tiresome, a fund of original wit and humor breaking through the smoke-laden martial (marshal) atmosphere to dispel any argument that parliamentary law itself was unable to declare out of order.

As becoming true men, however, reverence was not forgotten in the hour of work and play. Fresh in the memory of all was our late departed brother, E. C. Terry, who had so often contributed to the success of these gatherings.

With impressive acknowledgment of the close tie of personal friendship that existed between them for many years, after paying a tribute to his sterling qualities, Vice-president Pierson offered the following invocation while the lodge stood with bowed heads:

"Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we humbly invoke Thy special blessings upon the soul of our late departed friend and brother, known on earth as Ezra C. Terry; peace be unto his soul. Amen."

The annual report of Secretary and Treasurer McCormack, remarks by General Chairman Ross, and many more things that should command the vital interest of every member, went to make it worth any man's effort to attend.

While Local Chairmen Tiger, of Stamford; Murphy, of Bristol, and Clark, of Boston, were not present at the regular meeting, they were the life of an overflow session that followed.

The Sick and Mutual Benefit Association of Division 29 will dispose of a \$50 Liberty Bond at the regular meeting, June 6. The number of tickets to be sold at 25 cents each has been limited, so there should be very little difficulty in disposing of them outside of the organization. They can be procured from Bros. F. A. Brown and O. S. Culver, New Haven; J. Leete, Hartford; J. J. Flood, Wallingford; M. J. Golden, Saybrook; C. A. Wanamaker, Guilford; J. E. Desbrossiers, Springfield; B. H. Dunbar and E. G. Shea, Danbury; W. H. Gordon, Waterbury; Geo. VanDusen, Bridgeport; John Mills, Derby Junction, and G. H. Foster, Devon. The committee in charge will greatly appreciate the co-operation of members of Division 29 in the sale of these tickets.

The many friends and members of Division 29 extend their sympathy to Bro. Skilbe, of New Haven, owing to the death of his father on January 29th, 75 years of age. As his mother was taken away recently, the affliction becomes the more severe.

In view of twenty years' friendship and more or less intimate relations with Bro. W. S. Johnson, we congratulate the New Haven Division upon his election as their local chairman. His ability and good judgment will be found to measure up to every occasion that the office may require. No man's bond will be found better than his word. Perfectly honest in dealing, progressive, aggressive, yet safe and sane, we predict for him the respect of employer and brother worker alike.

W. B. SHELKOP, Div. Cor.

### Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

The attendance at the annual election night meeting, Saturday, February 15th, was good but not what was expected for so important a session.

Chief Telegrapher Haddock appointed Bros. F. L. Fowler, A. Feeney and J. B. Miller as tellers, with Bros. J. F. Smith, W. C. Jackson and C. R. Weeks assistants. The counting of the ballots was completed about 10:45 p. m. Bros. D. M. Collis, A. H. Haddock and W. J. Brenner being the three highest men out of a list of eight nominees.

Bros. W. E. Moore, J. C. Springer and H. E. Webster being the only nominees for alternates, were declared elected.

For local chairman, Bro. G. E. Joslin was re-elected for the Providence, and Bro. N. L. Boeler elected for the New London Division.

Bro. Haddock was re-elected chief telegrapher for a third term. Bros. Moore and Sipple, first and second assistant chiefs, and Bro. Collis, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Bro. Hadley was re-elected member board of directors for three years, and Bro. Vanderbeek re-elected division correspondent.

General Chairman Ross presided and conducted the election.

A nice bunch of applications was acted on and several new members admitted.

Plans were formulated to clean up the nons on the division and everybody is expected to do his part.

Local Chairman Joslin delivered an interesting address on adjusting differentials and working conditions. Those who failed to hear him missed one of the most edifying and instructive addresses our local chairman has made for a long time. He and his co-laborers have put in much hard work since the January meeting.

General Chairman Ross also addressed us. He expressed his pleasure over our now being on an eight-hour basis and didn't care if it was six hours. Now that our overtime money has melted away, however, the hourly rate should be increased in order to meet the high cost of living. In my own case, the two hours overtime taken away means more than ten dollars a week less for me on pay day and so much less to meet the living cost. When a man, therefore, loses some fifty-five dollars a month in this manner and at such a time, something should speedily be done to increase his hourly rate on the eight-hour basis or he cannot get by.

We are all in the same boat in this respect. For a few days we got our overtime, and the extra money proved a great help; but it was of short duration. Hence we must have more pay for the eight-hour service.

The yearly reports were read and accepted. The auditing committee spoke in glowing terms of the manner in which one secretary-treasurer kept his books, and Bro.

Callis deserved every bit of it. It was an excellent report and because of the increase in dues the financial statement was the best ever.

Operators in Arion dispatcher's office have been cut down to six days and no Sunday work; at Northrup Ave. yard to five days a week. Many cuts elsewhere. The axe is being freely used all over the division.

Bro. Brennan is relieving Bro. M. J. Welch at Promenade Street Tower, Providence, who with his wife is spending a month at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bro. Petracca now at Elmwood ticket agency, vice Bro. Crane, who went to East Providence, also relieved Bro. Wood, Harris, R. I., while off with the "flu." Bro. Knowlton, Olive Street, Attleboro, Mass., who has been sick with it, is improving. Drv. COR.

#### New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

At our February 11th meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: L. R. Tiffany, chief telegrapher; B. E. S. Seaman, secretary-treasurer; T. O. Tiger, local chairman and representative to the St. Louis convention; B. E. S. Seaman, alternate; John Simmons, first, and George Donella, second vice chief, and C. J. Sullivan, trustee for the three year term.

T. O. Tiger, B. E. S. Seaman and J. E. Shields, appointed committee on resolutions, presented a resolution of condolence in behalf of Bro. Frank Bell, owing to the loss of his beloved wife, which was adopted. Mrs. Bell died at her home in Astoria, L. I., of influenza after a short illness, February 1st, from where she was buried February 4th. A beautiful wreath, with the letters, "O. R. T.", was sent for the funeral by the operators at "HY", "GC" and other fellow employees at Grand Central Station.

General Chairman Ross and Local Chairman Tiger rendered lengthy reports of progress. Bro. Dan Kenny, on behalf of the board of trustees, who audited the accounts of the secretary and treasurer, filed a creditable report showing that the books of the secretary-treasurer were all in A1 shape as usual and all funds properly accounted for.

On motion ten books of tickets for a benefit for Division 35 were received.

The one outstanding feature of the meeting was the address of Bro. Joslyn, local chairman and past chief telegrapher of Division 35, and for many years a member of the board of directors of the Grand Division. He took for his subject the great question of fraternity too often overlooked by the labor world in the battle for the dollars.

Bro. Joslyn handled the subject in a masterful way, as only a man of his great character can, because he spoke right from the heart. The writer has known Bro. Joslyn many years; all through life from boyhood to the present time he has given all that was in him to the cause of fraternity. He could have been high up in the railroad

world or a successful business man had he so chosen. But his loyalty to the cause of labor, to Division 35, to his friends and brothers, has kept him in the field of workers practically unknown to the outside world; but in the eyes of the Supreme Ruler such men stand out in bold relief, and some day will reap the reward and recognition they so well deserve.

Bro. McDonald has returned to Rye very much improved in health. Bros. Dooling and Corrigan worked twelve hours each for several days while he was sick.

Bro. Jim O'Brien, third "NW" levers, was also off duty several days owing to illness.

Bro. E. B. Clay, West Farms, one of our good old-timers, was on the sick list several days recently.

Bro. Wooley relieved Bro. Africa at Port Chester a few days and Bro. McDonald relieved Bro. Langdon, "MO", New Rochelle, a few days, both on account of illness.

Local Chairman Tiger, while attending the meeting of general committee in New Haven, was relieved by Bro. Brophy on Stamford third.

Bro. Jim Bell, is posting for "CO" third, Mamaroneck. Some change after four years in the trenches as a machine gunner.

South Wilton agency abolished, vice Bro. H. J. Weeks in the service many years and will no doubt give someone a bump.

Bro. J. Finelli is now on third Branchville. Relief Towerman Bro. Woolley covered third Greens Farms, and Bro. W. B. Sinclair, "BM", Bridgeport third, a few days recently.

Bro. Donella relieved Bro. Jack Servis on South Mt. Vernon, who took Westchester ticket agency, vice Bro. Marsh to Westport.

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#### New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

##### Long Island R. R.

We are pleased to welcome 32 new members at our last meeting:

Bro. Holman got a clerk February 1st on account of the postoffice being moved out of Douglaston station.

We hear with regret of Bro. Miller being burnt out, and extend our heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Holman took care of Bro. Miller and family for a few days, showing the proper spirit of brotherhood.

Bro. Crotty, second trick Queens, was off several days on account of sickness.

Bro. Sanborn, third Hempsted Crossing, made a trip to Bhilada recently.

Sister Loeffler, second Central Park, is enjoying her Sundays off; well pleased with this new arrangement.

Bro. Abrams, second St. Albans, swapped tricks several weeks to do some work on his house.

Bro. Sinderhauf is still on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Powell, agent Hollis, entertaining several of the boys returned from overseas, now at Camp Mills waiting to be mustered

out. Bro. Small, former assistant agent at Hollis, transferred to Signal Department, is now on third Hicksville, and Bro. Shaney, third Cabin No. 10, to third "SW" Cabin.

Bro. Philip Cahill is now at Valley Stream, relieved at Mineola by Bro. Prinsky, and Bro. Metzendorf, third Pinelawn, is enjoying the pure and simple life at Wyandanch.

We would be glad to have Sister Oliver, Wyandanch, also Sister Christ, agent Clarenceville, come to our meetings and become acquainted with a number of other sisters who attend whom we are always pleased to have with us.

If any of the brothers know of a brother returning to work who has been in the service, please notify or have him communicate with the secretary and treasurer. This is important.

The following general committee has been elected to serve for the next two years: S. F. Adams, chairman Division No. 1; M. O. Howell, Division No. 2; Bro. G. D. Carnes, Division No. 3, and Bro. F. H. Brown for the operators; Signal Department: Bro. Wm. Mohrbach, Division No. 1, and Bro. J. F. O'Rourke, Division No. 2. Understand Bro. Mohrbach has resigned owing to unavoidable circumstances arising.

This committee desires every member to co-operate with it and submit any grievances or important matters that should be taken up in the proper manner. We should give support and encouragement as individuals, and every brother help to carry all matters to a successful conclusion. CERT. 332.

#### Washington, D. C., Div. No. 60.

##### "H", General Relay—

Having returned to my regular position, will try to again represent you through the columns of our journal. The position of transportation clerk I held in the terminal manager's office, paying but \$150 per, could not be increased to "H" office rating, so I returned there.

Several of the brothers lost their wives during the influenza epidemic and we mention with regret the loss of Bro. Burch, assistant train director at "C" Tower, also the death of Bro. Page, who left the office about 8 p. m. Christmas night and two hours later we received news of his death due to acute indigestion.

Recent changes in our forces have been too numerous to mention.

Ye scribe is now doing his bit right at the rate of \$1.02 per hour. Get the hour now and not the entire day.

Four new men recently hired, working steady jobs in this office, will soon be lined up.

The new increase recently granted, 67½¢ per hour, gives us a fairly good living wage, and some of the boys drew between \$170 and \$180 back pay.

Manager Baily's pay check now reads \$187.55. We don't know of a manager more deserving. We have yet to hear of a question he has not settled satisfactory to all concerned.

The madman who recently terrorized Washington sneaked up behind Miss Katherine Darr, our telephone operator, on her way to work one morning recently, attacking her with a hammer. Luckily she was not seriously injured and he was captured a few hours later by the cops who had been trying to catch him for nearly two weeks.

The telephone office has grown to vast importance, several new positions set up, and a number of new long distance lines installed, requiring one special operator, Miss Wade on day trick. Under the supervision of Mrs. C. L. Williams the telephone service on the Washington Terminal is now the finest in the city.

Bro. Dent is relieving Bro. Nolan on Charlotte and "PO" Phila, who recently laid off with \$107.50 back pay in his jeans.

Bro. Coe, bumped from first by Bro. Bruchey, took the 3 p. m. trick, and works the joke wire in connection with Mr. Chastain on "PO". Mr. Tinsley is on Charlotte.

Bro. Morton has "PO" for himself when business requires it, otherwise Bro. Loats, Bro. Hullfish work around.

Bro. LeHew is teaching on the Wilmington locals, vice Bro. Beckley, laid up with rheumatism again.

Bro. Speedy Martin is back after a long illness, along with Bro. Howard. We welcome into the fold Bros. J. T. Lynch and Lechlder.

Bro. Umbaugh has undertaken to run the deadhead trains while Bro. Lee is telling the Penna and B. & O. what to do.

Bro. "FM" took a trip up to Harpers Ferry recently.

Hope to have something from the brothers in the various towers for next write-up.

Glad to see every one with his up-to-date. Keep it up, brothers. "*In union there is strength,*" and you're going to need "*union*" if these "plkes" ever get out of Uncle Sam's hands.

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#### Virginia, Minn., Div. No. 127.

##### Duluth, Missabe & Northern Ry.—

We had the best turnout in years at the meeting held in Alborn, Minn., on February 23rd. Everyone participated in the discussions and the spirit manifested showed that all were impressed with the slogan: "Stay organized." It is the only way to shortcut the ground we have to cover, in order to arrive at our objective point.

Bro. T. A. Clark was elected chief telegrapher and Bro. C. J. Keenan re-elected secretary and treasurer, the father of our division, a loyal and efficient worker for 127 ever since he founded it, carrying an up-to-

date since 1891. Let us all give him our hearty support and he will do the rest.

Bro. C. S. Ross, agent Burnett, is on a sixty-day leave for California for the benefit of his health. We all hope he will return much improved. He is one of our 25 new members. We are represented at every station and solid at most of them.

Bro. Maloney is buying up all the old Ford tires he can, and has a lot of literature regarding this famous "fivver." He evidently believes "In time of peace, prepare for war."

Bro. Baker, having successfully completed a course in chiropractic, claims he can cure anything from a broken leg to a broken heart. We wish him success.

Bro. J. A. Church has returned from the signal corps service in France to Port Arthur nights, where he enlisted last July.

Bro. Frances, Taconit Junction, has the heartfelt sympathy of all in the death of his wife.

Bros. Ross and Morris, agents Burnett and Saginaw, are distributing Red Cross supplies to the fire sufferers, without any remuneration. We hope some of the fellow's getting big money for this work will loosen up and pay those that really are doing the hardest part of it.

Bro. W. E. Morse has invested all his earnings for the past three years in a saxaphone. We are sorry for the parties that live in the upper apartments.

Remember to get the non, stay organized and "No card, no favors."

It has been some time since we had a write-up in the journal. I have been appointed correspondent and hope to have one every month hereafter. To do this I must have the support of all the boys. Please let me have all the notes you can in plenty of time so I can get them to St. Louis not later than the 26th, and as much earlier as possible.

L. J. BROUSSEAU, Cert. 52.

Burnett, Minn.

#### Tring Jct., Que., Div. No. 131.

Quebec Central Ry.—

Pay your dues promptly.

Superintendent Reid has gone to Atlantic City for a rest. We all wish for his complete recovery. C. K. Bartlett appointed acting trainmaster during his absence. Bro. Nutbrown acting chief train dispatcher and Bro. Lafontaine acting trick dispatcher, relieved by Bro. Deveau.

Bro. E. E. Vachon on holidays relieved by Bro. Vallee.

Bro. J. O. Gagne has returned after a prolonged holiday. Bro. Savoie goes to "RF" nights.

Bro. J. E. Gosselin relieving Bilodeau, off sick.

It is now Bros. Lacasse and J. E. Therberge, "SO".

Bro. Letourneau had his big Ford touring car destroyed by fire recently.

Bros. Lipsey and Dugal, in Sherbrooke on committee work, were relieved by Bros. Bois and J. A. Vallee.

Bro. Deveau attended the recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus in Sherbrooke.

Bro. Frechette is now on the N. T. R. at Parent, relieved by J. A. Vallee.

The meeting held in Sherbrooke, January 10th, was attended by Bros. Dugal, Lafontaine, Lipsey, Nutbrown, Marcoux, Dancose, Poulin, Deveau, Doyon, Jos. Poulin, Jos. Nadeau, Berube, Perron, Vachon, Letourneau, J. A. Vallee and Rheault. CERT. 52.

#### Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.

At the meeting in Belmont Hotel, Brantford, Ont., the evening of February 14th, there were 22 present.

Bro. Wade presided and explained the changes in rules and rates of pay as agreed to between the company and the committee.

Numerous questions were brought up and discussed in regard to the working out of the new rules in the schedule and their probable effect on the assistants and other situations. Bro. Wade also outlined the increase in the cost of conducting the business of the division, its general financial condition, and cost of securing the new schedule, explaining why it was thought advisable to levy a special assessment of \$10 on each one benefited by it.

The meeting closed at 11:30 p. m. and arrangements were made to hold future meetings at Brantford.

Local Chairman Wade, while on committee work and schedule negotiations at Toronto and Montreal, was relieved several weeks by Bro. D. D. Robertson.

The eight-hour law is being put into effect on this system and a number of third trick positions opened on the London Division.

We are pleased to see Bro. J. J. Howard, London East, on duty again after an illness of several weeks. H. G. SIMMONS, Sec'y.

#### District No. Four—

On the U. S. side of the line we have been granted a 10 per cent increase, with back time since April, nothing said about the eight-hour day, for us station agents.

Bro. J. E. Marchand has been released and is back as agent at St. Agnes; Bro. Bouchard on the spare list; Bro. C. A. Vincellette appointed agent at Whites, vice Bro. J. O. Lepage, deceased.

Bro. Potvin, Howick Junction, was offered a job in "DI", but declined it.

Get the searchlight after the nons on this district and line them up. Each man must do his duty.

Understand there are some students on the district. This should be investigated and straightened out.

Local Chairman Tardif, of Ste. Rosalie Junction, has been promoted to train dispatcher at Richmond, Que. Glad to hear the good news.

Now that we have universal interline billings, let's have universal through rating and do away with discrepancies. How would you like it, station agents? Would like to hear from someone else on this subject.

AN OLD-TIMER, Cert. 4.

*Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Districts—*

Bro. Brown, promoted to first Capec, succeeded on second by Bro. M. S. Davis.

Bro. Shea, Imlay City, off sick, relieved by Bro. Wright.

The Battle Creek meeting, January 24th, was attended by twenty members. Local Chairman Hogue presiding. The new rates of pay and revising the schedule were the principal topics discussed.

Let us enforce our motto on the few nons on these districts and make them solid. They take all the increases we get for them and are as anxious to know what our committee is doing as we are.

CERT. 2613.

*Winnipeg to Watrous, G. T. P.—*

One of the most interesting meetings on this division was held at Milville, Sask., in the city hall, on January 26th, from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. Bros. Curwell and Walsh of the general committee and some twenty-five other members were in attendance.

Bro. Hooper acted as chairman of the meeting, and on motion of Bro. Price, seconded by Bro. Berkey, appointed Bros. Triplett, Price and Curwell as a committee to draft resolutions in regard to the death of our late chairman, Bro. Brewer. This was done and the resolutions were adopted by the meeting.

On motion by Bro. Triplett, seconded by Bro. Berkey, subscription lists were opened to raise funds for the erection at Atwater of a monument at the grave of our late brother and general chairman, M. R. Brewer. These lists to be handled and the funds collected by a brother in each dispatcher's office, who will enter names and amounts as donations are received. Bros. Curwell and Walsh will act as a committee to arrange details of erection, etc., also act as treasurers of the fund and appoint collectors as heretofore mentioned. The suggestion was adopted that this matter be attended to after schedule negotiations are completed.

Bro. Jack Carson, on a visit East, was obliged to return first train, owing to an urgent telegraphic request.

Bro. B. F. Lytle is now third trick dispatcher at Regina, and Bro. F. R. Lount went to Atwater, pending bulletin.

Bro. Hooper and Bro. Palmer, from Watrous, both attended the Edmonton meeting on February 2nd, in accordance with the

wish of the brothers at the January 26th meeting, where the former made a talk in the most approved manner. DIV. COR.

*Watrous to Wainwright, G. T. P.—*

Bro. Bouchard, who opened Meacham agency, will transfer to this division.

It is now Bros. Helker, "NU" nights, and Blaine at Yorath Junction. The former has rented a suite of four rooms in town. Must have serious intentions. Durning has promised to join and "Asquith" should be next.

Keep after 'em. Get 'em all. "No card, no favors."

Congratulations to Roy Moore, "BI", on his recent marriage. We must see that he joins now and gives his bride the protection of our Order.

We are wondering if Bro. Luffman is going to be out "that ring" or is he "next."

Understand invitations will soon be out to a turkey feed by Bro. Craggs, "NU".

Congratulations to Bros. Groat and Bartley on their recent promotions.

Bro. Goulding, "JU", is on the sick list. Hope to see him around again soon.

Sorry to hear that Sister Woodman, "DU", is leaving us this spring.

CERT. 815.

*"Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 3.*

*C. U. D. Division—*

The relation of wages to infant mortality is a domestic feature of daily life, equal in importance to any other problem America has to confront. We have just emerged from a gigantic struggle in which most of the civilized world was engaged, to defeat the baby killers of German autocracy, and the celebration of victory had not yet died away when capital started its crusade to reduce the wages and living standard of America. Interlocked and regulated by the scale of wages, is the death list in the daily papers, the civilian honor roll, as part of it might be called, of the American worker.

Statistics compiled on infant mortality in eight cities for a period of six years, and its relation to the father's salary, as credited to the United States Department of Labor by the "Literary Digest," purport to show that, where the salary is "less than \$550 yearly, the death rate of babies is given as 1 in every 6. In the highest (paid) group earning \$1,250 it is given as 1 in 16." The difference of ten deaths that are nothing short of murder can be plainly observed. The report goes on to say:

"Extensive field investigations, based upon interviews with the mothers of nearly 23,000 babies, are embodied in the results given. The earnings of all these separate groups of workers have probably increased during the past two years. But figures recently published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showing a general increase in the cost of

living, give no indication, according to the Children's Bureau report, that the advantage to infant life can be at this time in proportion to the presumable increase in father's cash wages."

The labor union is the only active agency engaged in the struggle to materially increase wages and save those ten baby lives of the extremely underpaid employee. Regardless of the class of work a man performs, as long as his existence depends upon the proceeds of toll, he should possess a membership card in the union of his craft. The advantages possessed by the telegrapher for obtaining knowledge, leaves positively no excuse for the men in "GC" office, Cincinnati, or anywhere else for not having an up-to-date O. R. T. card. The levermen and telephoner-levermen throughout the ditch are true blue.

"No card, no favors."

Div. Cor.

**C., St. P., M. & O. Ry., Div. No. 4.  
Northern Division—**

Some forty members, including Sister Lund from Barronett, attended the meeting at Spooner, held in the Masonic Temple the night of January 30, called to order by Local Chairman Mitchel at 8:30 p. m., who explained the standing of the membership of the division.

General Chairman Liddane then took up Supplement 13 to General Order No. 27 in detail, followed by a general discussion, in which all the members took an active part. It was the most successful meeting we have held on the division in many years. As our general chairman had not been with us in several years, it was surely a treat to hear him again.

Just before the meeting closed a rising vote of thanks was extended to Bros. Liddane and Mitchell for the loyal work they had done for the organization, which was followed with many kind words of encouragement for the future.

The entire membership of the division was shocked on the morning of January 27th on learning of the death of Sister Edna Kringle, at Deer Park, after an illness of three days with influenza. She was the first lady telegrapher and first sister on this division, beginning on Barronett third about a year ago, and after working at several other points, bidding in Deer Park second. Her remains were laid away at her old home in Rice Lake, January 29th. We sent a beautiful floral spray to the funeral, with the inscription "O. R. T." imbedded therein, and your representative presented her parents with a letter voicing our regret over her untimely death, and expressing our heartfelt sympathy for them in their great bereavement.

Bro. Geo. Welch has returned to "WG" Superior second from Illinois, where he was

called recently owing to the serious illness of his little daughter, who, we are glad to learn, is much improved.

Bro. Perry, Minong, off several weeks with the "flu," was relieved by Sister Carey, who was also down with it a few days after Bro. Perry recovered and she returned home.

Bro. Jacobs was called to Minong recently, owing to the sudden death from an attack of the "flu" of his brother-in-law, Dell Jones, a switchman at the Head of Lakes yard several years ago. His wife and little daughter and other relatives have our sympathy in their hours of sorrow.

Sister Zubrick has taken third Shell Lake, relieved on second Rice Lake by Bro. Harback, and he on third there by R. S. Nelson. Later Bro. Harback was relieved several nights by Bro. Carter, owing to illness. Bro. Sheppard, agent Raddison, was also on sick list recently.

Bro. S. M. Nicoles, agent Superior passenger station, is enjoying a visit from his mother; his father being called East, owing to the death of his aged mother.

The writer enjoyed a pleasant visit recently from Bro. Frank Brandell, who has not been out of Washburn for several years.

Among those who have returned from the service of "Uncle Sam" are: Bros. Koxlik, Thorpe, Nelson, Strausberg, Peterson and Kingelm. The latter went to Tuscobia, vice Sister Salle, who relieved Bro. Moratto, second Solon Springs, resigned. Tuscobia is now a three-trick office, Bro. Jenkins on second and Bro. Jahn on third. Bro. Peterson resumed on first Cameron, with Bro. Fouts on second and Bro. Hiemstead on third.

Sister Mertaugh relieved Bro. Lee at Spring Brook and Bro. Larson at Chippewa Falls for several days.

Bro. Blake is being congratulated on the arrival at his home of a boy on February 12, who will be named Robert Lincoln in honor of the great liberator and his son.

Among those who attended the meeting on January 30th were: Bros. Holmes, Peterson, Brodt, Ruid, Winslow and Hinmann from the C. F. & N line, also Bro. Brandl, who rejoined recently, and Bro. Stahl, another old timer, just lately affiliated with us, who we were not able to legislate for until a few months ago.

Our capable cartoonist, Bro. Shuler, has presented me with a picture of the proceedings at the Spooner meeting so true to nature that it even shows Bro. Ruids' red hair, the brand of pill Bro. Sauers smokes, the perpetual smile of Bro. Hoard, the brand of big black stogie Bro. Liddane smokes, and the latest style in millinery which adorned Sister Lund's head. Boys, you should see it.

Again honored by being selected to serve you during the next two years, without any opposition, I cannot find words to express my appreciation. It is surely the best proof that

my feeble efforts in your behalf are appreciated, and that you retain the same confidence in me that you have so clearly shown in the past. What we have accomplished in the past two years has not been due to my efforts alone. While they have been the two hardest years of my life, still it has been a pleasure to serve you, because you stood solidly behind me, and I knew I could count on each one of you. My love for the organization, and the expressions of encouragement I received from you from time to time, would bring out the best there is in any man. During the next two years let us each one strive to do our duty as nobly as we have in those just passed. We are at a critical stage in the history of the organization, with the flush of victory full upon us, and we must not waste any time in misunderstandings, nor uninterestedness, if we expect to retain what we now have, and secure better working conditions and a higher rate of remuneration.

"X," CERT. 330.

#### Nebraska Division—

Bro. W. T. Parchen and Bro. S. R. Morrell were in Omaha recently, taking the visual examination.

One of the most severe snowstorms in many years tied up this division several days recently, but a record was made in clearing it away, considering the severity and duration of the blizzard.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the wife and relatives of Bro. Bailey, who passed away recently at Pender. We regret exceedingly to see him taken from our midst, for a more worthy brother never lived.

Some few of our members, now that we have the eight-hour day and no Sunday work, seemingly are not satisfied. They want to work *all* the time. Likewise, we have some members who seem to think it is their bounden duty to lug U. S. mail pouches to their graves. They have carried them so long that it has become a mania with them, and when the section foremen begin handling the mail some of these worthy brethren of ours are liable to go to rag-picking or delivering laundry in order to carry sacks. Let us get away from that mail carrying while we have the chance, regardless of how much cheaper the companies can have the section men do it. We have been harping for years to be relieved from the burdensome task, and now that there is a way open to relieve us, let us take it manfully and be glad of it. The majority wanted it; the majority have it eliminated, and the beds that they have feathered they are willing to lie in. As to the minority, we have never seen one word written in the journal at any time favoring the contention that the agents should continue to carry mail—all the sentiment has been against it, and no one has any kick coming.

CERT. 305.

#### Eastern Division—

There isn't a man now getting less than \$100 for eight hours' work. It hasn't been very long ago when we were working twelve hours for \$50, 365 days in the year, unable to get off an hour for dinner on Sunday. Now the hours have been arranged to let as many off on Sunday as possibly can be spared. Those who cannot be spared all day are excused for part of it.

Money is a mighty nice thing to have, but we should not make slaves of ourselves grabbing after it, working our heads off and confining ourselves to the office the whole time to get it. We are getting nearly double the amount we received in 1917, working eight hours and part of the day off Sunday.

We must stand firm or we will lose that which we have been a long time getting and want to hold.

Come out to the meetings, have these things explained, and you will see where you are wrong.

The recent meeting at Eau Claire was attended by some 35 enthusiastic members and we all gained valuable information. We were well represented by the exclusive agents, and the brothers from Mondovi line came over in force in autos.

I think it would be a good plan to have meetings every two or three months, and have those with grievances come and have them threshed out, which would be a good lesson for the rest of us, as our general chairman could explain in a short time that which would take him hours to write out and then the brother probably wouldn't be satisfied.

By joining the union of his craft the worker gets the immense benefit of co-operation with his fellows, including funeral benefits, increased confidence, self-respect and the happiness which comes from the banding together of many men for a common purpose. The future belongs to the useful workers, and one who remains outside the organization of his fellow workmen becomes a nonentity. Keep after the *nons* until he gets inside and becomes a real somebody.

Brothers, we must line up the nons or we will have to continue paying their way without any thanks from them. Don't wait for the other fellow. If you cannot line them up, send their names to your local chairman.

CERT. 6.

#### Western Division—

Sister Walvoord of Minneopa, visiting relatives in Wisconsin, relieved by Miss Johnson. Miss Tolterfson relieved Sister A. C. Peterson at Bigelow, who went to Minneopa.

Bro. T. A. Ross relieving at Doon, displaced at Shakopee by R. P. Warner, return-

ing from government service. Bro. B. P. Baker has returned from the front and C. E. Anderson from the army camp to Merriam. F. A. Schaefer, who also spent several months in camp, has resumed at Le Seuer, displacing Sister Anderson, now at Sibley.

The C. & N. W. pulled off second Mankato. "The Omaha" second and third trick men now work the wires of both roads there. Bro. Leatherman, second Mankato C. & N. W., succeeded "Dad" Wells at Burnett, retired on a pension January 1st. E. M. Hickey, Windom, has resigned.

Several new telegraph positions have been opened up on the western end of this Western Division.

Nineteen attended the afternoon, and thirty-six the evening meeting held in the Municipal Court room at Mankato, February 9th, including five lady members at the former and seven at the latter session.

Bro. Tenney acted as chairman, while Bro. Liddane explained many things in connection with Supplement 13 that had not been thoroughly understood, and spoke at some length on various topics, principally present labor conditions throughout the country and our future prospects. He has been holding a series of meetings on each division.

Bro. Christie of Montrose traveled 190 and Bro. Cook of Rushmore over 100 miles each way, and Bro. "Dad" Beyer of Dundee came seven miles on a hand car Saturday evening to catch the main line train, returning the same way Monday morning. Bros. Pickett, Truman and Wennemark of Lewisville traveled 110 miles in an auto in order to be present. Madella had 100 per cent representation—agent and three telegraphers—and many others made extra efforts to attend.

Splendid talks were given by Bros. Newmann, Leak, Douglass, Swinington, Humble, Lehman, Heller, Jansen, Eckman and "Dad" Beyer and others, including several of the sisters.

Remember that Geo. Kleeman, Avoca; C. F. McCarthy, Savage; D. S. Josephson, Kassota; A. G. Jansma, Beaver Creek, and P. J. Skaarud, Blue Earth, are still on the "now" list.

CERT. 2.

#### Kansas City Southern Ry., Div. No. 5. Southern Division—

Bro. E. N. Malone, drafted last year, after spending a few days visiting at Kansas City, will resume work at the shops.

If we will all get busy and line up the few nons left, we can send in our committee and demand the two days off each month and two weeks' vacation a year with full pay, the same as the dispatchers get. Let's have a write-up on this subject.

Bro. E. J. Koretz, formerly with the W. U. at Springfield, Mo., recently at Texarkana, is helping out at Shreveport, owing to the death of Chief Dispatcher Gable from the ef-

fects of the "flu." Second Trick Dispatcher Gibbs promoted to the vacancy, and Carman Hooper, Shreveport shops, to superintendent telegraph, vice R. L. Logan, deceased.

Bro. S. C. Justis has returned to the fold.  
CERT. 743.

#### Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.

##### Kansas Division—

New members: Sister B. E. Sewell at Menoken second; Bros. S. C. Wilson at "GN" Kansas City; F. C. Haunstein, Linwood second; F. P. Smart, A. W. Wright and L. S. Fortner, Republican River bridge tower, and A. P. Cole, extra Circleville.

Bro. B. J. Hershey, a new man from the Michigan Central, relieved Bro. McCollough, Junction City, when called to his home at Polo, Mo., on account of the serious illness of his mother. Bro. Robertson to Junction City, and Bro. Harry Englemann, a new man from the Katy, relieved on Ft. Riley first and Junction City third, pending bulletins, and Bro. Wilson relieved at Lincoln Center and Detroit, pending transfers.

Relief Agent Bro. Anderson, who relieved Bro. Hook, Manhattan agency, while on schedule negotiations in Omaha, later relieved Bro. Stepp at Ft. Riley on account of sickness of relatives at Cheyenne. Bro. Sullivan to "MH" extra.

Bro. F. L. Allen has recently returned from the army and has gone to Frankfort third, Bro. Cobb going back to Duluth.

Bro. Cosley, "RI" Junction third, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Harrington, Bonner Springs third, later by Bro. W. S. Walter from Salina.

Bro. Horne, "DI" Salina second, who relieved Dispatcher Broyles a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Batley, extra from Gorham.

Bro. Babcock relieved at Ellis third a few nights before going to his regular trick at Abilene.

"GN" office is being remodeled and is soon to be fitted up with new equipment of the latest type. Bro. Webb, "Z" Kansas City, has returned from his regular monthly ten-day vacation in "DS," relieved by Bro. Ackers from "GN," and he by Bro. Brewer. Bro. Druley, second chief "GN," was off several days, owing to the illness of his father in Southern Kansas.

Bro. A. L. Pinett has returned from the U. S. Radio Service to Onaga. Bro. Pommier back to Gorham, vice Bro. Golden to extra. Bro. G. R. Carr and Bro. J. F. Kullie returned from the army, the former to Salina "DI" third; latter to Camp Funston first, vice Bro. Hildebrand to extra, who relieved Bro. C. E. Anderson, third there, a few days, visiting friends in Denver and other Western points.

Bro. Fernstrom, Cleburne, off sick, relieved by Bro. A. P. Batchelor; Bro. A. P.

Cole, Central Division R. J., relieved Bro. Clevenger at Blaine and Bro. Moore at Circleville, account sickness.

Yocemento station closed January 21st, Bro. Mobley returning to Rossville third, vice Bro. Skaggs to extra board, relieved Bro. Enochs at Grantville.

Sister M. M. Hunt, extra Hays second, relieved by F. J. Northern, and Bro. W. T. Bailey relieved Bro. Piper at Dorrance a few days.

Bro. Gibson, bumped at Ellis, returned to Winchester; Bro. Baker to Ellis agency; Bro. Hockensmith to East End relief, and Bro. Anderson to Central Division relief, vice Bro. Cole to extra.

During a snow blockade Wilson was opened temporarily as continuous office; Bros. Hershey and Dreiling on the two extra tricks.

Boys, keep after the few nons. Let's make the division solid now that the war is over and the new rates of pay are in effect.

CERT. 1103.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. Hundson on vacation, Bro. Gardner acting manager of office.

Bro. Ashcraft returned from vacation in Arkansas to Evanston, later relieved by Bro. Arthur J. Peirs, who we are glad to see back from army life. Former relieves Bro. Kirkwood at Gateway. Expect Bro. Wheeler back from "overseas" in about 60 days.

Sherlock Holmes, sick of his 4 a. m. job, returned to Evanston relay.

Sister Miss Ward, who resigned and returned to her home in Erie, Pa., died recently from blood poison, caused by a broken arm.

Local Chairman Davis while at Omaha in conference with General Chairman Stump regarding the recent wage increase, relieved by Bro. Boatwright, who later went to Henefer.

It is now Bro. Rullmann, Evanston relay office, formerly with the K. C. S.

Bro. Schade succeeds Bro. Fretwell at Green River relay owing to reduction in "NA" force.

Our general superintendent recently gave a very interesting talk in Evanston club house on fuel conservation.

Let's all be sure when clearing trains and delivering orders that they are perfectly correct. Tests are being made, and some of the boys, including ye scribe, have been caught on improper clearance cards and orders.

We are now getting paid twice a month instead of once on this division.

Motto for 1919: Stay lined up. Confidential happenings to be mentioned only to those who carry a card.

Send me your notes before the 25th.

CERT. 1653.

#### *Nebraska Division—First District—*

Bro. Collipriest, agent Loup City, bid in Madison agency, Bro. Mitchell on pension. Agent W. O. Clark, Spalding, on month vacation to New Orleans and West Coast, new man Whitley relieved him.

Bro. C. J. Faes, second Columbus, landed in Newport News, Va., Jan. 6, and will return to his old position after service in France. Bro. A. J. Ross, new man from C. N. W., third Columbus, relieved Bro. Walford now in the navy.

Bro. Turrentine honorably discharged from navy is back on Central City second, and Otto Greggersen back from U. S. training camp, relieved Bro. Stone, first Lane, on vacation. Bro. Chris Johnson on second Lane, pending Ray Owens' return from the service.

Bro. O. E. Nichols is relieving Bro. G. W. Whitton, third, and Bro. Neal relieving Bro. Carlson, Fremont second, both now with the colors.

"FR" Omaha fifth report job abolished, Bro. Stone returning to Lane Tower first. Bro. J. W. Langley, "FR" first, is now dispatching on Third Bridge District, vice Dispatcher Johnson, relieving Omaha dispatchers on their two days' monthly vacations. J. C. Buehler is now on second "FR" Omaha, relieved at Gilmore by E. P. Stewart.

Bro. R. R. Vath, recuperating from the effects of the "flu," is visiting relatives in Western Nebraska, and Bro. Mueller is back at Madison after a siege with it.

Brothers, mail your First District items to Bro. Sulc at Schuyler before the 15th of each month so we can have a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER regularly. CERT. 712.

#### *Nebraska Division—Second District—*

Bro. C. N. Frye, who relieved Knudsen, second Kearney, on vacation in Wisconsin, later returned to Third District, relieved by Sister Hill, who later relieved Dart at Brady Island several days. We are glad to see Bro. Geo. W. Curtis, recently discharged from the navy, back on second there. Sister Hill is now on second Elm Creek.

Bro. Brown, Eddyville, was a recent Kearney visitor.

"GD" Lard, Grand Island, is now three tricks. Bro. Burr, second Kearney, is handling the engine report job in "H," Grand Island.

The mother of Bro. A. H. Deen at Buda, who has been having serious trouble with her eyes, we are glad to learn is improving.

CERT. 1257.

#### *Colorado Division—*

Numerous changes are being made at the different stations on account of Supplement 13, naming an eight-hour day which we have been after for many years. It's been a hard fight to get this concession, now let's live up to it. If you cannot do the work in eight

hours, take up with your superintendent and local chairman and get an adjustment.

We are glad to have Bro. Bowlin with us again. He has just returned from the U. S. service and is now on first Lasalle. Also Bro. Parham on Cheyenne Wells second.

Bro. Frost, sick a few days, is back on second "CO", "UD" again.

Bro. Brawner, first trick wire chief, has a new boy at his home.

Local Chairman Sutherland, called to Omaha for a committee meeting with reference to Supplement 13 and our new schedule, relieved by Bro. Hunter.

A tentative agreement was made so we can get part of our back pay while we are waiting on the interpretations of some rules.

Bro. Brigham has taken third Kit Carson, a new position.

Bro. Dent, dispatcher's office, now on third Brighton.

Bro. Henry, who accepted Sterling ticket agency, relieved Bro. Griffin at Carr a few days while latter was being operated on for appendicitis.

Bro. McCulley relieved at Zurich a few days by Bro. Grendler account sickness in family.

Bros. Lummis, Hannon, Burnett, Kane, Parker and McCulley were recent "UD" visitors. We are glad to have up-to-date brothers call on us.

Send your notes for the write-up to Bro. Frost, "UD." Pay your dues and special assessment as soon as possible, and help keep the division solid.

Div. COR.

#### Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.

#### Revelstoke Division—B. C. District—

A well attended meeting was held in Revelstoke, Thursday, February 6, 1919, the main issue being that of the Sunday overtime rate. The acceptance of straight time for Sunday work was protested very vigorously. Local Chairman Ashdown was of the opinion that the matter would be satisfactorily adjusted. He left Saturday February 8th, to meet with the general committee in Montreal.

Our division can almost boast of an 100 per cent membership.

Recently a third trick operator was advised that he could share the cupola of a caboose with an engine crew, the first floor incidentally being occupied by five others with their complete sleeping and bathing kit. We hear many accounts of the living conditions in the trenches and incidentally of some on this division. The scribe, having put in a hitch in both places, registers a preference for his old home in Flanders.

Quite a number of stations failed to be represented at the last meeting. Such a deplorable condition is exceedingly disheartening.

Brothers, how about a banquet at the next meeting? Address all notes and comments to

S. R. SMITH,  
Revelstoke Div. Cor.,  
Stoney Creek, B. C.

#### Revelstoke Division Notes—

Bro. Ross, agent Field, off a few days on account of illness, relieved by Bro. Little, relieving agent, who later relieved Bro. Sullivan at Armstrong on vacation.

Bro. Fair is back at "CN" nights, relieved at "AC" by Bro. W. J. Smith. Bro. Elsenhart, "CN" days on leave, relieved by Bro. E. G. Foster.

Bro. Bill Kirk, having returned from the domain of Uncle Sam, is again handing up the tissues at Golden. Bro. Bruce was married there recently.

Bro. Scotty Allen reports weasels and coyotes plentiful.

The "flu" had us all side-stepping for a while, but fortunately there were no fatalities.

Bro. Kemerling was quite successful moose hunting in the Leanchoil district toward the end of the open season.

Bro. E. F. Little returned from military service with his bride, and relieved Bro. Shaw, at Shuswap, on two weeks' vacation.

With deep regret we learned of the death of Bro. E. A. Boyle of wounds in France, October 1, 1918. He went overseas with the first Canadian contingent early in 1915, and was engaged continuously, rising to the rank of captain and winning the Military Cross. It seems hard, indeed, that after such service he should have met his death so near the war's end.

We will all be glad to see Bro. F. M. Nicholls, U. S. N., back on third on the Mountain again.

Bro. H. C. Laughlan was elected to the city council by acclamation. "Sen" has our best wishes for success.

Bro. J. A. Maxwell enjoyed the baths at Halcyon a few days, relieved by Bro. E. J. Bassett.

Bros. Haney and Little, while tobogganing recently, had a spirited encounter with a stump, the latter getting the best of it.

Bro. Robitaille, on a tour of the Sunny South, is being relieved by Bro. A. B. Currie.

Bro. T. E. Little is acting local chairman during the absence of Bro. Ashdown on committee work, and Bro. Ireland is relieving him as agent at Notch Hill. Bro. Ashdown is making good mileage these days and learning the road from coast to coast. We are to be congratulated on having a man of his qualities to represent us, and he deserves our loyal support and assistance. We may be sure that if his personal wishes were consulted he would prefer to be home like the rest of us, but he is doing his bit, and then

some, perhaps at no small sacrifice. We pay our dues and then sit back and twirl our thumbs in self-satisfaction. Let us not forget that this in itself won't make the wheels go round, and that we owe much to the man who gets out in front and does the hard work. Local chairmen should be paid for their services. Mention of this was made in notes from an eastern division of this system in the December TELEGRAPHER. Think it over, talk it over and discuss it at the next meeting.

CERT. 594.

#### *Edmonton Division—*

There were twenty-seven members present at the meeting in Edmonton on Sunday, February 2d, many of whom had a long and tiresome ride in order to get there. The meeting opened at 10 a. m. with Bro. Jackson in the chair; Bro. Gunn, in the absence of Bro. Finkle, acted as secretary.

Bro. Jackson gave us a line-up of the proceedings in Montreal during the schedule negotiations, and explained the many delays which occurred. After this followed the general business and a discussion of conditions and grievances. Being but few of the latter, the meeting only lasted until 6:30 p. m.

Twenty-five members present.

Bro. Finkle was unable to attend owing to an attack of the "flu," but glad to learn that he will soon be out again.

The installation of the eight-hour day caused some shifting around on account of the lack of men, Sedgewick and Leduc nights being closed. Several of the boys from this division overseas should soon return, when the shortage of men would soon be over and things become adjusted to a permanent working basis.

Strathcona, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin and Coronation have been made three-man jobs. Camrose closed from 5K to 8K, and "MD" Edmonton from 3K to 7K. The boys are certainly glad to be working eight hours and have a chance to "live" for at least a few hours each day, an impossibility when they had to put in twelve hours a day and seven days a week.

The several new men have all promised to line up, but we must keep right on their trail otherwise, while their intentions may be good, they might forget.

A California winter has made business very quiet, and while we would all like to see it on the boom, the mild weather is certainly being appreciated.

CERT. 1220.

#### *Moose Jaw District—*

Bro. Quesnell has bid in second Weyburn. Sorry to lose him from our district. Bro. Sonne goes to Indian Head second.

We are glad to welcome Bros. Dave Anderson and H. A. Tiers to our district again, the former to first "Q" Swift Current, the latter relieving Dispatcher Bro. F. H. Flett,

who is enjoying his holiday in the warm climate of sunny California.

Bro. Cline, agent Parkbeg, on holidays, relieved by L. T. Wilson, who also relieved Bro. King, agent Caron, while off with the "flu" several days.

Bro. Leblue, Herbert days, visited Moose Jaw, Sunday, February 16th.

Bro. Carter, agent Cadogan, gets Outlook agency; Bro. C. E. Spencer, Guernsey; Bro. R. H. Scott, Instow, and Bro. R. M. Phaneuf is back from Saskatoon District on Stranraer agency.

The long looked for increase came February 16th. We should get all the "nons" lined-up now, and make our district 100 per cent.

Hope the brothers will send in some notes, as it is very hard for one to gather all the news from this large district.

CERT. 2860.

#### *Kenora District—*

For several months past it has been considered best not to make any attempt at a write-up from this district for various reasons, principally owing to governmental restrictions limiting the size of our Journal and the embargo is still on. However, now that the war is over, we hope for better times generally and an improvement in all departments of the service.

The members are receiving their checks for back time from August 1st, the result of hard work on the part of our faithful committeemen. They are still in Montreal in our behalf and will doubtless have other good things for us on their return. We have made a considerable stride for the welfare of the fraternity generally in securing the adoption of the eight-hour day for all agents and operators on the system, aside from the handsome increase. I feel proud to be an employe of the first road in Canada to adopt the eight-hour day for our department, and believe it will only be a short time until it will become universal for operators on all the roads in the country. I am also proud to be a member of the organization that has been instrumental in securing these concessions.

Bro. E. S. Nixon, who spent Sunday at his home in Tyndall, Man., recently, relieved Agent Gooding, Kenora, while holidaying with his family in Vancouver, B. C., and other western points.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Bro. H. D. Howard, agent Lydiatt, Man., for a number of years. Bro. Howard was in his usual health and attended to his duties up to 22K Saturday night, February 15th. When he did not report for duty on Sunday it was learned that he had died some time during the night of heart failure. Bro. Alex. Wade, agent Beausejour, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Bro. M. S. Campbell, agent Dryden, Ont., spent a few weeks at his old home in Kingston, N. S. Relieved by Bro. L. F. McFarlane, relieved at Dinorwic, Ont., by Bro. A. P. McFarlane.

Bros. A. J. Whitemore, agent North Transcona, Man., and W. H. Davies, Dryden, Ont., days, with their families purpose visiting their former home in Birmingham, England, during the coming summer.

Bro. L. H. Withrow, second Ignace, Ont., spent his holidays with his wife at their former home in London, Canada, relieved by Bro. M. B. Hoffman. Sister Margaret Syberg is now on Ignace third.

Sister D. C. Rhind, second "RS" Kenora, visited her parents' home at Dinorwic, February 18th.

The C. N. R. elevator at Port Arthur, which was the largest in the world, was destroyed by fire February 19th.

Great numbers of our soldier boys are returning almost daily. None of the operators who enlisted from this district are back, but some of them are expected shortly, and it is gratifying to note that they will *ALL* be home by August 1st. Bro. W. C. Leitkie writes under date of January 15th that he had been granted six days' leave, which he spent in Glasgow and Edinburgh having a good time with splendid treatment on all sides.

Boys, there are only a few "nons" on the entire district. We can soon clean them up if each one goes after them right. Let's all get busy and give Bros. Wilton and Gilbert some assistance along these lines.

WILL U. DOORIT, Cert. 1197.

#### *Farnham Division—*

Since last write-up everyone has drawn back pay, distribution of increase has been made and all are working on the eight or nine-hour day basis. Schedule committee in Montreal will be through with negotiations in a few days.

When eight-hour day went into effect several winter offices closed, men used on third at other stations. All permanent new positions created were bulletined.

Bro. Messier, Foster second, went to Breslau third, Montreal Terminals.

One of the twin girls recently born to Bro. Gosselin, train dispatcher, died a few days after.

Bro. Beaudry, agent Mississquoi, back after several months' illness, wishes to thank the brothers who brought relief to him, particularly Bros. Pouliot, Richford and Local Chairman Levesque.

Bro. J. Connors, Waterloo, sick since December 28, 1918, is being relieved by Bro. J. Belidie.

Bro. Manny, agent Milan, has recovered and is back at work.

It is now Bros. J. J. Morgan, Dispatcher Farnham; Madge, agent North Troy; J. O. Letellier, agent Kingsbury; Assistant Agent Vlau, Iberville, and Operators J. O. Boulais, F. F. T. Brown, C. R. Coultes, C. Nelson, L. O. Patenaude, J. A. Palardy, E. Dickensen and A. Larivee, spare men. A few others are just in, names of whom I have not got. Congratulations, brothers.

Sherbrooke Yard closed February 1st and staff removed to the station. Staff system between Megantic and Glen River also taken out.

Bros. J. E. Brouillette, agent Johnville, and J. N. Beauchemin, third Iberville Jet., recently married. Best wishes for happiness.

Bro. Garlepy, on sick list one year, expects to resume duty in April. Bro. Wahl, agent Centre, is also still on sick list.

Bro. Yates, Cowansville, has purchased a new piano. Don't ask what he did with his back time.

Bro. Levesque, returned to office by acclamation, is sparing neither time nor effort for the good of the cause, and has also been elected delegate to the convention in St. Louis, Mo., in May next, and Bro. F. A. Pouliot, alternate.

Operators' Sunday overtime got a blow Sunday, February 18th, when the no operation of trains on Sunday was inaugurated. I believe the majority of men prefer not to work on Sundays, but we are now getting a living wage without the Sunday work.

Brothers who have not already done so will please remit the first month's increase. If any shortage in back time received, take it up with superintendent's accountant, being governed in figuring it by instructions contained in circular letter from the general committee some weeks ago.

F. A. P., Secy.

#### *New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8. Hudson Division—*

The meeting January 17th was very well attended, General Chairman Morey explained Supplement No. 13 and the general chairmen's meeting and work at Washington, D. C.

Bro. C. E. Bell recently moved to Croton, and before arranging for insurance his home burned, and he lost everything. The boys made up a nice purse, for which he is very grateful.

A number of stations have either been put on short time, or closed on Sunday.

Bro. W. A. Smith, 72nd St. days, is now in the dispatcher's office.

February 14th we received our back pay from October. There is no reason now for a delinquent or a "non" on this division.

Bro. W. J. Bumpster has been discharged from the army.

Local Chairman Fraleigh has been successful in adjusting some of the rates for

positions on this division with the local officials, where they at first disagreed with him, and the others were taken up when he met the management with the general committee in New York, February 14th.

Signalmen who have had extra duties added where stations were closed on Sunday believe this an injustice should write the chairman, who will endeavor to get a satisfactory settlement.

Bro. Fraleigh was again nominated without any opposition for local chairman and delegate. This speaks very highly for Bro. Fraleigh's work in the past six years that he has been local chairman and delegate.

The position of signalman operator and relief agent, held by Bro. Lewis, was abolished February 1st on account of discontinuing vacations.

Bro. W. O. Sloan is now clerking in the Pokeepsie freight office.

Bro. Lewis, third S. S. "77," on eight days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Neal.

CERT. 149.

#### Syracuse Division—West Shore—

There was a good attendance at our last meeting in Syracuse. We were glad to see some of our sisters there, and hope they will come again.

Supplement No. 13 was read and explained by Bro. Morey.

Much has been accomplished towards the betterment of our working conditions and salary increases during 1918, but there remains considerable yet to be done in the Order to keep our organization up to the highest efficiency. If you need application blanks, call me at "CJ" after 10:30 p. m. Keep after any "non" working in your office or near you until you land him. Brothers and sisters, help me all you can to make this West Shore side solid.

The main line side is practically solid. See that F. M. Caswell, S. S. "47," and E. E. Palmer, S. S. "SX," keep their promises and get a card at once. Remember our motto.

Some brother has been divulging the minutes of our meetings to one of these "nons." They are not entitled to any consideration, and should be given a dose of their own medicine.

We had the pleasure of attending a Lehigh Valley meeting in Rochester recently. General Chairman Leh and Local Chairman Crane gave very interesting talks.

The levermen which I mentioned in the January issue as being put on at "SS-25-A" were put on at "SS25" instead.

Sister E. O. Hassenthaler, displaced at Fairmont agency, is back at Clyde, vice Miss Burk, who went to Amboy.

Bro. M. H. Park displaced Miss E. Jones

at Elba, who relieved Mrs. Goerke at Bowmannville, on sick list.

Bro. Ward Beaman relieved Bro. Crandell at "SS15," and Bro. Gallagher at "SS20," on their vacations.

Bro. Proseps, at "SS16," and Bro. Floyd Palmer, "SS37," were laid up several days with the "flu."

Bro. Blim was relieved for a week at Chilby Stoltz, a new man.

Bro. R. E. Bunting has returned to Carfu after several weeks' visit in Florida.

Dellwood Station closed, Bro. Bectler displacing Bro. Brown at Lancaster.

Sister Lewis was off recently, relieved by L. Lathrop.

Sister A. Wheeler is now at Port Gibson mornings, relieved by Miss Grace Card at Newark, and Miss Minnie Loeb is at Port Gibson evenings, relieved at "WN" by Bro. Moch. She relieved Sister Tilton at Waynesport several days.

Bro. W. A. Potter has returned to "SS20" after acting a week as administrator on an estate in Buffalo. Bro. Beaman, who relieved him, later relieved by Bro. Gratton, is now working up on back pay.

A lot of extra help has been put on where the agents were working over eight hours.

Bro. Henry Kelly, agent Bergen, has an extra clerk, making three men there now, but only one operator.

Sister Radunz, agent East Bergen, is relieved at 2:20 p. m. now, being on duty only eight hours, and Sister Mrs. P. L. Hovey works the other six hours.

Bro. Pat. Groome, safety committeeman from the Oregon Short Line, called on me recently. He has all of his O. R. T. cards from 1890 to 1919 without a miss.

New members: Sisters Dorothy Culver and Vera N. Tilton; Bros. J. C. Grimes, J. Paton, J. T. Guider, C. D. Hutchinson, Ed. Blair and H. F. Cundiff.

Thanks to Sisters Cole, Tilton and Duke, and Bros. Wood, Beaman, Fess and Mansell for the news they gave me. Address your notes to P. L. Hovey, Box 76, Bergen, N. Y., who has been appointed division correspondent.

"AO," Cert. 1949.

#### "Monon Route," Div. No. 9.

##### Northern Division—

Bro. Busha, third "AD," relieving Dispatchers "Huey," "Mack" and "Paul" two days' each.

Fair Oaks and Haskell made three tricks, giving the dispatchers a better chance to handle trains.

Bro. Jackson, second Shelby, says he sure hates to do business by these "oil lamps." Bro. Depue is now on first there.

The agents are bidding on telegraph jobs since their hours have been cut down to eight, and Sundays to a call or so.

Bro. Hufford is back on second Frankfort. Didn't like the tune the owls played on Gosport third.

Roundhouse, Indianapolis, cut off, General Chairman Hollon will probably bump in somewhere where the "fleh'm" is good.

#### *Southern Division—*

It is now Bro. Joe Davis, agent at Borden.

Bro. "Red" Dunkin, recently discharged from the service at Camp Taylor, bid in third McDowell, vice Bro. Coan, on vacation south. Mr. Frakes, also recently discharged from the service, went to Orleans third, vice Bro. Braxton, to fourth trick dispatcher's office.

Bro. Speer, McDowell, recently took his wife to Indianapolis for an operation for gall stones, from which we are glad to hear she is recovering nicely.

Bro. Terry, second Shops, and wife, recently took in the sights at Louisville, relieved by Bro. Melton, who we regret to hear has resigned. We hate to lose any of our up-to-dates.

Bro. Roach, of Bedford, second, on sick leave for several months, visited "Gib" Kern, third trick dispatcher on the "Dog-Leg" for a few days recently.

Bros. H. T. Cornwell, agent Harrodsburg, and his son, Frank, are both down with the "flu," former relieved by Bro. Schuessler. Bro. Williams, third Bedford, who recently recovered from it, went to Chicago and bought some parts for his "Lazy-plane," with which he expects to run excursions on sight seeing tours between Bedford and Yockey this summer. "R" CERT. 213.

#### *Phila. & Reading Ry., Div. No. 10. Harrisburg Division—*

The morning following the Philadelphia meeting of January 30th, which might be fittingly called "The Great Peace Meeting," the general committee found the doors in the general manager's office swinging both ways.

Bro. Rawlins was with us in Harrisburg, February 24th. A special meeting was called, and we joined hands with the P. R. R. boys to give him a fitting welcome. Regret we could not have had him at that time for meetings at other points on the Reading.

We are now compiling adjustments for presentation to the Board of Wages and Working Conditions, especially in the matter of differentials created through the operation of General Order No. 27 and its supplements. There are quite a few low spots to be brought up, and we are searching out every avenue in need of correction; however, we are only human and may overlook something, so we want all the coaching the members can give us. If you have anything under your hat, put it on paper and mail it to your local chairman.

The schedule, a real modern instrument, is about completed. It will be a good idea to paste it up in every office.

Bro. Scheaffer's squib in the February issue made a hit with the general chairman who has written him to take care of the P. H. & P. end of the fraternal notes for the future. Hope he consents.

Local Chairman McNeil succeeded in straightening out all the kicks handed him. No trouble whatever now to do business since Mr. Falck decided the general committee of the O. R. T. is to do business for all in the telegraph department. Vacancies in future will be advertised all over the entire division, the C. V. people having been notified to this effect, and all positions which were unadvertised have been fully covered. The money matters the local chairman has in hand, of course, have to go before the Board of Wages and Working Conditions for adjustment.

On March 3d the ballots were counted and, of course, you now know results. The general committee has convened and put the machine in high gear for future work.

Funny how our soldier boys are coming back broke, but game enough to dig up money and "get into the clear," while some dead ones are still yelling "poverty" as their excuse for being on the outside. Better get inside fellows, the time is mighty close when "No card, no favors" is to prevail, and it is going to be mighty hard sledding on a division such as ours, which is now only kept from the 100 per cent mark by four who will find it mighty lonesome going when the clamps go down.

Beginning next month we are going to pay more attention to local happenings.

Pull hard for harmony and do business in a business-like way. Follow the constitution, and trouble in the ranks will be avoided. Read up on it; it is a sure trouble avoider.

CERT. 183.

#### *New York Division—*

The regular meetings of this division were held at 1315 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, the morning and evening of January 30th. The large attendance at all of them was very encouraging.

Our members know that the O. R. T. benefits us socially, morally and financially, costing us but four cents a day, and acts as our friend and protector, which is a very good argument to present the few "nons" left, when soliciting their applications.

President Perham is to be congratulated upon his success in securing Supplement 13 for us, with its good salary rating and better conditions than accorded us by Supplements 10 and 11.

Ewing and Woodbourne Cabins are being covered by men from the train service, Bro. Worthington goes to Langhorne third, and

Bro. Royahn to Belmeade third, "HX" abolished; Bro. Buchenauer to third Yardley, and Bro. Mild to second "GS." Bro. Van Dyke resigned. Two new towers are under construction.

Bro. Hanna was displaced by Bro. Charles going to "HJ." John Krewson has returned from the service and taken his former position.

Bro. H. C. Hiney has been appointed local chairman pending the election of a successor to Bro. Landis, who felt unable to do the work as well as he would like to do it, owing to poor train service, but will act as assistant local chairman and take care of the detail work up his way for the present. We should remember that grievances must be taken up with our superior officer first. If he does not remedy them, then submit them to our local chairman, with all the data complete. We should not take hasty action and resign as a brother did recently, when disciplined for an accident that occurred at his tower, in which others were involved.

Bro. McNeil has made us an able leader, and the members I have talked with are all in favor of increasing our dues slightly in order to place him on a yearly salary as general chairman so that he will be free to come and go as he wills, and not be obliged to report for duty on a regular job each day for the company. Div. COR., Cert. 439.

#### *Philadelphia Division—*

Bro. Byler, who has been very successful selling O. R. T. buttons, spent his vacation amongst his friends on the N. Y., N. H. & H.

Bro. Kreasky, second West Falls, succeeded on second Diamond by a slacker. Let's take this up.

We have twenty-four operators from this division "over there," and should begin to arrange receptions on their return. We might engage Bro. Scheffle, Peck Jct., and his "Melody Mutts" to entertain us after the meeting adjourns some day. CERT. 526.

#### *Reading Division—*

The Reading and W. & C. Division held their first closed meeting February 20th with a record attendance. Bro. McNeil, general chairman of Harrisburg, addressed evening meeting, making known the five points that the P. & R. will appeal on Supplement No. 12.

Everyone was sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Bro. F. Phillips, at Pottsville Jct., who had a number of years of faithful service to his credit. He is survived by a wife and two children. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all the boys on the Reading R. R. A beautiful pillow of flowers, suitably inscribed with O. R. T. memorials, was sent to his home to be placed on the casket at the funeral.

Bro. Phillips, a true blue, consistent member, always carried an up-to-date card and stood for the highest ideals of the organization.

Bro. Abram Lincoln Mosser, fifty-four years of age, who died February 4th, worked for the P. & R. Co. thirty-eight years. Starting as a train dispatcher in 1900, holding the position for fifteen years, when failing health caused him to take a six months' lay off. Returning still in poor health, he took Wyomissing Jct., which he was obliged to relinquish three years later for about seven months. June 1, 1918, he reported for duty and worked until November 6th, when he was again relieved on account of illness and never returned to duty.

Bro. E. E. Rarick, assistant at Port Clinton, looked after the flowers for our departed Bro. Phillips, and Bro. H. J. Kelchner after flowers for departed Bro. A. L. Mosser. The brothers extend their heartfelt sympathy to these families and their relatives.

February 9th the brothers at "SF," "AR," "HA," "MO," "RA" and "PA" were allowed to observe the sabbath, those offices being closed on Sunday probably the first time in the history of the road.

Bro. F. C. Rarick, relieved Bro. Leddy while fighting the "flu" ten days.

Bro. Dalley visited his parents in Conn recently.

We still have a few "nons" north of Reading. Brothers, let us make this division one of the strongest in the East. Everybody get busy on those you know are still out, and apply the motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 423.

#### *Wilmington & Columbia Division—*

The thanks of the members of the division are given to Bro. E. B. Rittenhouse, who furnished the meeting room for the meeting held at Wilmington, Del., on January 27th.

We are glad that Bro. W. E. Fosnocht, third Elsmere Junction, who had a siege of nineteen weeks' illness is able to be on the job again.

Bro. E. H. Keiser went from third "AV" to first "PG," vice S. J. Moore to third "AV."

Bro. Heckman was off ten days to visit his brother at Camp Meade, who was wounded in France.

All our oldest operators and agents on this division are up-to-date. A few of the youngest are out yet.

Geigertown, Cossart and Lancaster have been double tricked to avoid overtime. Understand there are several more to follow.

Bro. George F. Huy, operator and agent Lenhartville, employed since 1878, who has been ill for two months, is now able to take daily walks in the open air. CERT. 293.

**Canadian Govt. Rys., Div. No. 11.***First Div., Central Dist., Western Lines—*

Divisional dispatching office has been moved from Grant to Cochrane, and Bro. Bell, third "F" Cochrane, Bro. Sheridan, Pullen nights, and Bro. Chisholm, relieving agent, will do the work at Grant; "F" Cochrane abolished; message work being handled by "CR" commercial office and train order work by T. & N. O. operators. Bro. Kain, formerly second "F," goes to "CR," and Bro. Pickering, formerly first "F" office, promoted, now succeeding Bro. McKelvie, relieving dispatcher temporarily, who has gone to California owing to his sister's illness.

Bro. Verville, agent LaReine, will soon return from military duty. Bro. J. R. Brown, of the Flying Corps, is now at Savoff days. Bro. Eddie Taylor, welcomed after two years' absence, is relieving.

Bro. Jack Walker in Winnipeg with the general committee on schedule negotiations. He is expecting a settlement daily.

Bro. Guy Smith, batching for a month, has ordered a dish-washing machine on account of the vast accumulation of soiled dishes.

Three men are to be placed at all terminals as soon as operators are secured to fill vacancies.

"BULL MOOSE," Cert. 587.

**Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 15.**  
*Members Columbia District—*

The call as per Supplement 18 means two hours or less. If you are called for special service at 6 a. m., and kept until your regular time on duty at 8 a. m., you make two hours at regular overtime rate for the two hours, but if you worked only ten minutes, you would make the same two hours at overtime rate. This applies the same way for those who return on call after they are off duty.

The company is figuring on paying us only for actual time worked on Sunday. However, this question is to be handled as we claim full time if we report for Sunday duty at all.

As noted by Bro. Rawlins, on page 133 February TELEGRAPHER, he will reproduce in each issue in future interpretations of rulings of the Railroad Administration that concern the members.

If you have not already remitted for your place at our banquet, kindly do so at once, as I am personally responsible to the hotel for thirty or more plates. Members from other districts, other lines and the "Grand" will be very welcome indeed.

The man who fails to affiliate or lend his support to the authorized organization of his profession or craft, is detrimental to its best interests and acts as agent for his own destruction. The issue is plain, let's get them in.

Bro. H. W. Pearce, agent Holly Hill, was off several days owing to illness.

Geo. Tuttle, formerly assistant ticket agent at Sumter, now with the colors near Verdun, France, has been made corporal and is faring fine. Bro. Davis, on second Sumter for several years, now stationed at Boston, Mass., has been made sergeant.

Bro. Abe Ragan, agent Remini, is taking dancing lessons at Sumter. Bro. M. F. Dukes, Eutawville agency, was a Sumter visitor recently.

Claude Day, formerly lineman on the M. & A., is now at Petersberg, Va., still splicing wires.

We are glad to learn that the little daughter of Bro. Mabry, Columbia, has so far recovered from an attack of the "flu" as to permit him to return to duty.

I am indebted to some of the brothers for nominating me alternate to the St. Louis convention. This was entirely unsolicited, however, I will be glad to act if it becomes necessary.

Former Bro. Biggs has returned from six months' sojourn in the army to Sumter third, vice Bro. Ham, to second Lamar.

Keep after the cardless men on the district, especially the new comers. If they are made of the proper material they will respond to our requests to join, if not, remember, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Schipman is back on first Florence Yard after some time spent in the hospital, relieved by Bro. Graham, who also relieved Bro. Manning, second there, off a few days with the mumps, and was off himself several days owing to sickness at his home. Bro. Bell, Florence Yard third, off account U. S. court in Charleston, while Bro. Schipman was in the hospital, caused some doubling at the Yard. Later Bro. West, C. T. U., relieved the situation. He had been relieving Bro. Heard at Florence dispatcher's office while latter was in Rocky Mount hospital.

Bros. Carter, agent, and Croswell, T. C. O., Timmonsville, off some time with the "flu," were relieved by the chief clerk and Extra Maxwell.

Bro. Sasser has returned to Lynchburg second, relieving the doubling situation there.

Bro. Clifton, Darlington, sick for several weeks, is improving. Bro. Carter, relief agent, relieved at Lynchburg agency by Bro. Timmons, assigned, is relieving Bro. Clifton.

Bro. Newman, Simms first, is being relieved by Bro. Appleby. He has had the "flu" since before Christmas, and we are glad to learn that he is improving.

Bro. Bull, Orangeburg, has resigned to enter other work. We all wish him success.

Bro. Kolb, Pinewood agency, was off several days with the "flu," his clerk-operator Bro. Glenn doubling.

Bro. "Kit" Rogers relieved by Bro. Belenger, extra dispatcher, several days owing to the death of his mother. We all sympathize with Bro. Rogers in his great loss.

Note Article 7, paragraph "H" of our contract, and observe it literally. A case brought for non-payment of overtime not reported for several days after it was made would be pretty hard to handle under this clause.

We have been fighting a long time for an eight-hour day, and twenty-six day month; now that we have it, don't feel hurt if the company can dispense with your services on Sunday. You will be protected if it should in any way decrease your earnings.

T. A. B., Div. Cor.

#### *Charleston District—*

At the close of 1918 this district had no delinquents, and have now only two "nons" in the service more than sixty days, Whelpley at Drayton, and Vance at Ravenel. The new men coming to us lately have all voiced a desire to join, and we hope to soon have them all lined up with the exception of the two heretofore named.

Sister Mattie Nix and Bro. R. W. McCaroll were recently called to the great beyond. The bereaved relatives have our heartfelt sympathy.

Monteith, closed for more than a year, reopened recently with Bro. Clark, formerly clerk-operator Alcolu, on first, Sykes on second and Bennett on third; two new men that need attention of Bro. Clark.

The regular assigned men at Bennetts Yard are being used at other points, three extra relieving them.

Supplement 13 was applied on February pay roll, and we will soon get our back pay.

Bro. McKnight has returned after eighteen months' training in the Navy, about four months at the Naval Radio School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., the balance of time in overseas detail to France and various ports. Bro. Turner has also returned from about two years' service in the navy at the Communication Office, Navy Yard, Charleston. Bro. Bolick will soon return to third Vardell. Merriman and Weatherford will also soon be released from the navy and return to their regular jobs.

Our motto for 1919 is STAY ORGANIZED.

I have not received a single reply to any of the notes I sent to the different members all over this district requesting them to send me a few notes by the fifteenth of each month, so we could have a good write-up every month. Come along next time, fellows.

Dis. Cor., Cert. 838.

#### *Waycross District—*

Returning from Uncle Sam's service Bro. Munn took T. A. T. Quitman, Bro. House going to Tifton; Bro. Lamkin to A. T. at

McAlpin; Bro. D. H. Williams to Camilla C. T.; Bro. Singleton to Willacooches agency, Bro. Grice going back to Dupont; Bro. Mears to O'Brien; Bro. Stough to extra board, and Bro. Adams to Haylow.

Bro. C. A. Welch was off a few days owing to the illness of his son, whom we are glad to hear is recovering.

Bro. Bramlett was called to Albany recently account of death of his brother. We sympathize with him and his family in their loss.

Bro. Ratcliff, third Thomasville, promoted to city ticket office, Montgomery, relieved by Bro. Williams, later by Bro. Stough.

McAlpin and Homerville made three tricks with Bros. Brock and Moore on third, respectively.

Bro. Palmer was off recently, relieved by Bro. Mansfield; Bro. R. A. Williams, Camilla, a few days owing to scarcity of extra work, and Bro. J. L. Stewart, several days on account of the sickness of his brother, relieved by Bro. Mansfield.

We can all talk in years to come about the World War, but none of us will have anything to say compared to those who served in the trenches.

Let me have all the notes you can. I am indebted to Bro. D. H. Williams for most of these. F. A. CRITTENDEN, Cor.

#### *Richmond District—First Division—*

The writer joined the O. R. T. during the summer of 1899, and has seen many changes occur since then. At that time the average pay of railroad operators was around forty dollars a month, twelve hours regular and often twenty-four. No extra pay for doubling. No seniority and absolutely at the mercy of any official. To secure or hold a regular position too often depended on personal popularity with the officials. In case of trouble we had no resource whatever from the decisions of the chief, no matter how unjust they might be.

Now we have an eight-hour day, time and one-half for all overtime, two hours for a call, Sunday work reduced to the minimum, straight seniority and a local chairman ready and willing to handle our grievances if put in the regular way so he can do so. Still there are a few who pretend to believe that organized labor and the O. R. T. in particular never did anything for them.

There isn't a man in the service of any railroad today who doesn't know that all of the improved conditions, including the increase in pay of almost 100 per cent the past year we now enjoy was brought about wholly by the Order. Despite all of this there are several men on this district with their dues unpaid, and a few out and out "nons."

Brothers, we must see that these men get a card and do their bit, not only for them-

selves, but for their co-workers as well. It's a good investment now, and its going to be away above par for several years to come.

In a recent number of THE TELEGRAPHER the statement was made editorially that the ink on the armistice was hardly dry before the large employers of labor had begun to cast about for some means to reduce wages. This means that an absolutely solid organization is the only thing that will prevent this reduction. We must forget our petty grievances and support the thing that does the most for us, regardless of whether it personally pleases us or not.

Our officers have in the last few months done some noble work for us, risking their all to improve our conditions, absolutely without the hope of remuneration. We have profited as much as they and in some cases more. Show your appreciation and business judgment by keeping up to date and seeing that others do likewise.

Some of the agents affected by the elimination of Sunday work only visited their offices on Sunday heretofore, unless it was to complete some work left over from Saturday, and depended upon either a clerk or the operator to sell tickets and check baggage. If they have more work than they can accomplish in six days they should have more help or request their superintendent to allow them an hour or more each day in order to complete it. It is the policy of the Railroad Administration to eliminate Sunday work as far as practicable. This is in line with progress, and our brother agents are making a mistake by protesting against this ruling.

The long pending controversy over the seniority of Bros. Cutchen and Short, who bid in Enfield agency when it was vacated by Bro. Whitehead, has been settled by the general management deciding in favor of the former, a reversal of Supt. Laird's decision, who held that he appointed Bro. Short because Bro. Cutchen was incompetent.

Bro. Sanford has bid in Garys agency and Bro. Short will probably return to Battleboro. Bro. B. M. Bennett gets third Shops and Mr. Sterrell third Enfield. Someone see that he lines up as promised.

W. J. Thomas, formerly with the N. & W., got his up-to-date before he was here a month, and Bro. G. M. Waterhouse, Jr., from Pittsburgh Division, B. & O., has presented his card to Bro. Gee for transfer to Division No. 15. Mr. Applewhite, who bid in third Jarratts, has sent in his application. W. H. Chambliss, agent Emporia; J. P. Briggs, agent South Emporia, and Johnny Maclin, extra, have promised to line up. Bro. Heist, second Emporia, will see that they do so.

Bro. R. H. Merchant, Weldon Yard, has started a Belgian Hare Emporium, strictly registered stock, pedigreed, and up-to-date. If you want anything in his line, give him a call.

John R. Cook, signal maintainer Weldon Yard, who was injured recently by falling from a cable near the passenger station there, we are glad to learn is now able to be around again. He was one of several maintainers who flatly refused to take an operator's place during the unpleasahntness in September.

Four trains are now being operated between "Fa" Tower and the Old Byrd Street Station, to prevent delays in reaching the business district or South Richmond by going via Broad street.

Thanks to Bro. Heish and others for assistance in this write-up.

DIV. COR., CERT. 2039.

#### *Second Division, Montgomery District—*

We regret to say that the "flu" has robbed us of another of our most worthy members, Bro. J. L. Campbell, agent at Headland, Ala., in the service for about thirteen years. Called to the great beyond on January 24. The O. R. T. sent a beautiful wreath of flowers. This is the second death of a brother from this district from this dreadful disease.

Although we have a few non-members on this district, the percentage of membership is above what has ever been before. Bro. Stokes' last report shows over ninety per cent strong. The "nons" are all new men and we are sure they will come in as soon as they make a little time. We must not give them any rest until they provide themselves with the proper armament. Bro. Stokes will furnish you their names, so you can write to them.

Bro. Stokes was nominated without opposition for re-election as local chairman and delegate to the convention next May as a reward for his untiring service for the past two years. As a result, we have a delegate from this district for the first time and don't have to run with some other district. We are going to send him to St. Louis without oposition.

The petition being circulated over the line for the benefit of Bro. W. G. Laney at Troy brought in a nice sum. We have not got the total figures on the amount turned over to him yet. In matters like that we should all be very liberal, as we don't know when we will need assistance, and as long as we are working we can assist the unfortunate.

CERT. 120.

#### *Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.*

#### *Northern Division—*

Bro. Guy Van Dusen, first Salzburg, off two weeks with pneumonia, relieved by Sister F. A. Hines.

Bro. Louis Ueberhorst, Relay Office, Bay City, and family, are recovering from an attack of the "flu." Bro. N. L. Ross, who relieved him, goes to Mackinaw City, third;

Mapes and Stewart, Middle Division, to Chesaning, third, and second Rives Junction, respectively.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Geo. Needham, laid up all winter, expects to soon get back to work again.

Bro. F. J. Reaume, third Mackinaw City, to North Lansing. Bro. M. J. Murray, in service since 1897, again on pension list, will be missed by the old-timers on the road.

Bro. W. J. Shaw, second Salzburg, in dispatcher's office while regular men are taking their days off, relieved by Miss Godfrey.

Miss M. B. Black, Bay City Division, is on first North Lansing, pending arrival of Bro. Reaume.

Understand Waters Station will shortly be moved to Otsego Lake. The brothers will be able to watch the mermaids next summer. Bro. W. J. Billows goes to third there.

Bro. Flood is in Detroit with the committee.

The heavy ice business coming from Edwards and George Lakes is making lots of business for the Mackinaw and Saginaw Divisions. Otsego will probably be opened as a three-trick office to take care of the ice business there. Our lake ice is in great demand by other roads on account of the mild weather in other parts of the country.

The meeting held in Bay City in January was well attended. Our general committee was present, also Gen'l Chairman Burr and Local Chairman Neff, of the P. M., and members from the P. M. and D. B. C. & W. attended. General Chairman Smith, Local Chairmen Brown, Staley, Herron and Flood spoke on what had been accomplished in securing schedules and discussed the merits and demerits of Supplement No. 13. Bros. Burr and Neff gave interesting talks, and several other members talked on general topics.

Meetings held at Jackson and Grand Rapids recently have been well attended. The membership seem to be waking up to the fact that we will have to push things to the limit or get snowed under.

The Northern Division meetings have always been well attended and we showed the committee that we are alive and could get the boys out, although we do not have the train service that the other divisions have.

Freight trains have been discontinued on Sundays and the pay of a large number of operators thereby reduced, but every one is satisfied to stay away one day a week and know that they can enjoy themselves.

Indian River has been opened up as a two-trick job with Bro. C. C. Coolbaugh, who recently returned from the Army, on second.

CERT. 68.

#### *Bay City Division—*

Bro. Hensel returned from the Army, going to second Thomas.

Bro. Claude Helfrich, North Detroit, was off sick with the "flu" a few days.

#### *"F" O. F. S. & Det. Division—*

Bro. Coyne off account of the death of his infant daughter, relieved by Bro. Geo. Hanlon.

Reduction of force in "F" Detroit caused Bro. to be laid off, and he resigned. Sorry to loose "Doc."

Bro. LeBlanc, off several days, later relieved Night Wire Chief Pfeiffer.

Bro. Gress, Wiards, off sick, relieved by Bro. Rossow.

Bro. Plummer, Town Line, out gunning for "nons," returned with a good catch.

Mr. Schlicht has taken Wayne agency. Someone near him get busy.

Thanks to Bro. Towns for helping out.

CERT. 1165.

### Pennsylvania R. R., Div. No. 17.

#### *New York Division—*

A meeting was called Jan. 22 in Spillan's Hall, Newark, N. J., at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m., by Organizer Praul. Both were well attended, with sixty members present. This hall is where the old O. R. T. local met years ago.

Brother T. M. Pierson, having to go to Sayre, Pa., for a series of meetings on the L. V., was unable to be present. General Chairman Pry also had to go to Wilkesbarre, Pa., for a series of meetings. We hope when we hold another meeting to be more successful. Two visiting brothers from Division 45 gave interesting experiences on the New York Division about 35 years ago. Bro. Thuma, Division 44, spoke of the advancement in membership on the L. I. R. R. Remarks were also made by Bros. Ledden, Tomlinson and Flaherty, and a local chairman nominated. An alternate has also been nominated for District No. 1 for the St. Louis convention from this division.

A box of cigars was passed around and nearly everyone enjoyed a smoke at both meetings.

Quite a number of new members have been added since the meeting. Keep up the good work, brothers, and help the "nons" to see that they owe to themselves and families to join with us and strive for still better conditions and wages. They cannot do it single handed. We must continue to organize and back up our committee to the limit to get results.

Supplement 13 has given every non-member a good increase and there is no reason why they should not help our organization, the one that is getting them something.

Keep your local chairman posted as to conditions and methods used, so he will know what is being done and be able to assist you.

We expect to have more of the "NC" Pennsylvania station telegraphers' department in before long.

"MY" and "AQ" have been closed.

Back the O. R. T. now and hold the gains. All get busy.

CERT. 588.

#### *West Jersey and Seashore Division—*

A whirl-wind of reduction of force struck this division; a number of offices and tricks have been closed and many men laid off entirely. Others will bump wherever they can get a place.

We hope everyone will give their full support to our local chairman and help him to line up the few "nons" on the division and in every other way possible.

We had quite a nice morning meeting recently but the evening session was not so well attended, owing to the bad weather. We hope to have a chairman to conduct our future meetings.

Supplement 13 was put in effect on February 1 on this division and we expect to get our back-money on March 5. Most of the 12-hour jobs have been split up into two tricks.

The matter of our two relief days was taken up at Washington with the Wage Board by Brother Perham, and the officials sent out a circular letter asking if we wanted any days off and how many, in order that they could revise the relief schedules accordingly. We had better retain the two days. If we let them go they may be hard to get back, and no one wants to work 365 days a year.

If the supplement is not lived up to immediately inform General Chairman Miller so he can take it up at Washington and get it rectified.

We must try to get in the few agent-operators who have not seen fit to join us. Impress it upon their minds that in case they are done an injustice, their cases can only be handled through the O. R. T., and this cannot be done unless they come into the organization.

Thirty new members, since the first of the year, is good work. If every member will get one new one we will soon be solid here.

Bro. Townsend bumped C. E. Ellenberger at "JN" Sea Isle Jct., who took third there. Mt. Pleasant "FK" tower and Cape May closed also, necessitated some bumping.

Many of the 12-hour jobs have been made two-trick offices, which the agents should appreciate.

The levermen on the Camden Terminal Division have been taken off Sundays and many other offices are not required to work on that day.

Some agents have been notified that they will not need to work on Sundays and holidays. While this makes their pay checks less, they have the time off and are getting more than they ever received before and are

really being paid for them. Supplement No. 13 gives us a divisor of 306 days and two cents per hour extra, which is supposed to pay for the 59 days deducted as per Supplement No. 13, and we hope that the men will appreciate the fact that they can have these days off.

CERT. 74.

#### *Trenton Division—*

The new relief schedules are in effect on the Bel Del. No. 16, won by Bro. Lenhart; No. 16, by E. D. Kays; No. 17, by Bro. H. D. Tomer, No. 18, by Bro. Lawrence; No. 19, by Bro. Schaffer, and No. 20, by J. Hannon.

New members are coming in fine. Let's get in the few outside and make it solid by end of term. Welcome to Bro. Wire, the big fellow at "G"; also Brothers Goddard, Simeron and Hartpence. As soon as Supplement No. 13 is applied, we expect all to enroll. Federal Manager Lee told our general chairman that he expected to apply it with back pay on the pay rolls for first half of February giving the difference between the rate granted in Supplement No. 10 and the new rate granted in No. 13 from October, 1918, to February 1, 1919.

Brothers, let us stand united and show the O. R. T. officials that we appreciate what has been obtained for us and give them an opportunity to put rules and working conditions with a signed agreement, on the Pennsylvania, so we can hold what we now have.

The question of retaining the relief days as heretofore is now up before the board for consideration and a decision is expected any day by our president.

A joint meeting of New York and Trenton Divisions is now being planned and we have the promise that General Chairman Miller will address us. As soon as you get the notice, make up your mind to get there and hear all the up-to-date news concerning "the Pennsy" case.

"HAPPY JACK."

#### *Delaware (Southern) Division—*

##### *"W" Office Notes.*

Dispatcher Freedman is taking a two-weeks' vacation. Dispatcher M. M. Bartlett, with "Uncle Sam" at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, recently married, will soon be with us again. All extend congratulations and best wishes.

New members: W. B. Elliott, E. B. Rust, R. D. Whitlock, and Edw. Timmons. This makes us solid on the north end.

Br. D. P. Keith was married during the holidays.

Bro. W. S. Whitlock is marketing on the side.

Bros. H. L. Dabson, chief dispatcher; R. C. Jones, and E. B. Millman, latter operator at "AK" Tower, have returned to duty after a siege with the "flu."

Bro. J. O. Hummer, ill since October, 1918, and Bro. Ralph Stevens on sick list several

days, are back at work; also Bro. W. E. Bright, Kenton, who has been sick for a month. The latter relieved by Bro. Poole from Seaford.

Owing to lack of force in the supervising agent's office, only those coming under the division operator received their back pay the first half of February. The others will get theirs next pay day.

We have the best paid-up division on the Eastern lines. Boys, keep after those who may have forgotten to remit, also the boys returning from the service, and see that they all get up-to-date.

Advise the local chairman promptly of any failures to receive your insurance policies.

Earl Sylvester returned from the Navy and took second "SA" tower.

Bro. Johnson, agent Goldsboro, has returned from a trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Robt. D. Prettyman is now messenger-clerk at Milford, vice Miss Edith S. Clandanil recently married to Conductor Pride.

Sister Newman, agent Ironshire, displaced by C. M. Hudson from general superintendent's office.

Agents Smack, Queponco and Taylor, Snow Hill, are practically the only ones on the lower D. M. & V. branch who refuse to join. We will likely print a complete list of the "nons" next month.

CERT. 1461,  
Div. Cor.

#### *Philadelphia Division—*

The main line and branches are so well lined up that we have hardly any use for Grand Division organizers. The boys are just simply "coming in" without solicitation.

The weeding out of "unnecessary employees" leaves only a good working force on the extra list, and obliged G. M. Eshleman, teacher of the Harrisburg telegraph school, to return to middle trick Enola. Judging from the supply of operators now on hand, his services will probably never be needed again.

Ed Smith succeeds Harry C. Baum as assistant division operator, succeeded by Ed Godshall, test man. These changes came just about the time a man was to be taken out of "UD," so no hardship has been experienced by the regular men there.

Local Chairman Melchior, who gets middle trick at "FI" Harrisburg yard, vice W. S. Manley, deceased, is succeeded on middle trick Rockville by Miller Stine, first west end Rockville bridge.

W. R. Heller, "PR" Harrisburg, who died in the hospital after a nine-months' lingering illness, and was buried Feb. 19 from his late residence, is the third death in our department the last three months. This makes two tricks now vacant at "PR." By the time they are filled, the reduction of force will not be much felt among the extra men.

Bro. Reynolds, third, worked Dock St. Harrisburg many years without a leverman, while the other two tricks had them. Bro. L. A. Dunn is now leverman there, much to Bro. Reynolds' relief.

A second set of levermen have been put on at Paoli, two men on each trick, viz.: Bros. Charles Moore and G. W. Thomas from Market St., Harrisburg. Bro. H. F. Kemmerly, third trick leverman at Frazer, takes a similar one at "PA."

Brothers Frank Rupley and Harry Ellenberger, first "J" Lemoyne and "DY" Enola yard, have recovered from the influenza and returned to work.

Bro. W. H. Wright is relieving Bert Myers, Harrisbrug yard, in the hospital recovering from a serious operation.

J. J. Kennedy, Columbia tunnel at midnight, Feb. 1, going home through Columbia yard, mounted an engine. The driving rod broke, one end mashing his foot. The Columbia hospital physicians say they can save it.

Every operator, including extra and relief men, between White Marsh junction and Morrisville on Trenton cut-off, has joined. Between Marysville and New Cumberland, on low grade freight and on line Mount Joy branch, all solid except one, and in "UD" relay, Harrisburg. Not only have the old-timers all lined up, but the girls have also come in. Market St. Harrisburg, sixteen men, also all solid, except one leverman about to go on pension list.

Philadelphia Division this year will be represented by two delegates at the St. Louis convention.

"KERNAL," Cert. 113.

#### *"PO" General Office, Philadelphia—*

Several of our members attended the recent meeting of the P. T. Division and were very much impressed with the turnout and the enthusiasm. There is news of great interest to be had at these meetings and we expect to have a meeting for "PO" members in the near future.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. O'Donnell, of "WS" Buffalo, a great worker in that vicinity for our Order.

We are pleased to see Bro. Nice is back again after a short spell of sickness.

Bros. Cochran, Betteridge, Kilmon, J. F. Wilson, Rice, Hemmig, Lacey and "Pinkey" Wilson hold down the last trick in fine shape. Some time ago our new superintendent of telegraph commended the night force on their copying of forms, etc., which is very encouraging to the boys, as this is something unknown heretofore.

Bro. "TN" from "OD" Pittsburgh, who dropped in to see us recently, had quite a strenuous time reaching "PO," having to clean up a couple of watchmen and the elevator man to get here.

We hope Bro. Lew Campbell succeeds in his efforts to have that skip-stop abolished

near his home. His letter to Mr. Mitten of the P. R. T. will have some bearing.

Those papers Bro. Wade lost or mislaid were found by Bro. Kerns.

Our system of partial plan of paying dues after the form of a Christmas club is meeting with great favor and helps keep the membership intact.

We are fortunate in not having been touched by the reductions which we hear so much of, out on the various lines. Business is very heavy.

Would have more news if everyone would hand over some little items they might have.

"SCRIBE," Cert. 713.

#### *Philadelphia Terminal Division—*

We regret to announce the death of Sister Mary Sullivan, at the Presbyterian Hospital, after a brief illness with influenza, Jan. 30, last. All of those with whom she was in daily contact during the hours of toil are deeply grieved over her demise. She came on this division off the Chestnut Hill branch about the time the electric trains went into operation there, having been for a considerable time with the Pennsylvania, coming formerly from the Western Union here.

Sister Sullivan was the daughter of the late John and Hanna Sullivan, County Cork, Ireland. The only relation at the funeral was a sister, recently from Ireland.

Division 17 paid a noble parting tribute to the deceased, a fine, large body of brothers and sisters acting as guard of honor, both on entering and leaving the church at Our Lady of the Rosary, West Philadelphia, Monday morning, Feb. 3. Interment was made at Holy Cross Cemetery. A beautiful floral design was presented by the brothers and sisters of this division.

Sister Bartlett generously opened up her home in the immediate vicinity for the fellow-workers to assemble, from where they marched in a body to the late residence of our departed sister.

Practically all of our members on this division are carrying up-to-date cards for the present term.

The morning and evening meetings the second Tuesday in February were remarkably well attended. Those absent missed an interesting treat. Future meetings will be equally interesting, and you, fellow-workers, and reader, are urged to attend. We need your suggestions at these meetings, and not on the job, so some around and lets get better acquainted. Don't forget, the second Tuesday monthly, 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., 42d and Lancaster avenue, West Philadelphia, at McKelvey's Hall. Important questions that concern you are decided there.

Did you vote for a local chairman and delegate to the national convention? If you failed in this, then you are responsible if results are not satisfactory.

The membership committee is working hard to make this division 100 per cent strictly union. Come on boys, you, who are without cards, get in the wagon and make hay while the sun shines. You have again got enough back-money in February to pay dues for at least two years. Be men.

You are urged again, brothers and sisters, to secure and turn in notes for this column on or before the 15th. They must be in St. Louis not later than the 25th to insure publication the following month. Send me the news as soon as you hear it, before you forget it; and come to the meetings. That's the place to "talk shop"; also keep after the "non" near or with you until you secure his application.

CERT. 2070.

#### *Sunbury Division—*

Remit your dues promptly to W. M. Skinner, G. S. & T., No. 71 Gunther Bldg., Baltimore, Md. Now that we are so well organized on the P. R. R., let us stay organized. Don't drop out in six or twelve months as heretofore because things don't just go your way. That won't get you anything. Keep after the few "nons" on this division, and as soon as they get their back pay, see that they get a card. The organization that secured the good things they are enjoying will do still better for them in the future if they will get into the Order and help us to boost it.

M. B. Brosius returned to "KA" third; J. A. Bevan returned to "QE" second, and W. W. Weidner to "BV," all honorably discharged from the U. S. Army. They all will carry an up-to-date card as soon as they get on their feet.

We are all glad to see that Bro. W. C. Blecher, who has been off several months with a broken leg, is able to be about again.

L. A. Dreese, first "MY" tower, Lewistown, has left for parts unknown.

On account of the reduction in force, "ON" and "BO" were closed; all tricks, "KC," "DU" and "NO" third, and "AD" second, and the 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. trick and night assistant manager positions taken off at "SB."

Bro. H. W. Lehr is back on his relief schedule; Bro. F. R. Klase back at "WO" first, and Bro. C. L. Sones to "MD" second.

CERT. 1555.

#### *Williamsport Division—*

By the time this reaches you, my term of office will have expired and a new person elected to succeed me. Whoever he or she may be, I trust you will give even greater support than you accorded me.

You have performed a wonderful service that will go down in history and will be the means of pleasant meditation in the days to come.

Remember, service well rendered never loses its reward, but becomes the great benefactor of those of our children who shall at

some future day take our places and what a satisfaction will be theirs to be able to say, "My father's or my mother's efforts have contributed to the conditions we enjoy today and we shall follow their example."

Just as we read how our forefathers so bravely followed the noble Washington and the immortal Lincoln through the bitter struggles of the revolution and rebellion, so will our children read with pride through the history of the O. R. T. the part we have played in the preservation of those things so vital to the full enjoyment of labor.

We are all alike the offspring of one common parent and entitled to our full portion of this world's goods, therefore, let us forget the past and move mightily on through the present day of opportunity into the future with increased zeal and determination to establish a "more perfect union" and secure ourselves and our posterity complete "industrial emancipation."

We are now working under Supplement 13 and have all received our back pay except the agents and operator-clerks. The officials claim the latter belong under Supplement 7, which covers clerks. We insist that they be classed under Supplement 13, because their duties consist of blocking trains, handling train orders and messages, and will continue our efforts in their behalf and that of the agents, even if necessary to carry the case to Washington.

Brothers, in the future pay no attention to "sentiment vote" solicited by the division operator. Refer him to your local chairman, who, with his committee, will determine what shall be the reply. They are in a position to know what will or will not conflict with negotiations at Washington or in the general committee.

Feb. 6, "H," "DE," and "OJ" block stations closed, and split tricks removed, in compliance with an 18 per cent retrenchment order at "SY"; "WD" and "BQ" "MA" days relieved of Sunday work and "K" tower alternating singly with an operator and leverman on Sundays.

March 1, old relief schedules abolished, new ones advertised, and "bumping" is now on in full.

Brothers, don't let the retrenchment interfere with the payment of your dues, it's only temporary and we will soon be back on full schedule again; remember, it's cheaper to keep in good standing than to reinstate.

Remit at once dues to Bro. Skinner, Baltimore, Md., and your M. B. D. to Bro. Rawlins at St. Louis, Mo.

Remember, the failure to remit either dues or assessment suspends one from membership, so don't be misled.

We were pleased to note the large number attending the joint P. R. R. and P. & R. meetings at Harrisburg, February 4th.

The addresses of General Chairman McNeal, of the P. & R., and our own General Chairman Miller were very interesting and fraught with information and timely advice. Let us back them to the utmost of our ability and they will get results.

Let us all resolve now to attend all the meetings throughout the year, regardless of when or where they are called.

Nothing is more encouraging to a local chairman than to know his members are interested, and this can best be shown by your presence there.

While our meetings were very well attended in the past term, there is much room for improvement; especially is this true concerning the agents.

Put everything else off and go to the place where the interest of your dollars and working conditions is receiving consideration.

Don't expect the local chairman to contribute everything to the success of meetings, but you come and offer your portion and then you will feel better satisfied.

Neither the world nor the O. R. T. has any use for "knockers." Be a "booster"; only men are "boosters"; "knockers" belong to the family of crabs whose movements are always backwards.

C. C. FENSTERMACHER,

Local Chairman.

#### Schuylkill Division—

We were fortunate in having General Chairman Mill address us at two meetings in Reading, Pa., on February 5th. The attendance was very good, and everyone was pleased with the results.

Brothers and sisters, we must arouse the few "nons" on this division to their obligations to the O. R. T., and see that they get an up-to-date. Help support the organization through whose efforts our conditions of labor have been improved and our wages increased.

A number of offices have been closed causing considerable "bumping."

Our meetings now being held regularly on the first Friday of each month are very interesting, only members being admitted. Our general chairman has given us a hint of the important matters that will be discussed. Unless you come out you will not know what is going on.

Keep on boosting for the O. R. T.

CERT. 41.

#### "GO" Relay, Pittsburgh—

We are still on nine hours, work eight and get an hour for lunch. This don't seem to be in accordance with Supplement 13.

We all got our increase and back pay, and everybody is happy, as we expect to land some new members on the strength of it. We hope all the men on the road will help us to make this office solid. There are only

a few "nons" here now, one at Scio, Ohio, and one at "KN" tower. Boys, camp on their trail and land them.

Don't forget my address. Send me all the news you have so we can have a write-up every month. No news, no write-up, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 3672.

#### *Monongahela Division—*

Taking the dispatchers off at "MC" and Brinton "U" let six men out, and the bumping started. Dispatchers Minehart and McCarty went to "WB" first and third, bumping Thompson and Donovan back into the ranks. McGee took "OB" first, and Dignam "AU" first, vice Sister Kelly to "WO," vice Bro. W. H. Beam to first "EJ." Dispatchers Stuck and McDougal took first and third "MC," second up for bld.

Operators placed at Brinton "U" also perform the duty of switchman.

Four block offices closed recently. We hope business will soon get back to normal conditions again.

If the Wage Board in Washington decides that Section (c), Article VII, Supplement 13, does not refer to relief days, we shall get them back again and get paid for October, November and December, 1918. Local Chairman Roberts entered a protest against Supplement 13 applying to our relief days.

Give the local chairman the next two years, whoever he is, your support. Keep him advised of any important changes on the division, as well as any other happenings of interest to him or to the members in general, sending them in time each month so he can arrange the write-up and get it in as early as possible. It must be in St. Louis not later than the 25th to insure publication the following month. Keep after the "nons," and persuade them to use some of the money the O. R. T. has been instrumental in securing for them to get an up-to-date card. If not, remember the motto, "No card, no favors," and make them come to the mark in all their dealings with you as you would a total stranger. CERT. 19.

#### *Eastern Division—*

A one hundred per cent working organization should be our immediate objective, and every effort should be made to place unbreakable safeguards around our own and our children's future. Our grand division officers will do everything possible to have Supplement 13 made retroactive to January 1, 1918.

Bro. Parr is now on "KY" second, vice Bro. Stern, extra, to Beaver Falls third; Bro. Soderman is back on third "MN" after several months at Stark, bumping Bro. C. W. Fisher to third 16th St., New Brighton, and Bro. Antinucci bumped Bro. Walther from second to third Stark.

The new tower at Fair Hope, east end of the new "Siberia" yards east of Stark, will soon be ready for service, making more changes probably among the brothers.

Most of the "nons" on the division now are extra men. Give them no rest until we secure their applications. "No card, no favors" should be rigidly adhered to, not only with the "nons," but also with our members who are so careless as to continually go delinquent and have to be lined up again every term.

Bros. Bruder, "DI," and Jobe, "NB," have been called up for extra dispatchers. Bro. Sweet going from "OX" to "DI." We all wish them success.

We are glad to note that it is now "Bro." Price, extra. Williamson at "DI," and Culp at "SK," back from the service of "Uncle Sam," will be with us shortly.

Our schedule is now in the hands of the board at Washington.

Keep up your interest in this department, brothers. We appreciate what you have done this time. Let's keep 'er goin' top speed.

"RS" Cert 4321.

#### *C. & P. Division—*

It is impossible for me, situated at an isolated point on the division, to send in a good write-up without your assistance. Unless we get your hearty co-operation in the future we shall give some other ambitious brother a chance to make a reputation for himself.

Everyone was sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Bro. Betts, second Alliance, January 8th, who had twenty-one years' faithful service to his credit, an up-to-date and worthy member of the Order. "Bill" was held very high in the estimation of all who knew him and will be greatly missed. He was taken suddenly ill with pleuro-pneumonia, and only lived a few days. He is survived by his wife and three children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire division in their sad bereavement. A beautiful floral emblem was sent for his funeral by the C. & P. operators, one from the O. R. T., and a spray from the office force at "AL."

We wish to thank the boys who so liberally donated to the fund to buy flowers for his funeral. Of the \$14.25 received, \$14.00 was spent, leaving a balance of 25 cents. A flower fund can be started with the balance, as requested by several brothers, by each one, "nons" included subscribing, remitting 25 cents at once to start the fund and remitting 10 cents a month thereafter to the secretary, who will turn the money over to Bro. Rice at Salineville, who offers to act as treasurer. I will act as secretary if this is satisfactory. Brothers, call me on the wire and let us know what you think

of this plan. Any good suggestions will be appreciated.

We extend Bro. Taylor at Yellow Creek our heartfelt sympathy in his late bereavement on account of the death of his mother.

"WN" closed, Mullen to "DR" first, Bro. Curry second, Bro. Brown third, Bro. Beatty to "YN" third, Bro. Deely to "RO" third, Cedar Ave. closed, Kahle to "BQ" third, Jarvis to "CN" third, vice Farley, to extra list.

"WO" also closed, no news from this end; cannot say where these brothers go. Whee-lock closed, Bro. Brenizer to first "BQ," vice Boland, to extra list.

Bros. Tarbet and Mangus went the twelve-hour limit at "CK" when relieved by Bro. Carl Mangus.

Bro. Fleming is back after several months' service with "Uncle Sam." Also A. R. Schaeffer after six months at Camp Lewis. Hope he will soon have an up-to-date.

Bro. Gallagher is back to work after four days' illness.

Bro. E. H. Martin is copying first in "SU" while Dispatcher McNabb is off on account of his wife being ill with "flu," which we are sorry to hear.

Bro. Van Horn, on a trip to his home in Iowa for several weeks, relieved by Smith, an old-timer.

The wage increase is here and we all know who secured it. See that the "nons" are kept advised, and keep after them until they line up. Our officials were untiring in our behalf at the hearings at Washington, D. C., securing the necessary increase in salaries of all the agents and telegraphers. We must work now as we never worked before and make our membership 100 per cent. It is highly important that we get solid and remain so in order that we can retain what we have gained and safeguard our interests during the reconstruction period. There are trying times ahead, and it will require faith and courage to carry the banner until victory is ours. This organization is what we make it, *your* organization, and we cannot fail if you will all do your duty and shoulder your share of the responsibility.

H. O. M., Cert. 3361.

#### Columbus Division—

I was very much pleased with the fine showing we made at our last meeting and hope we will have just as good an attendance and the same interest shown at future meetings.

During my trip out on the road February 13th, I succeeded in landing six "nons," and if we will all get busy we can soon line up the other four and have a 100 per cent division.

Let's all keep up-to-date ourselves, and remember, "*No card, no favors.*" The new members are: Reck, first "GY"; Extra

Farmer; Agent Copeland; Buck, second "BJ"; Starr, second "BR," and Bechtel, "SY," and the agent at Bradford requested a blank be left him to look it over.

Some of you brothers who are running small "ham factories" had better get an obligation card, if you have forgotten how it reads, and see what you agreed *not to do* when you joined the Order, or you may be wondering some day why you received a notice of charges being filed against you for "*conduct unbecoming a member.*"

Bro. Kinsley was off a week with the "flu," and Bro. Davis has also been on the sick list, relieved by Bro. Brosius.

P. L. MARTIN, L. C.

#### Columbus Division Notes—

We held a meeting in the Trainmen's Hall, Bradford, on February 6th, and talked things over and received a better understanding of what is going on. General Manager Peck's attitude has only helped us to line the men up all the more solid for the organization, and there is no doubt about the brothers "staying organized."

The members attending the morning meeting were: J. J. Powers, C. C. Grooms, A. T. Stuart, F. W. Homsher, H. F. Jenks, E. M. Keich, Chas. Lyons, Jas. Smith, A. D. Lingle, L. D. Ammon, B. E. Penrose, and J. H. and J. C. Robertson. Afternoon—P. Miller, C. R. Kessler, O. W. Landis, C. R. Wood, Schaeffer, G. C. Bayless, C. Boskins, J. Smith and O. C. Friend.

Bro. Starch is back at "BA" on account of Bro. Snyder returning from army. Thanks, boys, come again.

#### "DK" Notes—

Bro. Whitney, from Ft. Wayne Division, is working as messenger temporary, as he only made two days on the extra list last month.

Split tricks are to be abolished in "DK." This will affect Bros. Albright and Ress, shortening their day from a spread of twelve to eight consecutive hours.

Bro. Price, off 15th to 20th, relieved by Bro. Bolan, relieved by Ritter, recently cut off in "DK."

Bro. Hardacre was off few days account death of his father, Sister Lingle relieving.

Bros. P. L. Martin and J. C. Robertson attended the big meeting at Dayton, O., and heard Bro. C. B. Rawlins. Division 17 was the best represented among the roads.

Bro. Peters, off few days, relieved by Bro. Dunham, and Bro. Franel, on account of sickness, by Bro. Kilberry. Bro. Friend, off with the "flu," and Bro. Jack Clifford, also on sick list, were relieved by Bro. W. J. Liddy, who was also off several days owing to the death of his mother, relieved by Bro. Kessler.

R. M. Zeeck is back from the navy, and Clarence Buck, returned recently from the army, has a new card already. Bro. Starr is back after over a year's service in Oklahoma. We are glad to see these men back again and welcome them into the O. R. T.

G. P. Omelia, with the U. S. Army of Occupation at Coblenz, Germany, says tell the boys he is going to move into the former kaiser's palace, as it is too cold to work in a box car.

Bro. T. C. McCaslin was an Akron visitor recently. "RO," Cert. 2555.

#### *Akron Division—*

Bros. Kall, Guthrie, Flor and Forney attended the meeting in Central Labor Union Hall, Akron, January 20th. There was a good attendance from the North End.

An O. R. T. club was organized, and all present joined. This club will give the brothers a good chance to get acquainted, a place to voice their opinions and for a good time. Everyone in the Akron district should join, as the dues are small.

Bros. Kall, Orrville, and Scheetz, Millersburg, also attended the Alliance Eastern Division meeting, January 20th.

Bro. O. J. Larson, Millersburg, recently visited his mother at Akron, who has been ill. Bro. C. E. Marvin has been appointed acting agent at Millersburg, vice Bro. Fry, furloughed owing to ill health, gone West. Bro. Debolt, Laredo, has resigned to go on the road as a commercial salesman. We wish him success and hope he will continue an up-to-date, although in other business.

It is now Bros. Church, agent, and Burchard, first at Brink Haven, thanks to Bro. Robinson; also Bro. Neiswinder, lineman, Millersburg. Keep after Sweet, Barberton; Starns and Johnson, Warwick; Lawson, "NS" Cabin; Milumm, Danville; Gorham, "JC" Cabin, and the three or four new men. "*No card, no favors.*" Every agent except two on this division are now members.

"DA" second discontinued; Bro. Messenger to "NS" Cabin first; Bro. Forney, second; Lawson, third, and Bro. Kimber to second "DA." Chase Ave. closed; Bro. Salster to second "JC," and Bro. Hart, first Laredo. Bro. Keitt, "AK," transferred to "GO" Pittsburgh.

We are glad to see Bro. Pritchard, agent Marshallville, back after several months' battle with the "flu." "DK," Cert. 2901.

#### *Cincinnati Div. and C. L. & N—West End—*

Bro. Moore, off several days, having run a needle through his hand, was obliged to relieve Bro. Stultz on account of the death of his son, Arthur. We all extend our sympathy to Bro. Stultz and family. Also to Bro. Moran on the recent loss of his mother. Bro. Kerly, dispatcher, relieved him. Bro. Billings, who relieved the scribe while my

baby had double pneumonia, relieved Bro. Moore on my return.

We must apply the "*No card, no favors*" stronger. If you don't know who the "nons" are, ask Bro. Stone or me. We are about 98 per cent now.

Local Chairman Stone is back on his regular job after working several days in "Q" office.

Bro. Buell, while down with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Haines, relieved by Sister Buergermier. EVANS, Cert. 3324.

#### *East End—*

It is now Bro. Gardner at "XN."

Bro. Marshall has purchased a new tin Lizzie.

Several of the boys from this end, who saw service "over there," have returned home looking fine.

Through an error Bro. Adamson was not shown on the vacation list in January journal.

Someone send some news.

EVANS, Cert. 3324.

#### *Louisville Division—*

All the railroads entering Louisville had a big meeting at Karl Marx Hall, February 8th, and formed an O. R. T. club of about fifty members, electing Bro. L. E. Leister, of the L. & N., chairman, and Bro. P. Lamman, of Penna. Lines, secretary and treasurer. We expect to increase the membership to 200 at our next meeting.

Bro. W. W. Davis, the oldest member of the O. R. T., stopped to look at some monkeys in a show window on his way, got lost, and failed to reach the meeting. He positively asserts it was *monkeys*, and declares that they will not prevent him from being present at the next meeting when he will join the club.

Rev. Book, pastor of the Tabernacle Church of Christ, a great friend of the railroad men, extends a cordial invitation to them to come to his church at Columbus and worship when in the city. Special seats were reserved for the boys on a recent Sunday, and many of them attended, owing to Bro. Hayworth of the choir rendering a solo.

Bro. U. D. Casey is enjoying his Sundays visiting relatives and friends. He recently spent the day with his brother, attending medical college in Indianapolis. Bro. C. M. Hatton is enjoying the day of rest attending Sunday school with his family.

Sailor Bro. C. E. Montgomery has arrived home and resumed his old position on third North Tower. Ex-Bro. J. E. Hopkins, formerly chief clerk to the division operator at Louisville, who recently arrived at Hoboken, N. J., has been "over the top" several times, and ex-Bro. C. B. Ferguson, who was a mariner in France, has been decorated for bravery.

Bro. Davis, agent Flat Rock, relieved by Bro. Heeb a few days owing to the serious illness of his aged mother. Bro. Hupp, agent Manilla, relieved several days by Bro. Stader, and Bro. B. L. Pearsey, off with the "flu," by Bro. P. E. Prather. Bro. L. G. Temple was also on sick list several days.

Bro. C. D. Smith relieved Bro. E. Murray, on ten days' vacation in Pittsburgh, while Mrs. Smith was visiting in Indianapolis and Columbus.

Thanks to those who contributed to this write-up, and I would remind those who did not that it is their duty to do so. Let me have your items by the 18th of each month.

U. G. SWEET, Div. Cor.,  
Cert. 3899.

#### *Louisville Division Notes—*

Our general chairman and committee have taken the matter of our proposed schedule up with the highest authorities, and a hearing is expected soon.

Organization on this division is almost completed, the boys all realize the absolute necessity of having a solid line-up.

There has been some bumping recently on account of the soldier boys returning to their old positions.

Local Chairman Vincent, first Peters, was in Louisville, and Bro. Hatton, second there, visited home folks at Brownstown recently. Bro. F. L. Vest, third Peters, and his brother-in-law have purchased a new Oakland.

There have been some good meetings held in Louisville by the L. & N. boys the past month. We are all invited and should attend if possible.

A. J. VINCENT, L. C.

#### *Vincennes Division—*

I deeply regret to report the death of Sister Gail Boyd at her home in Bicknell, Ind., February 6th, formerly third "HO" yard. Through faithful and efficient service she won the admiration and friendship of all about her, doing a MAN'S work and doing it well. Although handicapped by a frail physical condition, she possessed a brilliant mind and was keenly interested in the O. R. T. Last August she was forced to retire from duty, but even when bedfast she greeted her friends with her characteristic smile. We feel this old world has been made just a little bit better by having one such as Gail live in it.

The deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. H. K. Boyd and the family, from myself and the entire division, in their bereavement. Bro. Boyd was relieved by Bro. Oscar Lee, Edwardsport, while attending the funeral at Martinsville.

Bro. Orville, Bicknell, on fifteen days' vacation visiting in Oklahoma, relieved on first Bicknell by Bro. Ralph Ward, relieved by Bro. J. N. Dollens, on second, from freight house.

Bro. Wm. Chambers, agent Sandborn, on fifteen days' vacation, visited relatives in Florida, relieved by Bro. H. R. Burnam from first, relieved by the writer, relieved by Bro. H. H. Sanders on second.

Bro. Chambers, Bruceville, was a recent Bicknell caller.

Edwardsport third open to take care of the new main switch at end of double track. Sandborn third closed; also Minich, Gaskill, Hynds and Rusie block offices, due to slack business.

I am very thankful to Bro. Dollens for items sent me, and trust some of you other brothers will send in a few, especially Bro. Hinkle or someone please send me some news.

B. B. WALTERS.

#### *Richmond Division—*

Bro. Willard Collett is dead due to the influenza followed by pneumonia after a week's illness. He was a most loyal member, highly esteemed by all who knew him. Bro. Earle relieved him when he was taken sick.

Bro. Kartzel, off nearly a month with the same malady, is back on second Crescentville. Bro. Wallace was also off a few days with it, and Bro. Frank Hilligross, on the sick list some time, is still off duty.

Bro. Bausman relieved at Hamilton a few days by Bro. Acton.

Bro. Connell has returned to Seven Mile after some time off following the death of his wife. He has our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

Waynetrace is now closed Sundays, giving the boys one day rest each week.

Bro. Fletcher, of Maslers, is in Hamilton Hospital recovering from injuries received in a recent motorcycle accident.

The boys presented Local Chairman Taylor with a typewriter to show their appreciation of his earnest work in their behalf.

We have read "Three Weeks" and "One Day," now someone should write a book and name it "Seven Days," lay the scene around Noland, and make the subject a coon hunt with Bro. Spradling as the hero.

CERT. 4539.

#### *Richmond Division—East End—*

Examination on book of rules has been in order for past few weeks.

Hours of service rules have been worked out in accord with Supplement No. 18 for the agents, but very few of them are being allowed the new rates of pay because the management is unable to determine what an agent is, when he is not required to do telegraphing.

Only one "non" between Richmond Jct. and Rendcomb Jct. A ham operator would make his name like this—"Little."

Bros. Munchenbach, Shook and Connell are on sick list, and Bro. Davis is on leave owing to the illness of his wife.

Bros. Stone (Cincinnati Division), and Taylor had to show some speed to catch the train at Dayton the night of the big meeting, as they were five blocks from station when they saw No. 113 pulling in.

There can be no excuse for anyone not having an up-to-date now, since the increase of pay granted by Supplement 18. We must make this clear to the "nons," as they are enjoying the same privileges granted by this order as we are, and should support the organization that so ably represented us before the Board of Wages and Working Conditions. And the big treat—our schedule—is coming soon.

I wish to thank all the members for the loyal support given me in my efforts to fulfill the duties of the office of local chairman. We are all new in the game, but through close co-operation we will succeed in making our organization worth while. It is my earnest desire to see the present spirit maintained.

O. W. TAYLOR.

#### *Logansport Division—*

Local Chairman "Doc" Kent called a meeting at Logansport, February 4th, which was attended by several of the boys on this and the Michigan Division. Also two brothers from the Wabash R. R.

Bro. Kent explained what the general committee had been doing and the out-look for our back pay, which we received the last of February when the pay car rolled in.

We should have our meetings a little closer together, find out who the "nons" are, and if we can't get them in, *watch the favors*.

Division Operator Green has been retired on a pension, succeeded by Former Train Dispatcher and Assistant Trainmaster Arrick.

Bro. Bragg, third Converse, while down with the "flu," relieved by Extra Wirlwahn, a new man. Bro. Elliott, agent Upland, also on sick list, relieved by C. E. Hunt, and Bro. Henning relieved Agent Moore at Sweetser a week on account of sickness.

Bro. Burman, while visiting friends in Detroit, Mich., relieved by Bro. Lecklider.

Maynard, formerly an interlocking tower using levermen only, opened as a telegraph job.

G. H. Taylor, back from the army, to second Hartsdale. Don't let him forget his promise to line-up. It is now Bro. Huffman on third there. "IA," Cert. 4074.

#### *Western Division—*

The meetings at Lima, January 31st and February 1st were largely attended, about sixty-five brothers present. General Chairman Stenley, of the C. H. & D., gave an interesting talk in regard to the Mutual Benefit, and the necessity of having a paid-

up card. General Chairman Yeager, of the B. & O., followed in a rousing speech, which held the undivided attention of his audience, showing by his good advice that he had been through the mill and knew what he was talking about.

Bro. Hanley relieved Bro. Long at Richey, who took second at Sugar Street, Ft. Wayne. Bro. Smith, second Winter Street, is on sick list, Bro. Baker relieving. Bro. Miner is on second "CU" during Bro. C. C. Aker's absence.

Bro. T. E. Wistner, recently operated on for appendicitis, will soon be back at "MD." We are glad to see him; he is one of the old-timers and 100 per cent O. R. T.

Our schedule proposition is now up before the board at Washington.

Since receiving the raise and back pay there is no excuse for a delinquent or "non."

Bro. Coats, operator at Dola, has our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his mother.

Please send your items to C. W. Miller, 1317 Fletcher Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind., or to "AU."

CERT. 2558.

#### *Peoria Division—*

Bro. H. B. Holscher was re-elected local chairman and delegate to the St. Louis convention in May next.

The management was not ready for schedule negotiations when the general committee was called to Pittsburgh again recently, and General Chairman Hindmarch, Western lines, referred the case to Washington.

We received two months' back pay from last pay car, besides our new rate. Some stores along the line sold all their market baskets.

Business has been better this month. The operating department using some of the St. Louis Division large engines which handle from 80 to 110 cars each.

Brothers, send in some items if you expect a write-up each month. "In union there is strength." Div. Cor., Cert. 2810.

#### *Northern Division—G. R. & I.—*

Bro. Cross relieved Bro. Weidner a few days; also Bro. Barkman, Lake City, and Bro. Steimel at Michelson few days on sick list.

No Sunday work now, so we can all take in the sermons and be good, and as the country has gone dry we will have to try something new.

Bro. Irvine was relieved a few days by Bro. Witte at Levering.

Bro. Judge, shoe clerk in France, has returned and is dispatcher on the Branch after midnight.

Bro. Biggnae smiled all over when he walked into the pay car and drew out eight hundred and ninety-four dollars pack pay.

Brothers, get your new cards at once if you want an up-to-date schedule.

Many extra men now idle. Good time to take vacations.

Bro. McPhee has our sympathy. After working a few days at Howard City, he had to go home on account of the death of his baby. Later he relieved Bro. Weldner at Levering on a trip to Petoskey, and Bro. Art Haberson on vacation with his family several weeks in Florida.

See if the new owl at "UD" has a card. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors."

No news from anyone this month. Slip a note now and then. F. A. G., 1855.

*Southern Division—G. R. & I.—*

The six-day week is in sight. All that was necessary to make even railroad officials see it was the hourly rate of pay, making it a financial object to eliminate Sunday work. They are demonstrating to themselves and to the public that a large per cent of Sunday work is unnecessary and can easily be avoided.

Lester Grim, relief operator, put in several days at the different interlocking towers posting up.

Bro. Hunsberger, first Laotto, is having a serious time with his bicycle. It has been laid up most of the winter. Bro. Johnson, second there, still makes regular trips to Ft. Wayne.

About all the offices on the division except junction points were closed February 22d on account of it being a holiday.

Bro. J. A. Harbeson, first Pellston, is visiting relatives at Nottawa.

Extra Agent Crowell went to Hoagland a few days while Agent Wright was getting married.

Bro. Mat. Donelly is back from the army at Fountain City.

Bro. W. D. McNabb is relieving Sister Roberts, first Mendon, on furlough.

Don't wait until the last day and then forget about it. Send me your items as soon as you have one and give me time to bunch them and forward to St. Louis not later than the 20th of each month.

Render O. R. T. service. Stay organized.

CERT. 1421.

*St. Louis—West End—*

Bro. Dewey Ray returned to third Pocahontas, relieved at Altamont by Bro. L. N. Henderson.

Bro. R. Pryor, Bluff City, was called to Terre Haute, given the interlock examination, and then relieved Bro. L. Fogle, second "ET" Tower, East End, one day.

We are glad to have Bros. Babcock and Clark back from "over there." The latter is on third Oak Leaf, and Bro. W. A. McCracken is back on third Rose Lake, recently discharged from the army.

Bro. C. Holsappe, second Schoyer, in poor health for some time, still on sick list.

Bro. Gaston, Brownstown, has gone into the cattle, and Bro. Bone, Smithboro, into the chicken business, and Bro. Husted, Dexter will plant a fine vineyard. Bro. C. C. Wycoff, Effingham, is the "champeen" strawberry raiser of the West End.

Bro. Pryor was bumped off second Browns-town by Bro. Bolin, of Dexter. Bro. Guy Gillespie, returned from "GX" Indianapolis, general superintendent's office to Highland second, was bumped by Bro. Strott, and bumped Bro. Schwere off second St. Jacob.

Bros. Fogler and Jones, of St. Elmo, were recent St. Louis visitors.

Bro. E. C. Tennyson, relieved at Mulberry Grove by Sister Lola E. Tennyson, relieved Mrs. Roberts, second "AD," East St. Louis one day. Bro. H. R. Fisher is on first there, Bro. E. E. Surber going to "DE" East St. Louis freight house, and Bro. Raymond Keeler to second trick Bluff City, his home job, for a few months.

Keep up-to-date, and see that the fellows on either side of you, as well as those in your own office do likewise. Attend every meeting you can, so as to inform yourself. A member has not performed his duty when he merely pays for a card. CERT. 2410.

*St. Louis Division—West End Notes—*

Bro. Hindmarch is in Washington working on the joint schedule to be presented to the Director General.

Bro. Ingram, relieved several days by Hudnall, and Bro. Barnes by Babcock, just back from "over there." Bro. (Corporal) W. I. Gillipsie is also back from the army.

Bros. Smith and McCracken exchanged tricks so Bro. McCracken can attend school, and Bros. Kepler and Bolin have also traded tricks awhile.

Bro. Bill Abbott visited relatives in Effingham, and Bro. L. E. Munie, C. & E. I., and Bro. Vick Munie, B. & O., visited Bro. E. P. Munie at Pierron recently.

Bro. G. L. Elliot, agent Troy, is laid up with rheumatism.

Bros. Chas. and Grover Kilby took in the War Exposition at St. Louis.

Bro. Reynolds is back after a seige of the "flu."

Bro. Fisher is back on third "AD" Tower.

Bro. Wilson, first leverman "VI," off sick, Bro. Volrath, first "VI," was also off a few days. Bro. Hinsch, on sick list, relieved by Sister Lidel, also Bro. Darner relieved by Bro. R. Keeler, and Bro. Leever down with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Barnes.

Don't forget our motto, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 2416.

**"Nickel Plate" R. R., Div. No. 18.*****Buffalo Division—***

Meetings held in Dunkirk, N. Y., Feb. 1, and in Erie, Pa., Feb. 3, were well attended and several questions of interest were taken care of. It has been suggested that we form a telegraphers' club, plan some good social gatherings, and increase our friendship in general. Members interested please communicate with our local chairman, giving him any good suggestions you may have in mind, and pledge your support. We wish to organize and have the club in operation before the water in Lake Erie is warm enough to invite us in for a swim.

New members: Miss Smith, at Esmer; Miss Alice Wright, Westfield, and H. V. Lewis, Cascade. We welcome these new members and hope to have them with us at our social gatherings during the coming summer.

Bro. M. Halpin, now in France, dispatching first on a narrow gauge, writes that he will be glad to join us when Uncle Sam is willing, and sends his "73" to all.

Bro. Jackman, of Angola, is laid up with the "flu." We all wish for his speedy recovery. Bro. Reynolds, Bro. Berens, Sister Bassett and Bro. Morris have all been off on account of sickness.

Bro. Scott, of Conneaut, is visiting his parents in Missouri.

Bro. Sobetzer is back at Lakeview, leaving first West Seneca open for bids.

Schlossin, first "Fy" Buffalo, has promised to join so many times we can hardly believe his intentions are good. Dalton and Baker, Conneaut and the non on Wallace second, and Mrs. Horn and Miss Josephine Wright are the only ones hanging back. Miss Bristol is O. K. now.

When L. E. Barber, a new man on the extra list without a card, stops at your station, try to make him understand what the Order is. He has been away from railroad work over twenty years and is not lined up.

Bro. Stratton is the new extra man at "DK."  
CERT. 340, Div. Cor.

***Cleveland Division—***

Unionville agency abolished, New York Central lines, taking it over, and Bro. E. R. Miller, former agent there, went to second Rocky River.

Sister Gladys Collins, second Shinrock, was away a few days recently.

A "non" served some time recently on account of not transmitting all the business filed. "*A word to the wise is sufficient.*" If messages are filed at your office to go by wire, better send them.

Bro. Stover, Bellevue, was away a few days recently, helping to get out our new schedule.

Make the write-up on this division interesting by sending in a few notes to your

local chairman about the 19th or 20th of each month. This means YOU.

"ALERT."

***Chicago District—***

Bro. Whitkamper, who relieved Bro. Crisemberry on first Knox, on sick list several days; relieved by Bro. Weldy, who later relieved Bro. Turney, second Dunfee, on vacation, and then took second copying trick temporarily.

Bro. Mendel, owing to illness in his family, relieved at Packertown agency by Thelma Campbell. Later Bro. Newby was off two weeks with the "flu," and Miss Davis, who came to relieve him, took it and Sister Campbell relieved her.

Bro. C. S. Worsham returned to Packer-town after five months' training at Camp Taylor, Ky., putting Bro. Mendel back on the extra list, when he relieved Bro. Boyer, South Gary, while off two weeks with the "flu." Bro. Tschantz, South Whitley, was also down with it several days, relieved by Bro. Teeters.

Bro. H. Day, first Hibbard, who had a rib broken in an accident at Plymouth, is getting along nicely. Bro. Pazley, relieving him, relieved on second there by Bro. Teeters.

Brothers, don't forget "*No card, no favors,*" applies just the same to lady phonist "nons" as telegrapher "nons."

Drop me a line now and then.

"RX," Cert. 269.

***N. Y. O. & W. R. R., Div. No. 20.******Northern Division—***

There is no opposition on this division, and Bro. F. L. Hamilton will be our next local chairman. Let's all give him our full support and co-operation for the betterment of the Order.

Bro. H. P. Kimball, our local chairman for the past four years, wishes to thank us all for the support and assistance rendered him during that time, and sincerely wishes the same spirit shown his successor.

The boys are now being relieved for the vacations due from 1918 and all are being relieved of Sunday work as far as possible. Although they lose a day's pay, I haven't heard of any complaints. If the weather was warmer, no doubt they would appreciate it more, as they could hook up "Lizzie" or some other conveyance, and take a spin.

The "non" list is fast fading away. It's now Bros. E. W. Towne, E. Tripp, J. E. Horan, C. E. Muson and Geo. Kidd. G. A. Sculley has promised to send his application shortly. If you have a neighbor who does not belong, keep after him until he joins, the same as you have done in the past. Let's start Bro. Hamilton off with a solid division. He will appreciate it and work hard to help us.

Drv. Cor., Cert. 289.

**Mo., Kans. & Texas Ry., Div. No. 22.*****St. Louis District—***

We are selling lots of new cards along the line. Sell one to that "Mr." and make a brother out of him. Remember: "No card, no favors."

Bro. Irvin Rucker to Franklin agency, and Bro. Arensburg to Baden second, relieved on third by S. L. Griffin, later to Augusta agency; Mr. Clay to third Mokane; the latter recently married.

Mrs. McCarty, second McBaine, is visiting friends and relatives in Kansas City.

"X" Sedalia is being remodeled to make room for the P. B. X. switch board and improving working conditions, making night and day service through P. B. X.

Katy "DO" St. Louis and Frisco telegraph office have been consolidated, making day and night service now, call being changed to "QN."

Dispatcher Otten is back after several days' illness.

Understand Bro. Graham is going to devote his entire time to raising white rabbits.

Let's try and make this division 100 per cent. Pick out a "non" and stay with him until he gets a card.

Boys, send me some news and will see that we are heard from every month.

CERT. 371.

***Denison Division—***

Bro. Goodall, "GM" Dallas, out service a few days, reinstated, after investigation, with full pay.

Bro. Montgomery, agent Hughes Springs, goes to Hunt yards; Sister Deloris Spaker transferred from Ray yards to Whitewright; relieved by N. G. Jones, and Bro. Hammon, Division 32, relieved Miss Myrtle Harvey West a few days recently.

Bro. Shepperd is back at Campbell, after a long siege of the "flu"; Bro. Williams returning to Como as operator-cashier.

It is now Bros. Rountree and Culberson, Winnboro, and Sister Wedington, Rockwell.

"GM" Dallas and Ray yards is now 75 per cent; Jefferson, Como and Itlay solid 100 per cent.

Bro. McLellan, "GS&T" Parsons, was a recent business visitor at Dallas. Asst. L. C. Massenberg was in Denison a few days recently, straightening out a few hourly rates.

CERT. 115.

***Texas Central Division—***

Our correspondent, Bro. Daniels, at Bellmead, out recently several days trying to get rich in oil fields, collided with one of the famous West Texas sand storms, which drove him back East.

It is now Bros. Smith, Cisco; Neel, Moran; Medlin, at Iredell; Sisters Dulaney, Deleon; and Houston, at Steiner.

Brothers, you all have a list of the "nons"; go after them and remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

Everything looking good on the Old Texas Central, but we are experiencing a little trouble with Supplement 18, as someone who issues the checks, seems to fail to understand it.

Please give the correspondent all the news notes in order to have a good write-up.

The seniority list looks good and the way jobs are now bulletined is fine business.

Pay up those dues, keep the thing rolling, and show the other districts how we can shine with a 100 per cent solid membership.

W. P. C., Local Cor.

**C. M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.*****Columbia & Idaho Divisions—***

Business is humming again since the water went down on the coast, and those big lumber trains are moving about as fast as power is available.

Bro. Woods had no opposition as local chairman and delegate.

Most every one is satisfied with Supplement No. 13, especially those on the one-man jobs where they don't have to work Sundays or holidays

The automatic block has been discontinued between Othello and Cle Elum, the manual having been installed until the new electric is put into operation, which goes with the electrified units.

Dispatcher Kilbourne, who went East on account of ill health, has returned to Malden, but has not resumed his duties. Dispatcher Fred Beal is off again on account of sickness, relieved by William Monroe. Sister McGee was off few days recently owing to illness.

Bro. Sprinkle, second relay Malden, is in the "bug" business and has as many varieties as a bug house. Place your orders with him.

Bros. Horn and Collegan displaced as dispatchers at Mobridge by returning soldiers, have returned to the Idaho Division. Bro. Meyers relieved at "SN" Spokane a few days.

A special went over the Warden branch a few days ago.

Bro. Rollin Tapley, in "Uncle Sam's" radio service, stationed on the Pacific Coast, writes that he will be with us again as soon as he gets his release.

Sister Vera Regan has taken third Beverly; Sister Hilda Larson, third Corfu; Bro. C. J. Loomis, Fernwood agency, and Bro. T. W. Threkeld, second there. CERT. 614.

***Musselshell Division—***

Local Chairman Sasser attended the Montana State Federation of Labor convention at Helena, Feb. 3 to 7, and did some effective work for our craft around the legislature.

We welcome back from the Army, Bros. Leo Thiel to Roundup second, and Tony Gre-

lick to Ismay second, automatically, and Bros. Bill Corcoran and A. A. Riste at Forsyth and Shawmut, respectfully; also E. R. Buntin, who bid in "MS" second. Hope to have his application soon.

It's now Bro. O'Connor at Gage.

Write Bro. J. H. Sasser, Sumatra, Montana, for a line-up of the few "nons"; give them no rest until you land them; and don't forget "No card, no favors." Geo. Haling, Melstone, and C. D. Pickard, Ingomar, have promised their applications. See that they don't forget. Promises unfulfilled don't go any longer.

The returned soldiers coming back to their old jobs, and the ones they relieved returning to theirs, will make quite a shake-up all around.

Business is "punk"; economy the fad. Some nine jobs on this division recently closed, or the work piled onto another, and Sunday hours are cut to the limits, but where a fellow makes some four trips to and from his work to get four hours' work, it's straining a point.

The recent cuts in forces has resulted in many of the fine girls losing out, they being at the foot of seniority list. A few old-timers that can't well move also drop out temporarily.

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#### *Missoula Division—*

Kyle and Bryson closed. Bro. Shepherd, first Kyle, bid in third Stetson, vice Sister Shepherd to second there. Sister Waite to extra. Bro. Harrigan, first Bryson, bid in third Falcon, and Sister Harrigan went to Adair, but the closing of two tricks there leaves her and Mrs. Burnett of second, unplaced.

Roland has been made an exclusive telegraph office. Sister Corrine Smith, third, transferred to third Saltese, vice Sister Bessie Holmes. Bro. W. A. Dorval, a Morse operator, sent to Roland pendingog bulletin. He just returned from the Army, having enlisted last spring. We are glad to have the boys back with us again.

Bro. Wm. Cullen, formerly first East Portal, has returned from an extended visit in Canada and taken second Roland, that office now being filled with all Morse operators.

Two new three-trick offices opened at Garrison Tunnel, bulletined to Morse operators only. All telegraphers will probably soon be replaced by Morse operators.

The Northern Pacific is using the Milwaukee tunnel while repairs are being made on the former one.

Brothers and sisters compare the past when we had no schedule with the present and try to live up to our contract. Quite a number on this division, including the writer, have passed through those hardships and know what a real schedule means to us. We hope to have straightened out shortly the few recent vio-

lations by some of the younger operators who probably were unable to thoroughly understand the contract.

The wife of Bro. A. G. Smith, agent St. Regis, and mother of Sisters Vivian and Corrine Smith, died two hours before the latter reached home, although she started on the receipt of a telegram Jan. 31, and No. 15 stopped at St. Regis to let her off. Sister Vivian had been on leave some time caring for her mother, who has been in poor health several months. Interment took place in Missoula on Feb. 3. The sorrowing husband and family have the sympathy of their many friends on this division. CERT. 3164.

#### *H. & D. Division—*

Bro. Albert Nelson, on first side table Montevideo, relieved on first "MD" by Bro. O. J. Kolb.

Bro. H. P. Jarvis is relieving L. E. Nelson, third Monty yard, relieving the dispatchers at Montevideo and Aberdeen on their two days' monthly vacations.

During the recent storm the dispatchers moved to Milbank again, as there were no wires west of the hills.

Bro. Anderson relieved Bentley at Ortonville, who relieved Bro. Fraser; Bro. Knight relieved Bro. Montell at Odessa and Muth relieved Agent Clinton while sick with the "flu." Bro. Bert Fuller, Watseca; Bro. Knight and Bro. Victor Putzer, Wegdahl, and Len B. Vinge, a new man, have also been down with the disease. Bro. Putzer went to first Minn Falls upon his recovery, relieved on third Wehdahl by Mary Brennan, who just returned from an extended trip to her former home in Chicago.

Bro. T. K. Williams, agent Dumont, has been in a Fargo hospital some time. Brothers knowing of such cases should drop me a line so we can see that they are properly taken care of. Bro. Phelps, of Olivia, suggests that steps be taken to have the Milwaukee system organize hospitals, to take care of sick employes, the same as the N. P. Let's look into this at the next meeting.

Bro. R. H. Hanson relieved Bro. Hamilton, second Glencoe, who took Brownton station, vice Bro. Smith.

Bro. R. C. Silker, back from France, goes to third Minn Falls, and Earl Bingham, back from the Army, to second Olivia. Helpers were put on there and at Renville and Hector recently. Bro. P. P. Gehrigas returned to third Cologne after a year's Army service, relieving Bro. Cook, who went to Brownton. Bro. Cook, agent Wegdahl, goes to second Cologne.

All jobs have now been placed on an eight-hour day.

It is now Bro. Baker, at Chanhassen. There are still two "nons" at Milbank. Bro. Kolb recently lined up Agent Bigass Peever and Agent Hickson. Keep him advised of any

"nons" you know of and he will keep after them. Remember: "No card, no favors."

Bro. Robb, agent Bird Island, entertained Bro. Phelps, agent Olivia, recently. They were old schoolmates, when boys at home.

Bro. G. L. Lieb, agent Corona, on a recent trip to North Dakota, was relieved several days by a young lady in that town.

Bro. Fossness, looking over "The Cities" several weeks, was relieved by Bro. Anderson.

Bro. H. P. Jarvis relieved Bro. "Red" Kolb while he was visiting his mother at New Ulm for a few days.

Dispatcher Stark, Montevideo, attended the recent train dispatchers' banquet in Minneapolis. "XN," Cert. 1390, Milbank.

#### Kansas City Division—

West Yard at Ottumwa Junction, the "Million Dollar Terminal," put into operation in January, with Sister Martha Brown on first, Bro. J. V. Tuomey, second, and Bro. Ward, third.

Osgood second and third taken off and same positions established at Gault, assigned to Bro. I. K. Carey and Bro. R. E. Wilson, respectively.

"Retrenchment" seems to be the order of the day. Continuous offices cut down on Sunday to only a few hours, and positions abolished at second Powersville, third Lawson, and second and third Chula; also Bidwell. Stockdale agency also closed, Bro. Koehl temporarily acting as custodian. Bro. Swafford, third Lawson, goes to third Liberty, vice Bro. Russell and Bro. Phillips, second Chula, to third Excelsior Springs.

Bro. Adkins, second Chillicothe, sick for some time; Bro. Moore, third there, moving up.

Bros. Williamson, agent Mystic, and Hoover, agent Newtown, took in the sights in Kansas City.

Bro. Gold, second Moravia, took in the Shriners at Davenport a few days ago and found an eight-hour day waiting for him on his return.

Bro. Noland, Mystic, visited home folks at Palmer, Ia., recently, and Bro. Anderson, agent Jerome, was off on account of the death of a relative.

Bro. Pelky, second Liberty, was a recent Excelsior Springs caller. Sorry I missed you, "C." Come again.

It is now Bro. Keating at Rathbun and Sister Mamie Scannell.

Understand the K. C. Division now ends at Cedar Rapids, and the positions at that place will come under the Iowa Division jurisdiction. We thus lose three good positions and three mighty nice men off our list.

Those back pay checks look good and we must see that the few "nons" and delinquents get up-to-date and also contribute a little to the flower fund.

Brothers, send me the news from your stations so I can arrange and send them to St. Louis before the 25th. I thank Bro. Endicott very much for the notes sent me for this issue.

L. M. BOUGHTIN, Cert. 762,  
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

#### Wisconsin Valley Division—

Bro. A. R. Schultz, second Mosinee, relieved Bro. Clace, agent of wire work, on first there, two weeks during January, on account of heavy business. Bro. F. J. O'Malley, recently mustered out at Madison, who filled in during the change, also relieved Bro. A. H. Rantz, agent Minocqua, sick with the "flu"; later to second Minocqua, his old position; vice Bro. R. D. Schultz, who relieved Bro. Harris, first Merrill, doing extra dispatching while Bros. Vachreau, Held, Warner and Chief Harrington were on their monthly two-day vacations.

Bro. Heath, second Merrill, spending the winter in Montana, relieved by Bro. West, from Hazelhurst, latter closed. Later Bro. West was granted four months' furlough and is now visiting his folks at Portland, Oregon, accompanied by his family. Bro. E. Whittemore relieved him. We all wish them a pleasant trip.

W. H. Bussee, back from the Army, spent several days around Babcock.

Bro. G. L. Grube has been re-elected chairman and Bro. E. P. Little elected alternate for this division. Refer any grievance you may have to Bro. Grube.

Bro. Kuhn, agent Brokaw, is being congratulated over the arrival of a baby girl.

J. E. WHALEN, Div. Cor.

#### LaCrosse Division & Milwaukee Terminal—

One permanent and two temporary positions are open in Milwaukee relay and second tricks put on at Marshall and Waterloo with Jaeger and Deakin. Third trick side wire Portage dispatcher's office discontinued.

Bro. H. J. Bullock, bridge dispatcher at LaCrosse, who was on sick list some time, has resumed work, and Manning has resumed on second "Q" there.

M. H. Layden to West Salem, second, and Paul Alberts to West Allis, days. Bro. B. Slater, third trick leverman West Portage, relieved by Switchman Ebert several days.

Local Chairman Hagman was Portage caller recently while attending the safety-first meeting.

*This means you!* Not a single note was received this month. Let me hear from you before March 20, so I can get the write-up to St. Louis by the 25th. If too busy to write, tell me by wire. C. A. P., Cert. 65.

**Int'l & Gt. Northern Ry., Div. No. 25.****Ft. Worth Division—**

As I am preparing these few notes, the sad news flashes over the wires of the death of Frank Tremble, of Dallas, for many years superintendent of telegraph for the Texas & Pacific Ry. He was known to the telegraph fraternity from coast to coast, and his death will be mourned by thousands of operators all over the country, and by those who are yet "over there," as he was never too busy to extend the glad hand in cordial greeting.

By such occurrences we are ever reminded of the sureness and nearness of death, and the frailties of life; the young may die, the old must die. But when we have departed this life, may we leave in the hearts and minds of those with whom we came in contact, a shining memorial such as his.

Local Chairman Thompson, in Houston on committee business, was relieved at Mumford by Operator Walston, who also relieved at Hallsburg during the illness of Bro. Ivey's father, who died on February 18. Bro. Ivey has the sympathy of all.

Bro. Mann, filling in on Italy second and third, respectively, pending the arrival of Bros. Renlet and Matthews, later took "H" Palestine second.

Supplement to our agreement embodying rates of pay under Supplement 18 to G. O. 27, will probably be mailed all members soon. Watch your overtime, calls, etc., as well as other concessions.

CERT. 352,

Div. Cor.

**Wabash R. R., Div. No. 26.****Detroit Division, Third District—**

There has been scarcely any news from this district in THE TELEGRAPHER recently. Send Bro. Hayward, at Britton, all the items you can.

The clerk was pulled off at Alvordton, February 4, leaving yours truly to do the work alone, save for the help of the operators in the tower. Superintendent says the work must be done in eight hours with no overtime, and although work is piling up fast, that is being adhered to. Bro. R. A. Bethel is on first, J. A. Bell on second, temporarily, and Bro. C. M. Jaqua on third. Former chairman, Bro. L. A. Yoder, was on second trick several days. We are all glad to see him back again. There has been considerable sickness in his family recently. He has been driving a mail route out of Milan and is now on third North Morenci.

Study General Order No. 27 and Supplement No. 18 very carefully and get familiar with it, also the schedule. The boys at Alvordton tower have never received the benefit of Rule 11B, which entitles them to \$5 extra a month. The company turned it down, and our chairman will no doubt bring it into line.

I would like to see a meeting held at Adrian for this end of the line and suggest North Liberty for the west end and get the spirit revived again. S. C. Crook, Cert. 911.

**Third and Fourth Districts—**

Understand one set of dispatchers is to be taken off and dispatchers work from Detroit to Chicago. Also that Rasin Center will soon be handled by operators.

I am doing some banquet work with my little 8-piece orchestra. Come down, will take you along and assure you a big feed.

Extra Dispatcher Grimm, Montpelier, is relieving the chief dispatcher and dispatcher at "N" on their two days off each month; Curtis relieving "G" in "NG."

**Fourth District—**

Sister Willey relieved Bro. Haines at Foraker, who relieved Bro. Inbody at Stroh, who bid in second Topeka, relieving Bro. Brandt, who landed second New Paris. Bro. Inbody later relieved by C. T. U. Sister Curtis, relieved Bro. Phillips on first New Paris, who went to first Franklin on Third District.

Bro. Karl Reed, Division 40, relieving Bro. Fisher on Wakerusa second a few days, owing to a slight injury.

Benton third closed.

Bro. Earig, Montpelier "NG" third, relieved several days on a trip to Northwestern Ohio by F. Haviland, out of the business a few years.

Bro. L. E. Hammond relieved by A. L. Hammond on third Wolcottville a few days while suffering from attack of tonsilitis.

Bro. Murphy's little daughter, Dorothy, North Liberty, has recovered from an attack of the "flu."

Bro. Chas. Iliff's son, Gerald, with the A. E. F., wounded at Chateau Thierry, is home on furlough, recuperating.

Robert Boal is back from the service, at Gary first office.

Brothers, if you have a "non" working with you and can't land him, advise your local chairman. Remember, should the roads go back to private ownership, that we must line up the few "nons" along the line solid in order to hold our present wage scale.

Send me your notes every month. Don't wait for me to get after you. Bro. Lemen, "NG," and Bro. Iliff, Gary, are the only ones who sent in a note this month. Many thanks to them. "RUBE," Third Britton Tower.

Cert. 839.

**St. Louis So. Western Ry., Div No. 27.****Pine Bluff Division—**

A vote of thanks is due H. C. Frizzelle, our general chairman. He has been untiring in his work for us, and done a great deal more than we at present realize. The best of ev-

erything is none too good for him.

Bro. Gray, off sick since Feb. 3, has gone back to work, relieving Sister Lowe.

Sister Sadie Waldrip, second Yard office, was off several days owing to illness. Miss Effie Van Kirk is relieving Bro. McCance on third there.

Bro. O. Cook transferred from Brinkley to Hunter agency, H. G. Mitchell having been reinstated at the former place.

A Phipps, acting agent Hunter, succeeds R. G. Daubs on third Lewisville, and is the only one there now not lined up. Remember: "No card, no favors."

Camden, a good agency and a good town, with good schools, is up for bids.

Boys and girls, we are the only ones to blame for having any "slackers" on this division, and must go to work in earnest and line up every "non" with or near us.

We have gotten our increase. Now let us show our appreciation by giving the company the very best service possible.

One thing we want to remember is to talk organization and remember at all times that in union lies our strength. CERT. 321.

#### *Jonesboro North—*

Brother T. H. Robinson, former agent-operator at Greenway, Ark., who has been with the R. I. and M. O. P. recently, is now agent-operator, Hollywood, Mo. We are glad to have "Tom," as he is a good "booster."

Brother R. M. Moffatt, agent Blytheville, is back after a severe attack of the "flu"; relieved by Cashier Caldwell.

Brother O. O. Stires is back at Arbyrd, Mo., agency, after several months' service with "Uncle Sam."

Brother F. A. Lee, agent Idalia, visited Little Rock, Ark., recently.

Sister Chrisman relieved C. B. Welch, at St Francis, several days, while he was on general committee work in Texarkana.

Bro. W. P. Gordon was relieved on Fanfeet third a few days by L. E. Ward.

H. E. CHISM.

#### *South of Tyler—*

Bro. R. A. Reynolds, Corsicana, gets clerk-operator Pittsburgh; Bro. C. L. Thomas, Brandon, and Bro. Thrasher, from Athens, Hamilton agency, vice G. W. Corley from latter to Blooming Grove agency. Bro. Roy Ginn goes to Athens second, and Bro. R. A. Lewis succeeded on Trinidad agency by Bro. F. H. Spurgeon, from the Rock Island, to Athens third. S. B. Wilson, yard clerk McGregor, goes to operator-clerk Malakoff, vice Bro. Paul Falby to Brownsboro agency. Bro. R. D. Allen, first "QN" Tyler, goes to first "CG" there. Maud, Naples and Mt. Vernon second and third, and Wylie second opened up for bids.

H. N. Powell, Tyler, was called to Camp Ft. McHenry, Md., Feb. 17, owing to the

critical condition of his father, with pneumonia.

M. T. Kent, of the Santa Fe, working extra here now, promises to line up right away. We must see that he don't forget to do so.

None of the boys sent me any notes this month. Those promised by Bro. Capp, Waco, were probably lost in the mails. Send me your items in time, so I can arrange them and get them to St. Louis before the 25th, and we can have a nice write-up each month.

"GS" AT "F," Cert. 180.

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#### **Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28.**

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#### *N. C. Division—*

Our committee has closed a very satisfactory agreement with the director general and we are now getting reasonable compensation for our services. Keep your card up-to-date. Secure the applications of the "nons" in your vicinity and help in every other way possible to maintain our organization on a solid basis. Take an interest in your work and strive to give the company ever better service than ever.

Carefully check claims and look after not only the company's property, but also after the property entrusted to your care for transportation.

Keep up with your correspondence and reports. Don't wait to be asked for them. Be courteous at all times and accommodating when you can consistently do so.

We regret to lose Supt. Walton, but glad of his promotion to general superintendency. We extend his successor, Mr. Bogwell, a hearty welcome.

Get an annual card at once, if you haven't one, and let's line up better membership and more faithful service. CERT. 1886.

#### *S. C. Division—*

Brothers on the "Fone" side, be sure to leave train order pads and carbon out for your copies of orders copied by the train men, and don't fail to send in the call for all orders copied at your station by them.

I mailed applications, Feb. 17, to R. B. Lane, third Lake City, and J. G. Burroughs, third Tallahassee; also one for Mr. Jones, second at latter point, and one to Bro. C. C. Graves, third Madison, for M. B. Jones, first trick man there. Agent W. H. Wood had his made out, ready to send in.

Bro. G. W. Riffe is on third Quincy, not bulletined yet.

Get your new card if you haven't already done so, and next time don't wait until the last day. This is our Order. If we don't stick, we can't expect to get anything. Being half-way organized won't get us anywhere.

I voted "yes" for the paid, or full time general chairman, and hope enough of you did,

to put it over. We need something of this kind real bad.

Send in your notes if you want a write-up.  
Div. Cor., Cert. 1637.

*Virginia Division—*

A very enthusiastic and interesting meeting was held at the Central Y. M. C. A. on the evening of February 2, the first held here for some time. Ten of the members located in Norfolk were present, and a discussion of fully an hour and a half was indulged in.

General Secy. and Treas. Cumming, who presided, was the principal speaker. His talk was thoroughly enjoyed and those who failed to hear him missed valuable information and advice. The important questions discussed are of great interest to every member. If you have a grievance, bring it to the meeting; don't be talking over the wire; it will do more harm than good.

"GO" office now 100 per cent, and with the round-up of a few nons on the division, we will be solid.

Bro. Phelps, from "GO" office, candidate for alternate to the St. Louis convention, enjoyed a week's vacation at Baltimore and Philadelphia recently, relieved by Bro. Fisher, now at the Navy Yard. Bro. Fisher is an old-timer in "GO" and we were glad to have him with us again.

Bros. May and Benn, chairman and general committeeman, respectively, have returned to their homes after a most satisfactory conference with the general manager regarding our new schedule. We now have the best contract ever, and every one is very much pleased.

Bro. Booker, extra dispatcher Raleigh, bid in 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. trick in "GO" office, relieving Bro. Miller, who accepted an agency on the South Carolina Division. Later Bro. Booker bid in Neuse agency.

The year 1918 was the most eventful ever known. In this great struggle for humanity, "the Seaboard" has furnished a number of brave boys who went forth to conquer, some to sleep until eternity calls them to their great reward.

Bro. N. A. Phelps is now enjoying that which he received for time due him for his vacation.

Do not fail to pay your dues promptly. We must have a solid 100 per cent front. The "non" has never done anything to help himself or others, and there is but one way to bring it home to him, "*No card, no favors.*"

CERT. 1849.

*Virginia Division Notes—*

An enthusiastic meeting of this division was held in Norlina, N. C., Sunday, Feb. 16, nineteen being present: Bros. Benn, local chairman; Vaughan, J. E. Rodwell, Conyers, Person, Perkinson, Evans, Boyd, C. F. Carlton,

Coleman, Harris, Elliott, Reese, Davenport, W. W. Jones, Edwards, Joyner, Gallion, H. O. Carlton.

All very much pleased with new working conditions. It was decided to hold a regular monthly meeting at Norlina. All present advised they voted for a paid general chairman and if same carried, were in favor of Bro. May being re-elected, and if he would not accept, they wished some brother from Virginia Division elected to that position.

This meeting was enjoyed by all, the right spirit being manifested. Let there be no lagging. The only way to be successful is, to have an up-to-date at all times. Educating, agitating and co-operating will keep your division at the top notch, and cheer your officers in their work for your betterment.

Don't become delinquent yourself, as you are not in a position then to solicit a "non's" application. There are some right in the same office with you. Have you done your duty?

Show your appreciation for the good things secured for you by staying right. See that the "non," enjoying what has been paid for by your money, affiliates with us and pays what is justly due the Order and its supporters. Now is the time for every individual to work with greater determination than ever before to make our grand old Order a success.

Div. Cor., Cert. 20.

*East Carolina Division—*

Joint meeting held in Seaboard Hotel Hamlet, Sunday Night, Feb. 16, was well attended by the North Carolina boys, but only four East Carolina men there. The boys should take more interest and attend these meetings. We do not have such meetings very often, and those absent missed something worth hearing.

If you do not take an interest in the Order yourself, how can you expect others to do so. I was pleased to note how well the N. C. men responded to the call. Our men have no excuse, for others got off; those on for work got some from among the ones not going, to work for them. We have a good many agents who could not get off, but second trick men who did not have to work, and some agents, could easily have gotten off. We have a hard fight ahead and all should be in the proper position to do their part.

Bro. Wilson, McColl, bid in Dale agency, vice Bro. Coney, first Gibson, relieving, pending bids.

It is now Bro. J. P. White, first Dillon. Thanks to Bro. Smith, agent there.

Boys, get after the "nons": Second and third, Dillon; first, second and third Poston; third Hemingway; first Jamestown; first Cooper Yard; second Meggetts; second

Pritchard; first Gibson; second and third, Wiggins. I have written them at various times, but writing does no good. Help us to line up the few on the branch.

"R," "Mc," Cert. 1713.

Alabama Division—

Bro. Benton, Pitts, is seriously ill with pneumonia. We hope for his speedy recovery. Others sick, who have recovered: Bro. Dinkins, ticket agent Vidalia, relieved by Bro. H. L. Carter, relieved by Bro. C. W. Arrington, extra; Bro. J. G. Hamilton, first Vidalia, Bros. Dinkins, ticket agent Carter, and Tyler doubling; and Bro. Chappell, Richland.

Bro. G. W. Gore, agent Collins, has resigned to go in the drug business. We wish him success. Relieved by Mr. Griswold.

Bro. R. C. Guest, second dispatcher, dropped in a few minutes recently at Vidalia while taking his two days off. Relieved by Bro. F. Johnson.

H. A. Tatum goes to Preston, and Bro. Standford to Pittsview agency, now relieving at Hartsboro. Extra Wells to Collins second, re-opened.

I will appreciate a little help from the members. We need a good write-up each month.

Let's all stick together, work for our Order, line up the "nons," and have solid membership. We must not get slack now and let things run any old way; but wake up, keep busy and not leave all the work responsibility for the other fellow, for the time is coming when each member will be required to do his part

H. L. CARTER, Cert. 1528.

Florida Division—

We are deeply grieved by the death of Bro. C. P. Kirkland. The Order loses a staunch supporter, and his family a kind and loving husband and father. The sympathy of the entire division goes out to them in this, their sad bereavement. Bro. Kirkland had been on second Waldo a number of years and was relieved a few days before his death by Sister Ammonds.

Sister Morrow, first Plant City, relieved by Bro. Morrow, from "QN" Tampa, account sickness, owing to their daughter, Thelma, having an attack of influenza, from which she is recovering. Bro. Ricketson, Citra, also off a few days with the malady, is improving. Bro. Adams is back on Ocala and Bro. Carrier at Fernandina agency after a tussle with the "flu"; also First Trick Dispr. McWhorter, after several weeks in the hospital.

We are glad to welcome to our division Bro. and Sister C. A. Ammonds, from Division 53. Bro. Ammonds relieved Bro. C. S. Hickson, agent Otter Creek, a few days recently. Also glad to welcome Bro. Calloway from Division 15.

It is now Bro. Voght, second trick Wildwood.

Remit your dues promptly. Get in the few "nons" around you and let's make this division 100 per cent. Keep in mind hours of service, Supplement 18, article V, which states: "Eight consecutive hours, exclusive of meal hour, shall constitute a day's work. Except where two or more shifts are worked, eight consecutive hours, with no allowance for meals, shall constitute a day's work. Employes will not be required to suspend work during regular hours or to absorb overtime."

Supplement 18 also gives us two hours at overtime rates for a call, at time and half time. Keep an eye open for orders that conductors copy at nights, as previous agreement gives us the call for these orders, and there is quite a number of extras running now. We are entitled to it and should have it.

Boys, let's have some meetings on this division. We haven't had one in a long time. Where shall we have the next one?

We are going to have a write-up in the Journal every month. Send me all the happenings around you.

Don't nurse your grievances. Let them be known so they can be straightened out. Do your part for the company and let's get every letter in the contract.

D. E. LUNDY,  
Asst. Local Chairman,  
Plant City, Fla.

Del., Lacka. & W. R. R., Div. No. 30.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank every member of Division No. 30, in good standing on December 21, 1918, which made it possible for me to forward an excellent report to Grand Secretary & Treasurer Bro. C. E. Rawlins. With 483 members initiated during 1918, my report carried 466 of these members in good standing, 11 dropped account of non-payment of dues, 5 account of death, and 1 transferred to another division. I trust that every member will feel as proud of this report as the writer does. With better than 500 members now, and many new applications in sight, the D. L. & W. organization is much stronger today, in proportion, both financially as well as in membership, than many of the older and larger organized roads.

With a paid general chairman working incessantly for every member's benefit, and plenty of money in our local treasury to back him up, every member should feel the part he or she is taking and the benefits being derived therefrom, and not give up until they have secured an application from every "non" in their respective territory. I understand that many of these "nons" have been holding off for their back pay and, whether they have or not, it will be an opportune moment to get their signature on the dotted line, and I would appreciate it if every member will

avail himself of this opportunity as soon as it comes, which, I understand, will be very soon.

The results in our recent election for candidates for the several divisions came near resulting in a complete failure, owing to the fact that our members did not comply with Section 69 of the Division Statutes, although our nomination blanks very clearly referred to the above statutes. Many names were not shown on the list of candidates, either on account of the failure to get the three signatures or the signature of the nominee on the nomination blank. It is hoped that our next election will prove more successful, and through our meetings the members will be thoroughly posted on this subject.

With many meetings held recently, and many others to be held regularly after our agreement has been signed by the management, it is hoped that even a greater interest may be developed on our different divisions. There is not one member who does not fully appreciate what has already been done for him, and what is still to be done, and every one should get behind the committee and lend it all the assistance possible.

Fraternally,

C. C. COOPER,  
G. S. & T.

#### *Morris & Essex—*

The recent meetings conducted on the M. & E. Division at Newark, Dover and Paterson, N. J., were all well attended, both morning and evening, the seating capacity on these three occasions being at a premium. Second Vice-president Pierson and General Chairman Farley both delivered brilliant orations which were warmly received. Various topics were ably discussed and the new wage scale analyzed in detail.

The brothers all are well informed on conditions up to date, and the consensus of opinion generally expressed was that it's extremely interesting, educating and of vital importance for each brother to attend all meetings and talk situations over that arise in our line.

It's commendable to witness so many new applications for membership. Ten new ones secured recently.

The wisdom of having a general chairman who can devote his talents entirely to protecting our interests will frequently be the means of any brother who may at any time require special representation in having some favorable action being taken promptly, as legislation on statute books at present requires activity within five days, otherwise it's outlawed.

Bro. George Robbins, a charter member of this division, died very suddenly on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p. m., at his late residence in East Orange, N. J. His funeral was a very impressive one, being well attended by rela-

tives and friends. A representative body of brothers from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, who came from various points on the M. & E. Division, assembled to pay their last respects to their deceased brother, who was well known in railroad circles, having been connected with D. L. & W. for many years. The casket was surrounded by a wealth of floral pieces, among which was a large wreath from the O. R. T. Porter pall bearers served in addition to the honorary bearers comprised of: Bros. J. J. Wade, N. Atwater, W. J. Sutton, W. S. Patterson, C. W. Hall and F. W. Jones. Interment was made at East Orange on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Local Chairman Harbourt, being treated by a specialist at Dover, N. J., is improving rapidly, and we hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. E. K. MacCauley recently returned to work at "AD," after an operation at Dover General Hospital.

We are glad to see Bro. Edw. Barry back at "GY," after an attack of pneumonia, which laid him up for a month; also Bro. J. Scales back at "P," and Bro. S. F. McCleary, at "FN" tower, after a month's siege with the grip.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Geo. Eustice, "BO," who has lost his mother, February 12.

Bro. C. Sherm, formerly second at "UD," has been honorably released from Army service, having spent most of his enlistment at Camp Sevier, S. C. Bro. W. J. Sutton informs us he is now 7 feet tall and weighs 225 pounds.

The boys in general regret to learn of the resignation of Bro. F. W. Sullivan, side table operator at "WD," but congratulate him on having secured a better position with the signal department.

Bro. J. J. Haley, relief agent, is now at Dover Freight.

Glad to see Bro. Harold Jacobus, "FS," flashing an up-to-date card and wearing the emblem on his coat.

S. F. M.  
Cert. 155.

#### *Missouri Pacific R. R., Div. No. 31. Louisiana Division—*

Tioga has been made continuous since January 1st. Bro. C. M. Popplewell has agency and first trick. S. B. Paton and A. C. Colvin on second and third respectively. Fondale closed, Jones to Pollock second; Antonio recently made a two-trick job. T. Lewis assigned to second, relieving Bro. Gochenour, relieving Bro. R. A. Tiley, Olla third, off sick.

Georgetown has been made continuous, Bro. A. R. Picou first, Bro. L. W. Powell second, and Bro. G. L. Edwards third.

Rochelle third closed. Bro. T. V. Evans to first, and Bro. C. L. Fleshman to second.

Grayson made continuous, Sister L. E. Mathis first, Bro. J. F. Mathis second, and Bro. G. W. Henderson third.

Bosco also made continuous; Bro. C. F. Miller first, Bro. W. K. Bush second, and Bro. Beard third. Rochelle third closed. H. C. Lane to second Columbia, recently made a two-trick job. Somebody send him an application blank.

M. Morris succeeded to the vacancy caused by the death of our beloved Bro. J. O. Nettes in January, who was agent-telegrapher at Columbia. A wreath was furnished by the boys of the Monroe District.

Bro. F. N. Abell is relieving Bro. W. E. McDougald at Clayton, on Feisenthal District.

I would be glad if the boys will help me to get a write-up each month by giving me any news they may know that would be of interest.

J. C. WATSON, Div. Cor.

#### *Louisiana Division Notes—*

Bro. George Berg, now Corporal Co. A, 5th Field Battalion, Signal Corps, A. P. O. 740, 3rd Division American Expeditionary Forces, France, writes General Chairman Mohler from Andernach, Germany, under date of January 20th, that he received his Journals and cards all O. K., and "came out of it" O. K., all to the fine. He is anxious to get back to the states, but does not think he will return very soon.

His Division (the 3rd), was in the battle of the Marne, on July 14th; at St. Mihiel and also the Argonne; holding the line on the former, 58, and on the latter, 29 days.

He is now only about fifteen miles from Coblenz, Germany, on the Rhine, and saw some very pretty country coming down that river, but he has slept in a *real* bed only about half a dozen times in the past year, such luxuries are but a dream of the past.

However, he says, when on the front he slept well, even on the good old ground, in a hole, safe from pieces of shell, as it is an old story that a shell never falls twice in the same spot.

He wishes to be remembered to all the boys out on the line, and promises to visit the headquarters in the Star building, at St. Louis, when he returns, and tell us a plenty of what he has gone through "Over There."

THE EDITOR.

#### *Central Kansas Division—*

Bro. Magrath, former agent Bucyrus, returned from war service, goes to Harris agency, vice Bro. McLinn to Council Grove first.

Bro. White, agent Bushong, relieved on vacation by Bro. Aikus, and he on second there by Mrs. Aikus; Bro. Fish, second Stillwell, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Kirby, now on second Kenneth, who also relieved Bro. Kelly, third Bucyrus, owing to sickness.

"K," "By," Cert. 1469.

#### "Frisco" Ry., Div. No. 32.

##### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. J. T. Mahanay relieved a few days by Bro. C. K. Sims.

Bro. Doran, second Aurora, on ten-day rest in Tennessee. The Missouri Pacific has been consolidated with the Frisco at Aurora, making it a pretty busy job for the Frisco boys.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Nettles, first Republic, from attack of pneumonia.

Congratulations and best wishes to Bro. R. V. Potter and bride.

Our dispatchers at Springfield are mighty busy since the line has been cut through from Monett to Lebanon. Give them good service boys, they will need it.

##### *Southwestern Division—*

Bro. F. Pennington, third Clairmore, relieved Bro. Moore, second Fairland, a few days.

Bro. Mullens returns to Ritche agency, vice Bro. Benzac, back to first Clairmore. Bro. Hampton back on second there from camp.

Bro. D. B. Delaplaine to Afton second, succeeded at Granby agency by Bro. Wells, third Chelsea.

Bro. Robbins, Pierce City, relieved a few days by Bro. C. L. Martin.

##### *Central Division—*

Bro. C. H. Pratt, Rogers, Ark., was off a week on account of the death of his father-in-law.

##### *"S" Relay Office, Springfield, Mo.—*

The Frisco telegraph school in the Frisco Building here, discontinued and equipment removed. Miss Pearl Lamb, instructress, going to Madill.

Bros. Thorson and Kennedy recently visited the new Frisco-Katy telegraph office in St. Louis, on the fifteenth floor of the Railway Exchange Building.

Bro. W. J. Sayers was recently called to some point in Texas on account of the death of a brother. We sympathize with Bro. Sayers in his loss.

##### *Northern Division—*

Sister Bonesteel, Carthage, Mo., visited her folks a few days at Ft. Scott, Kans., succeeded by Bro. Thompson, returning from camp, and bumped Bro. Moore from third Carthage.

Bro. Lirrell, on second, and Bro. Jewell back from camp, resumed on third Lamar. Bro. Hurst back to third Lockwood.

Bro. Baugh, former agent Farlington, back from France, visited relatives in Kentucky a few days, before returning to work.

I will be glad to send in a monthly write-up if the brothers along the line will send me the news from their different stations.

R. O. WILLARD, Cert. 767,  
Monett, Mo.

#### *Eastern Division Notes—*

Sister Jennings bumped Sister Mary Divan, second Valley Park, who bumped Sister Haynie, second Windsor, and was off later, several days on account of sickness.

Bro. George Campbell, second Sullivan, visited in the city several days, relieved by Sister Ethel Perriguey. CERT. 383.

#### *River & Cape Divisions—*

Bro. C. B. Andrews, Gideon, was off a few days recently, attending court.

Bro. C. E. Kimball, second Blytheville, is on the sick list.

Bro. W. E. Barron relieved Bro. V. E. Hopkins, on first Hayti, a few days.

Bro. W. H. Poggimier, discharged from military service, has taken his position as agent Wilson, bumping Bro. W. E. Barron to Blytheville third. Mrs. Barron to first there.

Bro. Martin Macks, discharged from military service, formerly on first Chaffee, is on second there, vice Bro. J. C. Russell, back on Hayti second.

Bro. C. J. Elkins, agent Clarkton, for some time, has resigned to go in business for himself; Bro. T. C. Clayton, Jr., succeeding him.

Bro. J. C. Winter, operator-cashier Pocahontas, bid to Brooks Jct. CERT. 383.

#### *Southwestern Division Notes—*

Bro. Phillips, Tuttle, third Seneca; Bro. Delaplaime, second Afton, were off several weeks recently.

Bro. Carden, agent Wyandotte, to second Neosho, Bro. Cushman back to second Chelsea; Bro. Geo. Dale, after spending several months in training at Camp Logan, Texas, will soon resume his old place on third Chelsea.

Sister Vane, visiting between No. 4 and 8, relatives in Springfield, February 8th, dropped around and left a few notes. "MS."

#### *Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33. "GO" Baltimore Division—*

This, the headquarters of the brother system, is one hundred per cent O. R. T. It has been a leader in the ranks for many years, and by its good example helped along many a weak and weary brother pulling hard against the stream.

The grim reaper of death has called away five old-timers: Bros. Pemberton, Krebs, McLaughlin, Bilson and Bradshaw, but there are many old and young timers left to give battle to the common enemy of labor.

You hear the chronic complaint of all telegraphers: "I wish I never learned the business," or "I will try to get out of it," let me

say to all such that if they will pay up their dues in the O. R. T., and try to get a six-hour day and more pay, they will never be better situated than at present. "JOM."

Cert. 216.

#### *Wheeling Division—*

Our 1918 campaign for members left the division in excellent shape. We made a whirlwind finish the last two weeks in December that almost eliminated the "non" element.

All the agents on the division, working a scheduled job, and a few not working them, are up-to-date. This is an unprecedented condition for us, and one that we are very proud of. Thanks to Bro. M. F. Burton, at Underwood, for lining them up. He has won fame for himself, and will carry an annual card for 1919 as a reward for his activities. Bro. John Donley, C. L. & W., during the year also secured enough applications to earn a 1919 annual in the prize contest.

The Short Line is solid, both operators and agents, Hartzel to Porters Falls. These men came in as soon as they got their vacation money. J. W. Scott paid up for a year. H. E. Beeney came right after him, and "KN" came in solid, including Sam Earle, agent.

There are just a few who have worked here for years without a card, framing excuses for not joining, caring nothing about the contempt of the men on the division; some even pretend to believe that no one knows they are not paid up. To hear them talk you would think they were acting first lieutenants to the O. R. T. Remember, "No card, no favors," may change their minds.

The sincere sympathy of the members of the division is extended to Bro. H. N. Hobday, phone maintainer, who lost his wife, while he and his little girl were very low in the hospital with the "flu." He was off duty all last fall and winter, having just gone back to work.

Bro. Raymond Shields, and his wife and child were also in the hospital at the same time with it. It was a close call for Bro. Shields, who is still at home after being off over two months.

We are sorry to learn that J. M. Wable, former agent Woodlands, died from fever while in the service in France. He was a brother of Bro. T. Wable, agent Hundred. The brother and family have our heartfelt sympathy.

Let's start this term without a delinquent. Give the chairman time to do something else beside chase them and the "nons."

And, all together! Boost the "majority." J. B. SPRINGER, L. C.

#### *Monongah Division—*

For some time we have had a local chairman for the first and one for the second district, but transferring a portion of this divi-

sion to the Charleston left only one local chairman for the entire Monongah Division.

While we did not accomplish all I desired during my term as your local chairman, the fifty or more names added to our roll shows that we did good work, and I bespeak greater, if possible, success for my successor.

We will miss the hard working brothers that the Charleston Division gained by the transfer noted, but our loss is the other division's gain. We hope they will enjoy their new associations and co-workers, and wish them success, while we welcome our new brothers transferred from the Wheeling Division, whom we hope will help us to round up every "non" on our division.

The granting of Supplement No. 18 with increased wages should be sufficient to prevent any member from becoming delinquent, and leaves no excuse for anyone to make that he is unable to join our movement, for still better conditions and higher wages.

Let us all keep an up-to-date card, and see that no "nons" are permitted to remain with us long unless they do likewise.

Our continued success depends on an up-to-date as well as an increased membership.

T. M. GILLUM, Loc. Chmn.

#### *Members New Castle Division—*

Balance on hand, January 1st.....	\$20.50
Paid out, seniority lists.....	2.50

Balance on hand, February 1st.....	\$18.00
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Yours fraternally,

V. P. McLAUGHLIN,  
Local Treasurer,  
Newton Falls, O.

#### *Members New Castle Division—*

I note from the official ballot that no one else is desirous of the position of local chairman, and I cannot say that I am myself, but I have the welfare of the New Castle Division, and the entire Order in mind, and someone must do the work, but every member must co operate to make the division what it should be. One man cannot cover the 200 miles, and note every little thing; therefore, you should keep me posted on anything you think I should know, and I will endeavor to keep up to our present standard and better.

There is no excuse for a "non" at all. If you have one in your office or are blocking with one, show him his error *every day*, and for a little emphasis use the old motto of "No card, no favors."

Fraternally yours,

G. A. MCBRIDE.

#### *New Castle Division Notes—*

Correct the seniority list by crossing out lines 102, 110, 117, 119, 125, 128 and 130, and add the names of C. W. Stout, L., November 13, 1918, and W. S. Booth, January

1, 1919. No more stars, let us see if we can't have an improvement next month.

Bro. Forney is back on third Lodi, after several weeks' leave.

Boughtonville and Akron Jct. yard office block closed.

Bro. Robert B. Hunt, third "CH" Tower Haselton yard, died at his home in Youngstown, on January 25th, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Mrs. Hunt wishes to thank the members for the sympathy shown by the floral emblem. Bro. Hunt was not on the division very long, but every one he met was a new friend, and he will be greatly missed around Haselton.

If someone on the east end would volunteer to handle the write-up, I would be glad to send them a few notes each month, and furnish postage for sending the notes to St. Louis.

G. A. M.

#### *Ohio Division—*

Under date of February 1st decisions on the following cases have been received by the General Committee from Federal Manager Beglen: claim of Bro. Keefe, Wilmington extra compensation for loading milk; Bro. Miller, Washington Chairman, handling crossing; Bro. Exline, Bloomingburg, extra compensation on account of duties being increased; Bros. S. H. Smith and Berthold, additional compensation on account of clerical work; Bro. Wilson, Thrifton, vacation at full salary, from 1910 to 1916, inclusive—all declined. Under date of February 12th, the claim of Bros. Austin and Maloney, Greenfield, for handling mail, was also rejected. When this case was taken up, it was for third trick, but later changed to second, on account of the change of time of trains.

All of these claims will be taken before Board No. 8 at Washington, D. C., as provided in Supplements No. 6, and 6a, as soon as possible. Claim for Bro. W. W. Tritroville, former agent Roxabel, for back pay for February, March, April and May, has been allowed and should be settled for on next pay roll. This was one of the few cases decided favorably. Claims for increase in pay for Loveland, from 61 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 75 cents an hour, has been made on account of the consolidation with the P. Co., work having materially increased; also, at Melvin from 49 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 60 cents an hour, owing to consolidation with same company, and increase of work; also at Hillsboro from 68 to 85 cents an hour on account of consolidation with N. & W. office increasing the work 50 per cent, to date from September 24th.

Ninety per cent of all the questionnaires and authorization blanks sent to agents not listed in the schedule, were returned filled out asking that we represent them, and do all we could for them.

A third trick leverman has been put on at Sabina tower, and advertised on February

bulletin, as per decision of local board of adjustment.

All operators should receive entire 15 cents increase from October 1, 1918, back pay on vacation, and pay for vacation. If not allowed take it up with the local chairman.

Commencing February 2nd, Bloomingburg, Derby, Pleasant Plain, Cuba, Broad Street, East Monroe, Roxabel, Cooleville, South Webster, Scioto, Furnace, Sciotosville and Mineral were closed on Sunday.

Second Sciotosville abolished, vice Bro. Spangler, not yet returned from Texas.

Farmers one-trick night office made a two tricks 6:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m., and 2:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.; Bro. Biddinghouse on second, first up for bid.

I secured the application of T. J. Hall, of Washington.

Bro. Romine, Midland City, visiting relatives at Urbana, relieved several days, by Hall.

Bro. Witherspoon has resumed first Sabina after assisting relief agent Freshwater two months.

Bro. Frank Maloney, second Leesburg, off two weeks with mumps, and Bros. Murphy and Preston, first and third there, off several days with the "flu," relieved by Barrett, Hammer and Miss Spangler respectively.

Brothers, don't wait until the last minute to send in your dues and insurance money, you can never tell when something will happen, and as back pay has been received there is no occasion for this nor for the "nôns" not taking out a card.

CERT. 729.

#### *Indiana Division—*

The postponement of a recent meeting at Cincinnati, caused an assemblage of disappointed members to hold an informal gathering in the lobby of the Grand Hotel. Grouped in half dozen couples, we renewed friendship and discussed all sides of Supplement No. 13, when the subject of regular meetings was brought up. An effort will be made to form a joint committee of representatives from each railroad division entering the city, whose duty it will be to arrange a programme of speakers, and systematically handle the numerous ends to be encountered at joint affairs. The success should be spontaneous. This would in a manner, revive the old Queen City Telegraphers' Club; but would only be systemizing present methods, with less labor and more success.

The failure of a member to remit his nomination certificate until two days overdue, caused him to be disqualified for current elections. Members changing their address, should not neglect notifying C. B. R., so that THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER may follow the change.

Several exclusive agents recently covered by Supplement No. 13, have hesitated joining the O. R. T. because of a misunderstanding of

seniority, and its effect upon their position. Seniority is the length of service in any class of trades covered by the schedule. It is not the length of membership in the Order. The only way a "bump" is exercised is through abolition of an employee's position, or on account of displacement by a man who in turn was "bumped" by an older employee. "Bumping" must be done within ten days from displacement. There is no discrimination because of the length of time a person has been a member of the Order. Kelley at Oakley dropped out because no favoritism was shown.

Those who like to read a bit of history with a few shakes of red pepper, should turn to the writing of Eddie Coyle in the Peoria Division notes of the Pennsy, page 74, January issue. Somehow, I think the "Old Boy" made a mistake about his hat, and threw in his whole suit of clothes. When a fellow comes back after twenty years on the "High Seas," it makes us "springers" puff out like a pouter pigeon.

Div. Cor.

#### *Illinois Division—*

Bros. Messig and Hodges, Breeze and Washington first; Zahn, Rule and Morris, Caseyville, O'Fallon and Vincennes third respectively, have returned from the service, also Bro. Green, latter for the past year radio operator in the navy "overseas." Bro. Messig, who tried to enlist several times but was rejected due to his weight, passed in the draft first class. He is working on the West End, and with a little help can line up the few nons over there. We are all glad to see the boys back home again. A. J. Vinson is back at Springfield after several months' service. When leaving, his job paid \$82.00, returning he found it paying \$130.00. We should now see that he gets an up-to-date card.

Bro. Connaty, now with the army of occupation in Germany, writes that he "is getting along fine." He and Bro. Kemper enlisted May, 1917, in the Signal Corps, sent "overseas" January, 1918.

Agent Trenton now does the telegraphing on first, Bro. Munie taking second; Agent Beckemeyer also working first, vice Bro. Schrader, entitled to a bump. Sandoval is now a continuous office, second and third on bulletin.

Bro. Long is back at Virginia after a hard siege with pneumonia brought on by the "flu." Bro. Johnson, agent Louis, relieved on sick list by Miss Greathouse.

Bro. Kelley, second Taylorville, is being congratulated on the recent arrival of a boy.

Bro. Jones, Edinburg, spent Sunday with relatives recently in Bridgeport. Bro. Russell and Bro. McDonald took in the movies at Springfield on a recent Sunday.

Bro. Weshinsky, who made a trip to St. Louis to purchase a new typewriter, and Bro.

Croughan, who went there to have his eyes treated, were both relieved by Bro. Hillis.

Sister Edmiston is now on third Wheatland.

Keep after the few nons and give them no rest until they join. R. N. Hodges.

#### **Chicago & E. Illinois R. R., Div. No. 34.**

Sunday, January 26th, a meeting was held at Aetna Hotel, Danville, Ill., called to order by Bro. Skiles, who gave a detailed report of his activities in connection with the other general chairman, since general order number twenty-seven was first issued. The meetings of the board, etc., at Washington were carefully explained from the time the first one was called until the final adjournment. Questions pertaining to Supplement 18 were fully explained to the various members who had different opinions as to its application, as all were invited to bring up anything they were in doubt about for general discussion.

Three sessions were held, morning, afternoon and evening and everybody was pleased with their success.

All have no doubt received their new rate, I have a table of the various rates for ready reference, compiled by Bro. Mangram, but it could not be printed on one page of THE TELEGRAPHER in that form in our notes. We might make some other arrangement whereby every brother could have a copy of it.

On behalf of the members, I wish to thank Mr. Waldo for stopping passenger trains at various places for the accommodation of those attending the meeting.

P. E. HAMPTON,  
Div. Cor., Cert. 320.

#### **Illinois Division—**

Bro. McAdams is relieving on second St. James, pending bids, vice H. L. Smith. Bro. Dowdy, first Goreville, is being relieved by Bro. A. L. Underwood, with Bro. G. F. Goodman on third. Bro. O. Peterson to Fair Grounds second; Wingo back at "WY" yard, and Bro. O. L. Dowdy back on second Modo after being discharged from military service. Bro. R. Odum bumped off third there, bumped the "non" off Tuscola nights.

All three brothers at "SX" Tower were down with "flu," relieved by H. L. Smith, R. E. Plant and Bro. C. B. Mattix. Bro. I. V. Dowdy is back on second Findlay Jct., after month's tussle with the malady.

Only one brother sent me a few notes, none of the rest seem willing to spare a few minutes time to mail them to me.

Business slack and operators plentiful.

L. E. REGENOLD.

#### **Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39. Port Huron-Grand Rapids Division—**

I wish to express my sincere thanks to each one of you personally, for the loyalty shown during the past strenuous year. We must

continue in the same lines as in the past for the welfare of our membership.

In 1915, we were in the Junior Class, with the close of business for 1916 we boasted of 228 members, 1917 we had 253, and December 31, 1918, we have 415 paid-up members, 98 per cent of the men we represent. We now have another great opportunity with the eight-hour day being put in effect opening up many new positions; some being filled by up-to-date members, while most are nons or new men entirely, but with your continued loyalty we can accomplish much during the ensuing year, and have a record on December 31st, that we all can be proud of, let each member of his station see that it is well represented.

The February issue of THE TELEGRAPHER states that no premiums will be given for 1919, but any member who secures five new applications will receive an emblem ring. I am taking up with the General Committee an offer to allow the members of Division No. 39 for the year 1919 his semi-annual dues for securing forty-five new applications, and anyone securing six or more his annual dues, subject to the approval of the committee of which you will be advised later through these columns.

Your General Committee convened at Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, during the week of February 17th, to continue negotiations for revising the schedule and incorporating rules and rates of pay as given in Supplement No. 13 therein, with the result that the Preamble, Article One, Sunday overtime, reporting on Sundays and calls outside of regular hours are to be appealed to Wage Board No. 3 for proper adjustment.

Bro. Neff, agent Lowell, on General Committee work, was relieved by second trick operator, Bro. H. N. Briggs, relieved by former member of Division No. 39, R. F. Joiner, who returns to his ranch in North Dakota for the ensuing season.

It is now Sisters Himebaugh, at Smyrna; Jacobs, Belding; and Wright, Grandville! Bros. Dave Shaver, Trufant; P. J. Brady, Saginaw; Nicol, Ensel; Clark, Ann Pere; Sprague, Gilford; Albertson, Fairgrove; Goetz, Monroe, and Vrooman, Sarnia.

The operator-ticket clerk at "BO," whose hours have been reduced from thirteen to eight hours per day with Sunday work eliminated, now making about \$12.00 a month more than heretofore, who says the O. R. T. never did anything for him. You all know the remedy for such cases.

Bro. S. D. Gates, who performed faithful and efficient services in the front line trenches "Over There" with the Signal Corps, was wounded in battle, resulting in the loss of a limb, serving considerable time in various hospitals, has been fitted up with a very nimble artificial one—surprised us all by taking a wedding trip, and is now doing effi-

cient service on second Edmore. F. J. Byrne, just released from Military service went to second operator-clerk, Stanton.

Bro. Deno, Jr., bid in Second Merrill, N. R. Siniit from the "GRI" second Breckenridge, and Sister Florence Jacobs, second Belding.

There are many other important changes which will make *newsy* items if someone will mail them to me on or before the 20th of each month, you never see an editor of a publication render service without a large editorial staff gathering in the items desired, so let's us do the same on this division and make use of some of the space allotted to us, which has long been *vacant*.

C. P. N., Cert. 224.

#### *Chicago-Muskegon Lodge—*

A meeting was held in Grand Rapids, Sunday, February 16th, with a large attendance, including a number of members and the General Committee of Division No. 16. Our general chairman, general secretary and treasurer, and some of our members had attended their meetings at St. Thomas, Detroit, Bay City, and Jackson. We regret that owing to the business matters brought up and train connections that our visitors were not given ample opportunity to express themselves.

Former General Chairman Knister gave us some interesting O. R. T. history at the meeting, interspersing it with some of his witty stories.

Local Chairman Watson, of Holland, went to Detroit on February 17th, to assist the rest of the committee in framing up a new schedule to be presented to the management.

All of our Sunday offices have been closed, leaving the brothers plenty of time to rest and fish.

Brothers, if there is any news around your offices you think would be of interest to the rest of us, just put it down on a piece of clip and mail it to your local correspondent. This will swell the items and let the brothers on the other roads know that we are still on the map and doing business.

G. E. W., Cert. 614.

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#### *Hocking Valley Ry., Div. No. 40. Hocking, River Division and Branch—*

New members: R. H. Martin, Athens; M. P. Fox, second Carroll; B. J. Swartz, third Nelsonville Block; A. E. Duffey, Hawks; B. L. McGraner, second Hocking; W. Clark, Hookers; F. J. Garathy and W. A. Mathice, Winchester, we celcome them into the fold. Two more applications promised last February pay; "watch us grow." This division will soon be 100 per cent solid.

Third Parsons Yard closed, Bro. Murphy taking second, vice Bro. Cooper to the B. & O. second, Snow Fork Jct. also closed, Bro. Root to second Nelsonville Block, vice Bro. McCarthy back to his farm.

Bro. Thompson, second East Clayton, off several days, owing to the death of father relieved by Bro. Trainman Wolfe, from Nelsonville Yards. We all extend the bereaved brother our deepest sympathy. Bro. Nihiser, second Logan, off on account of an attack of the "flu," Bro. McCarthy relieving.

On account of the cyclone blowing up and closing so many joints, remember our local chairmen is watching the assignments closely, and any of the brothers not placed in the positions they are entitled to should advise him of the particulars at once.

Our Floral Fund \$2.00 in treasury and sixty contributed 25 cents on account of the death of Bro. Thompson's father, a total of \$15.00, making \$17.00 in all, a design O. R. T., was purchased for \$10.00 leaving a balance in my hands of \$7.00 to be used when necessary, I thank all you brothers for this.

While Local Chairman Robinson was on third Mosel, a mile north of his residence at Valley Crossing a burglar tried to get in at 12:15 Monday morning, February 17th. Bro. Robinson's wife, who was alone, shot the intruder with a repeating shot gun, almost tearing one of his legs off. He was taken to the Columbus hospital, and I am unable to give any further particulars. Let's get Mrs. Robinson a medal.

Just the same, as usual, no one contributed any news for a better write-up, and Bro. Nihiser off sick, so I had to do the whole thing myself. We will have to have your assistance or give up the job. Anyone can have it that wants it. Remember the slogan and use it to the limit.

"F. G. D., at Q."

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#### *Indiana Line—*

Having been selected as your chairman for the ensuing two years, I propose to continue my policy of the past term, viz.: To abide strictly by our working agreement and contract. To accomplish this I must have the support of every member of this division.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support and the confidence you evinced in me by again electing me your chairman, as well as choosing me for your delegate to our next convention at St. Louis. It will be my greatest endeavor to prove to you that it has not misplaced, by earnest, conscientious labor in your behalf, as individuals, as well as the organization.

Every member should help me to make our line *solid* by seriously practicing our slogan: "No card, no favors." Remember this, and explain to the would-be "doubting Thomas" the reason why.

Our new agreement, as framed, will be the best in the country. Study it and familiarize yourself with all the sections, in order to eliminate confusion.

We need a good, wide-awake division correspondent, with the ability to get the Indiana

Line news. I would appreciate very much the service of some good obliging brother.

Now that we are in the Pocahontas region, we feel back home under the management of the gentlemanly officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio. Let us all keep our eyes open, and show that that *in union there is service*, which will result to our best interest and advantage. We are "pestered" with only two nons on the line, and I am giving them plenty of reading matter with hopes of an early conversion.

Two new positions created at Peoria—second and third. I am hoping two good members will land them.

Supplement No. 13 covers levermen: As a result we have eight new members out of L. E. & W. and Wabash towers in Peru, and Pennsylvania tower, Muncie. Will have the ninth before this reaches you.

Other new members are: J. M. Rucker, Malden; W. A. Knipp, Twelve Mile; B. F. Smith, Jonesboro; and extra operators J. H. Dowell and E. R. Powell. We welcome these brothers into our ranks.

Bro. Dowell relieving Bro. Cox, Richmond, Ind., and Bro. Powell relieving Sister Murphy. Both absences due to illness. Bro. and Sister Batchelor, Fernald, are also off duty owing to the illness of Bro. Batchelor, who we trust will soon be much improved.

Let it be understood that regardless of the appearance of any other foreign organization, the O. R. T. is representing the dispatchers and linemen on this railroad; therefore, no other organization has a "look-in" on local affairs.

Best wishes to all.

Fraternally,

E. E. MIDDLEKAUF,  
Chairman.

#### Boston & Maine R. R., Div. No. 41.

The meeting at the American House, Boston, Mass., February 8th, was well attended. Those who could not arrange to be there missed some very interesting news, and the meeting of many old friends, known as the "old-timers," some being present who had not been to a meeting in years.

General Chairman Bode gave a very interesting talk regarding Supplement 13, and Bro. Campbell's remarks regarding "Capitalists" were certainly well worth listening to.

Bro. Clifton related a case of receiving a grievance from a "non" who had been one for twenty-five years.

A new brother representing twenty-two other new brothers, all tickets agents at the North Station, Boston, Mass., also gave an interesting talk.

Bro. Garrity explained the sad misfortune of a brother dying and leaving a wife and seven children in need, and seventy-five dollars was raised in a very short time. It is

a worthy cause, brothers. Do your best if the paper comes your way.

The membership learned with regret that Bro. D. J. McDonald, of Woburn, would not be a candidate for re-election as local chairman of the Southern Division. He has been a hard and conscientious worker, winning the esteem of the general committee and membership, and his efforts to benefit the members of the Southern Division will not be forgotten. Bro. F. C. McGrath, of Winchester, an old-timer who succeeds him, has the best wishes of all.

#### Portland Division—

Warren Mildrum, the sixteen-year-old youth who robbed Bro. W. H. Staples, ticket agent Malden, in broad daylight of \$45.00, the contents of the cash drawer, at the point of a revolver was later captured by the Boston police.

Bro. McDonough, relieving Bro. Hooper in Dover, N. H., ticket office a few days, was relieved on first by Mrs. Brackett.

The Boston and Main System, since Supplement No. 13 went into effect, has abolished on Sunday 282 telegraph positions with a saving of 1714 hours. The Maine Central and Portland Terminal R. R. have abolished 54 telegraph positions with a saving of 236 hours.

#### Southern Division—

Bro. G. L. Walton goes to Sunapee, N. H., as operator, and Bro. O'Connor to Arlington Heights agency, a caretaker relieving him on second West Somerville at 35c an hour. One has also been put on at Converse, doing away with overtime there.

A number of students from Tufts College are putting in applications for caretakers' positions for nearby stations. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Joblin succeeds Agent LaSalle at Converse, N. H., who goes to Penacook, N. H., as operator. Bro. Kelly takes the new job at Halcyon, and Fowler second there.

Bro. Anthony relieved Miss Helen Dean on third trick Grafton.

Increase in freight business gives Bro. Demag at Enfield another man, and Bro. Clay at Gerrish, N. H., has been given a helper.

W. E. Morgan and M. L. Knight are with us again, and we expect soon to see their new cards.

Bro. Fitzpatrick relieved Bro. Roers, agent Franklin Jct., owing to the death of his wife in the "flu" epidemic. We extend him our sympathy. Bro. Jennis, agent Gale, is down with the same malady; also Chief Dispatcher Perkins for two weeks, and Dispatcher McDonough, while sick with it, was relieved by Bro. W. E. Shannon.

We are very glad to hear that Sister Clough, second Penacook, is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Nearby towns can secure games with the Dispatchers' Bowling League by writing Bro. K. M. Osborne, dispatcher's office, Concord, N. H. The team recently rolled three games, two with the Baggage Room team, and one with the New England Box Co., winning all three.

Through the great work of Bro. C. E. Ward there are only a few "nons" left on the "Old Concord" Division. Brothers, help him to make it 100 per cent by lining the "non" up at your station. Bro. Fitzpatrick has been commended by General Chairman Bode for his success in landing the "nons."

Bro. Fitzpatrick, who relieved Agent Belding, Mascoma, on vacation, later relieved Bro. Brittan, Barre Plains, on sick list.

Bro. Demag, Enfield, on vacation, relieved by M. L. Knight; Bro. G. Jobin is relieving at Converse; Bro. White, Franklin, was relieved by Miss Lillian Daley several nights, and Bro. Anthony, Grafton, is being relieved by Miss Harrigan.

Bro. Smythe, Hudson, Mass., reports that a check for \$352.00 has been handed to the wife of late Bro. Morse of that city. One of the papers went astray. Please return it to the agent at Hudson, Mass.

Bro. Callahan has been discharged from naval duties, returning to second Mystic Jct. Bro. H. E. Hall goes to Waltham, and Bro. Sullivan, agent West Chelmsford, takes Hadley agency.

Nashua freight telegraph office abolished January 25th, Sister Emma Conlin, operator there for years, goes to Pepperell. Business now done through dispatcher's office there.

#### Fitchburg Division—

Cheshire, Marlboro, Greenville and Milford Branches were consolidated with the Main Line February 15th, abolishing three dispatchers' positions in Greenfield. Mr. Rice is now first relief dispatcher, and Bros. Patnode, Fallon and Mr. McCarthy on side wire. There was a general reduction on entire division owing to depression in business.

Sister Jeanette O'Brien went to Concord first, relieved by Dadmun at Greenfield.

Sergeant Major Duncan, a former brother, who enlisted when our troops were sent to the Mexican border, recently returned from "overseas" with many interesting curios picked up in different parts of France. He was in three important engagements. After being gassed he joined the railroad unit and became assistant train master. He expects to soon take his old job third East Deerfield Yard.

If the brothers up North will send me some notes, we can have a write-up for them.

"VN," "GM," Cert. 406.

#### Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.

##### Susquehanna Division—

General managers all over the country are being delayed in naming a date to meet committees on account of waiting to get interpretations on different parts of Supplement No. 13 from Washington.

General manager Baldwin named Feb. 26 as the date he would meet our committee in New York. We will send you a copy of the new schedule as soon as possible and do our best to get a good set of rules.

Our membership is growing rapidly, and we should soon be 100 per cent, as there is no reasonable excuse now for anyone staying out.

E. J. HESSER,  
General Chairman.

##### N. R. R. of N. J. Division—

The boys as well as the young ladies along the line are beginning to realize that it pays to be well organized, and are joining rapidly. We all extend our thanks to the members of the N. J. and N. Y., as well as those on this division, for their efforts in assisting us to organize the line, and especially to Bro. Kelly, who sent in about thirty-five new applications. He has been a very busy man, going over the division and holding meetings in many places, which were all very well attended. It would have been great if we could all have been with him to help the good cause along.

We are all glad to see Bro. Fell back again after a siege with the influenza: Also pleased to hear that Bro. Anygat has resumed work after a sick spell, relieved by Bro. Conklin. Bro. De Lewis relieved Bro. Bastable on "WD" second, who went to "GR" tower, owing to sickness in Mr. Johnson's family. Bros. Hall and Hill doubled there-two days on that account.

Bro. O'Shea is filling in as dispatcher and Bro. Kelly on the sheet at "JY."

Don't forget your time reports on the 13th and 28th, and send along your news, so I can get it in time. Let's have a write-up every month.

C. M. H., Cert. 470.

##### N. Y. S. & W. Division—

The period for diplomacy has passed, and from now on it is to be "*No cards, no favors.*" Practice it, brothers, on the few "nons" on the lower end. If the man working next to you is not a member, give him no rest until he joins.

"Nutsy" Clayton, agent Bogota, former "live wire" brother, has returned to the fold again. It is also Bro. Lea Woods, now our relief operator. His father, A. S. Woods, is one of our pioneer members, always in good standing.

"RD" tower is the first on the "Susq." to reach the 100 per cent mark. We are leading the way, fellows. Are you with us?

Our February meeting was very well attended and considerable important business transacted. We expect all who can possibly do so to attend our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Engineers' Hall, Market street, Paterson. Chief Telegrapher Harring calls the meetings promptly at 8:30 o'clock and they are over in plenty of time to enable the third trick men to make an early get-away.

Bro. Woodward, dangerously ill with pneumonia for last three weeks, is out again, and the boys all are delighted to see him back again.

Bro. G. H. Madden, now at "HK" ticket office, gets his four hours overtime in each night and is not worrying about the high cost of living.

Bro. Vanderberg is now on third "W," his former position, "WY," having been discontinued as a block station.

CERT. 332.

#### Rochester Division—

Working agents several hours on Sunday pro rata rate will be taken up by the committee in New York, when the schedule is drawn up.

Station attendants are supposed to simply take care of the depots and do the cleaning up, and every member should see that these rules are carried out. Kindly advise me of any violations of this rule.

New members : G. G. Seyffer, agent, and W. J. Yager, Leroy ; J. H. Barnes, agent Alexander ; D. Tierney, agent ; C. F. Carnes, first ; F. J. Fuller, second, and D. D. Norton, third ; Wayland.

Bro. H. C. Woodard, another new member, relieved the dispatchers on their two days' monthly vacations.

Bro. T. O. Peterson, honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy, has returned to South Lima agency, vice Murphy resigned.

H. S. Miles, second Industry, resigned, returning to his former position as insurance agent Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.

The members of this division extend their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. C. E. Bennett and Sister E. C. Bennett, in the death of their nephew, Frank Clancy, who served with the American Expeditionary Force "overseas," and died recently in a New York hospital.

Bro. F. W. Quinlivan, copier Rochester, is absent, owing to illness. Mr. Roy doubling.

S. T. JERRIS, L. C.

#### Marion Division—

On my recent trip over the division, I note that several positions have never been advertised, and I never knew they had been vacant. It is the duty of any brother or sister to notify me or to insist on vacancies being advertised. This is very important.

We have been successful in landing eleven new members on this division recently, and several more are coming in shortly.

Keep after every "non" on the division until he gets a paid-up card. I will do all I can, but some have a certain influence which others have not. The financial circumstances of a "non" is no excuse whatever, as he would be working for the old wage if we had not taken hold of the situation, and he is getting enough extra a month to pay his dues for almost three years.

On Friday evening, Jan. 31, the B. & O. brothers held a meeting at Lima, with a good attendance from the Erie, L. E. & W., and P. F. W. & C. We had some very interesting talks by Bro. Stenger, local chairman of Dayton Division, B. & O. Also by Bro. Yeager, general chairman B. & O.

Sister Welch relieved me while attending the Freight Agents' Association and the meeting at Lima.

M. R. PAXTON, L. C.,

Cert. 1925.

#### Meadville Division—

I was engaged in holding a series of meetings the latter part of January, and did not return in time to get any items in the February *Telegrapher*. These meetings were held at Corry, Pa., Jan. 18; Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 19; Meadville, Pa., evening of Jan. 19; Franklin, Pa., Jan. 20; Youngstown, O., Jan. 21, and Ravenna, O., Jan. 22.

We had a few brothers from the B. & O. and P. R. R. at the Ravenna meeting, who gave us some interesting talks. We learned from our B. & O. brothers that we have to work the "No card, no favors" overtime to be successful. Let's start it on the Meadville Division at once.

The meetings were well attended, for the most part, and very interesting. We have gotten through with the one-man meetings and everyone takes part. The train service is not of the best, but I urge all to come who possibly can. As the meetings are one of the visible signs from which others are judging our strength, give them a good line by coming out. Bro. Jamison went "on the hay" and did not wake up to get to the meeting. But you all know he belongs. Wish you all to shake down a few cents so I can buy an alarm clock and send it to him with next meeting notice. Bro. Carney was not present. No reason given.

We have a nice membership among the ladies of our division and wish they would come out and take part. It should be an easy matter for a number of sisters to come out, and they need not feel lonely any more. We are going to give them plenty of chance to talk.

The members are coming in fine and we will soon be 100 per cent on this division.

Second tricks have been added at Reno, Franklin and Oil City. J. I. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

*Chicago Terminal—*

New members: Joseph O'Shea, J. F. McNutt, T. C. Paxton and G. H. Seltner, Hammond Draw Bridge; P. Bailey, W. L. Abbott and H. Leiter, "HY" Tower; John Lynch, Griffith; and L. El Brady, Hammond Station. The only two "nons" left on this division have both promised to come in soon.

Bro. McNutt, Hammond Draw Bridge, was relieved by Bro. Seltner, who has just been released from the Army.

Sister Flanery had a short vacation while Operator Roller was trying out first "GF." The job did not prove to be what Mr. Roller wanted. He prefers a "position."

Bro. Lynch, second "GF," off few days, relieved by Extra Agent Herriman. We came near losing D. C. C., owing to the change at "GF" and closing of "MR," but now that the old force is back at "GF," we hope he will reconsider.

Bro. Bailey, first "HY," off a few days, took a trip to Marion. Did anyone find his black silk scarf?

Plain to be seen that something has been done. Bro. Sparks brings his family into the movies occasionally now.

Bro. Reder, third Hammond, off few days, on account of the death of his mother, was relieved by Bro. Johnson from the C. & O.

Brothers, remember our slogan, "N. C. N. F.," and the motto for 1919, "Stay Organized."

"X," Cert. 1721.

**Canadian Northern Ry., Div. No. 43.***Superior and Nipissing Districts—*

Having been nominated local chairman of this district, I take this opportunity of thanking the members for placing me in this position. With your assistance I will act to the best of my ability to give everyone just and fair play.

Our committee is now in Montreal on the new schedule, and with the back time coming, things will soon all come out O. K. We must not overlook our first month's increase, as it costs something for the schedule.

As local chairman, I earnestly request the co-operation of every member. Let me have your grievances and if I cannot adjust them, our general chairman on Eastern lines will do so promptly.

I hope to call a meeting in Capreol as soon as we receive our new schedule, and appoint representatives for *The Telegrapher*.

Please give the company the best service possible. We can best show how we appreciate our new schedule if we are loyal to our duty.

Keep after that "non" and let's head the list. Remember, "No card, no favors," and keep me posted on those little things which might not amount to much at the present time, but would in the future.

J. H. HEALY,  
Local Chairman.

*Duluth, Winnipeg, Pacific Division—*

We are still working ten hours for 102 or 91 dollars. In the summer this will hardly pay our meat bill.

Now that men are getting plentiful, those who hit the ball in hard times need not fear the ax.

Cook reduced to a two-man station temporarily. Cusson third opened. Ellsmere station was closed one day, Bro. Phieffer being called to the bedside of his sick wife at Virginia.

Bro. Double O. Woods visited me recently, later leaving for Nopeming on a hand speeder.

The car distributor and chief clerk to the chief dispatcher at West Virginia is doing considerable telegraphing.

The death of Bro. Keillors' father is reported.

Bro. Edwards visits Duluth regularly, always riding in the ladies' car.

Bro. Erickson transferred to third Ray, relieved by a new man at Alvina.

As a rule a "non" hates his fellow workers. The grievance may be real or imaginary. Hating humanity leads a man to hate his country. Thus, the "non" stands alone; against his fellows, against humanity and against unity; opposed to love, with his face turned from the Creator and his heart in a desert. "Where lies your heart, there will you be also."

Now, having done the best I can, I lay down my pen, at the end of a perfect day.

"DQ," Cert. 584.

**Central R. R. of New Jersey, Div. No. 45.***Central Division—*

Two well-attended meetings were held, morning and evening, at Gallagher's Hall, Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 17, at which General Chairman Pry gave very interesting talks, the brothers showing their appreciation with three hearty cheers.

The following brothers were elected at the morning meeting: Chief telegrapher, Geo. D. Coleman, third Plainfield; first vice, W. H. Snyder, second asst. director Tower "A," Jersey City; second vice, Frank Neilor, second Tower "C"; inside sentinel, C. C. Durham, second Plainfield. For evening meetings: Benj. C. Abrams, chief telegrapher, first Lorraine; Frank Wagner, first vice, first Plainfield; C. J. Carlin, second vice, first Tower "C"; and A. Lerch, secretary, first Bound Brook Jct.

Brothers, do not fail to attend the meetings being held every third Monday of each month at Gallagher's Hall, Elizabeth, as very interesting things come up for our benefit.

New members are: C. K. Pennington, Lanes Crossing; C. L. Kitchen, East End Hampton Yard; James N. Alpaugh, Annandale; R. A. Byerlee, agent Lebanon; G. S. Beck, agent Vulcanite; W. Q. George, agent

Lake Junction; M. F. Hunt, agent Raritan; T. Hawkins, agent Hampton; Carrie B. Thulhower, ticket agent, and John H. Rilley, agent White House.

We are all glad to see Bro. Geo. Lewis back on second Bay Draw, after three weeks' illness with pneumonia.

Bro. T. F. Boon was on third Westfield, vice Bro. F. Seidel on second while Bro. Wissert was off sick. Others on sick list were: Bro. Sampson, third Tower 2, relieved by Bro. Gerke, who also relieved Bro. Thom, Broadway Tower, several days; Bro. Geo. Lewis, Bay Draw, relieved by Bro. Donovan, and Bro. Egan, "JC" nights, suffering with a heavy cold.

Bro. J. Murtagh went to second Dunellen, while Cotton relieved Bro. Wilson on third there.

Bro. S. Ferrell went to third Somerville, vice Rogers who took third Bay Draw, vice Bro. Roberts, deceased. Later, Bro. Corson took third at Somerville, Bro. Farrell going to Woodbridge Creek Draw first.

Bro. Len Alpaugh, second Newark Transfer, took in theights in the big city recently; also Bros. Regenberg and Sexton. The two latter got lost in the "H" Subway at 42d street.

Lloyd Arnold is still in France, but the following brothers have been discharged from the Army and returned to their old positions: Bernard J. Frawley, agent Bradevelt, N. J.; Morris Rothman, agent Chrome, and Bro. Howard Drinkwater to second White House.

We all deeply regret the loss of Bro. E. R. Ort, East End Hampton Yards, killed in action in France.

Operators at Tower 1 E-Port and Tower "C" C-Paw will not be required to work Sundays hereafter, cutting down expenses. This also applies to several stations on the upper end.

Brothers, keep after the "non" working alongside of you, and remember: "No card, no favors."

"EC," Div. Cor.,  
Cert. 33.

#### Central of Ga. R. R., Div. No. 46.

##### Savannah Division—

I desire to express my thanks to the boys and girls on this division who gave me their support in the election for local chairman and delegate, showing they appreciated what I have done for them in the past, which was conducted very quietly. No circulars were gotten out by either Bro. Armstrong, my opponent for representative, or Bro. Luckey, my opponent for local chairman; neither did I get one, as I felt perfectly willing to let the members cast their votes for whom they thought most capable of handling their affairs.

Bro. L. L. Snell, who was drafted, is back

on first Gordon, relieving Bro. C. M. Keene, but there is some question as to Bro. Snell's seniority entitling him to his old position.

The recent inspection trip over the division showed that only three agents had bad records. We hope they are made to encourage efficient service, and agents are usually advised prior to the inspection, giving them an opportunity to get in shape. We should be ready for inspection at all times. This will be easier than rushing to get it that way on short notice. We are glad to state that Sister Agnes Moore at Broughton has the record of the best kept agency on the entire division, and we can safely say, none on the entire system can excel her.

Some of the boys are not sending me a copy of their bids, so if you fail to get your job, blame no one but yourself. It would pay all to fully understand the contract and carry it out. When you bid on jobs, sending me copy, and later withdraw them, leaving my files incomplete, don't bid on a job unless you want it. Investigate first if you really desire it, then, after you bid, don't back down. It is not businesslike, bidding on jobs and withdrawing at last minute. It will soon be considered you don't want anything but mere amusement in filing bids.

With best regards,

D. M. ROGERS,  
Local Chairman.

#### Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49. Relay Department—

Dc—Denver:

Bro. Fullmer spent two weeks in California recently.

Bro. Hawkins says the O. R. T. has done him worlds of good, and although he is "out of the game," has an annual for 1919.

Bro. Gordon was off two weeks, owing to sickness in his family. Supplement 13 may be of some assistance in reimbursing him for lost time.

Bro. Lutz has been showing his brother, "Ben," the city for about a week, the latter having enlisted in the Navy, and this was his first visit to Denver in two years.

The general office still solid, same as it has been for the last two years.

Bro. Carlisle, on vacation home several weeks, relieved by Bro. Hunter, who also relieved Winberg a few days.

SB—Pueblo:

Bro. Reynolds re-elected local chairman; no opposition.

The Santa Fe operator was pulled off, owing to the reduction. A D. R. G. man pulled off and our man retained.

Bro. Moore now swings the office single-handed till noon every day.

S—Salida:

Mr. Smith being off sick, necessitating doubling until we get help.

Bro. Merrill is back to work.

JN—Grand Jct:

Like the other relay offices, we are all strong for office seniority and the company furnishing typewriters.

Bro. Maid, on third, is little heard of, but generally has 'em all cleaned up in the mornings.

RA—Helper:

Solid once more. Bro. Coope and Bro. Cue, first; Bro. Eckles, second; Bro. Ventrees, third; Bro. Eckles doing extra dispatching. Bro. Clark, dispatcher, is still for us, which is more than we can say for the majority of the dispatchers.

UN—Salt Lake:

One hundred percent solid. Bro. Richard was sick several days. Scott, from Hogle Brokerage Co., relieving.

All strong for office seniority and mills.

Bro. Anderson is on second Denver, while Bro. Garrett swings the reports.

Bro. Robertson is acting as assistant chief, and Tommy Nelligan, just back from the Army, is acting as car accountant.

Seniority list, out now, shows 130 names on it. Everything from car whackers to dispatchers. Pick 'em out, boys.

CERT. 555.

#### *First Division—*

We are now 100 per cent, with Bro. Honnold at Husted and Bro. Karns at Louviers. If anyone can name a "non" on this division, we will appreciate the information.

Bro. Curry, recently discharged from Army, is on second Sedalia, with Bro. C. O. Austin on third.

Bro. Jones, Augusta agency, in the Pueblo hospital, is doing nicely. Bro. Dawson relieving him, relieved on third Castle Rock block by Sister Lewis.

Bro. K. P. Bruner, from C. & S., Walsenburg, takes second Trinidad, a recently created position.

Bro. Rohr goes to Monument agency, succeeded on Palmer Lake third by Bro. Priest, who took Larkspur agency upon death of Bro. Dobberteen, succeeded there by Bro. Reed, with sister Dobberteen on second block.

Sister Archer, third Monument, relieved by Miss Fimple, from Santa Fe, while off with the "flu."

Bro. Sutton, of Buttes, off sick, relieved by Bro. S. A. Mills, Division 61.

Bro. J. W. Aldridge, on second block at Fountain with Bro. J. O.'s wife on third block.

Bro. Haley, first Canon City, is being relieved by Bro. Forsyth, third Swallows. Carlisle, Sample and Echo closed, Bros. Purcell, Dahlberg and Pringle taking second Swallows, Parkdale and Texas Creek, respectively. Newly created positions.

Joint meeting with A. T. & S. F., C. & S., and M. P., held at Pueblo, March 2. We are

planning a joint meeting with Santa Fe at Palmer Lake shortly. Thanks to Bro. Creman of Division 61, who has secured the city hall there for us.

Please drop me a note covering all changes at your station and ask every new man if he has a card. Let's prove that a fully organized system is the best for our employers as well as ourselves.

F. B. ROSE,

Asst. Loc. Chairman.

#### *Fourth Division—*

Bro. Looney, Durango, went to second Laveta Pass; Bro. Richards, first there, going to second Laveta, relieved by Bro. Reynolds; relieved by Bro. Harrell when Alamosa second pulled off; former bumping Bro. Nash at Antonito.

Bro. Martinez, Chama first, was relieved by Skelding, who also relieved Bro. Harrell after he took Alamosa first, and was on the sick list; later relieved by Tucker, whom Bro. Harrell relieved while he relieved the dispatchers and took a trip to Denver.

Bro. Ogle, on a trip to Denver, was also relieved by Skelding, relieved by Miss Jacks on Alamosa first.

Bro. Patchen, Taos Junction, while sick, was relieved by Division Agent Scott, later by Farris, formerly at Laveta Pass.

R. W. OGLE.

#### *Georgia R. R., Div. No. 50.*

Our division is in splendid shape, having made wonderful progress during the past year, initiating about sixty new members and securing six more during January of this year. This puts us well on our way to our goal: "Solid O. R. T." which we feel confident of reaching this year.

The past year was by far the most prosperous in the history of our organization and the boys on "the Georgia" feel that we "did our bit" to make this result possible. We have faith in our organization and rejoice with the boys all over the country that agents and operators are now able to earn wages which will enable them and their families to live decently and make a favorable appearance, compared with others we come in contact with in business and society.

Thanks to the good old O. R. T., our efficient officers and the loyal members who have striven so long, against heavy odds, to make this world a better place in which to live. Let's keep up the good fight and show the "nons" what we have contributed towards their support and not let up on them until they have an up-to-date.

A good many of our men at the day offices have not been paid in accordance with the committee's understanding of Supplement 13, and the matter will be handled for correction when we go up for a contract.

The agreement, which we secured in December, 1917, after a hard fight, did not seem to be of much value at the time, but it now appears that it has enabled us to apply Supplement 13 much more advantageously than if we had no agreement at all. After all, it is the little things in life that count.

On the strength of the raise and back time, Bro. R. J. Newsom enlisted in the army of bachelors who are fighting so gallantly to keep the wolf off. Bros. W. C. McGahee and R. L. Sheppard will have also given their all in this cause ere you read this. Mack would have done this long ago, but just didn't have the money to buy the license.

Here's hoping that Old Man Beazley and Frank Morgan will take courage now, and we might also add Bro. George Astin, as he is getting about old enough to begin having serious thoughts.

We have always been short on extra operators, but we feel that we will probably be better fixed for them, now that we are making a living wage and expect to get better men. We count ourselves lucky in having Bro. L. D. Hamilton with us, the "guy" who put the O. R. T. on the G. S. & F.

Bro. E. T. Moore has returned to Redan, vice Bro. George Astin to second Buckhead.

Bro. P. V. Hadaway expects to be released from the Navy soon and will take old job at Crawfordville. We will also be glad to have Bro. Cagle back at Lithonia. He made a good soldier and we are all proud of his record.

I wish you boys would give me some news items. I can't keep up with everything on the line.

CERT. 13.

#### Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53. Coast Division—

A splendid meeting was held at Salinas, January 26th, attended by the members of the reduced committee, including General Chairman Cull and General Secretary Hammond, the latter acting as secretary. Local Chairman Cowgill called on all present and they all responded with interesting talks, including Bro. Merrill, one of the candidates for local chairman.

Bro. Cowgill visited Bro. Hoon at San Lucas the day before the meeting, and the next day Bro. Hoon drove Bro. Cowgill to Salinas in his high power machine. Bro. Cowgill recently took a trip over the line on business in connection with his position as State Secretary and Treasurer of the National League of Postmasters.

Bro. C. G. Sheffield, agent Mills, Cal., wishes to trade with some brother on this division.

Bro. Brannon relieved Bro. Ward while off three weeks on account of ill health.

Bro. Spencer, in Camp Lee, Va., hospital, expects to be back to California shortly.

Mr. Cookson, who has been in the Army with him, passed through San Jose February 16th.

Bro. Chase, Portland Division, has taken the examination and will be on our next seniority list.

The boys all seem to be so busy in the election campaign that they overlooked sending me any news.

Remember the "Non-heirs."

C. B. WRD, Asst. L. C. & Div. Cor.

#### San Joaquin Division—

Forty-five members were present at the recent Bakersfield meeting, called to order at 1:10 p. m. by Local Chairman Cartt. General Chairman Cull read copies of correspondence covering retention of positions and seniority by our members enlisting in Army and Navy, showing that efforts had been made to do so, but a ruling had been made by the Director General of Railroads that seniority only would be given these men if they were in proper physical condition.

Bro. Hanlon stated that men on Stockton Division were satisfied with the retention of their seniority rights. Bro. Gridley, who was in the Navy, said that was satisfactory to him personally.

It was stated that the Santa Fe was returning old positions to returned men.

On motion by Bro. Marr, second by Bro. Baughman, which carried 26 to 3, the local chairman appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Worthington and have a ruling made that all positions bulletined for the duration of the war be given the original holder on his return, otherwise they be retained by the present incumbents. Chairman Cartt, Marr and Baughman were appointed as such committee.

Local Chairman Cartt has received a number of requests to hold monthly meetings at various places so the members can get together and discuss important subjects. General Chairman Cull will be present if ten or more members will attend. This assurance should put some pep into the game.

Did you notice those Santa Fe brothers at the meeting, after being organized only six months? They are solid O. R. T. We are mighty glad to have them attend.

H. A. HUCKBY, L. C.

#### Los Angeles Division—

Bro. Gipple, second Edom, relieved by Bro. Sheldon, just back from overseas duty, later sent to Wister, relieved by Bro. Gonzales, who has been sick for over a month.

Bro. Beaton, who relieved Bro. Earl, first Indio, a few days, also relieved at Amos and Edom several nights.

The wife and three children of Bro. Gillum, agent Summerland, all ill at same time.

Bro. Modges, San Pedro, off with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Wilcox.

Bro. Rothenburg, agent Somis, relieved a few days by Local Chairman Meador, who

also relieved Bro. Kennedy, agent Guasti, several weeks owing to sickness.

Fourth Colton and second Elmonte established during orange and celery season, Bro. Jenson to Elmonte. Wister, vice Bro. McBry, and Whitewater second abolished, Bro. Liddley of latter taking a few days off. Bro. Mingledorff and Sister Volk transferred to Tucson Division. Four extra men cut off board, leaving sixteen.

By the way, have you paid your 1919 dues?

The B. R. T., Los Angeles Division, have put their local chairman on a salary, costing \$5c a month per member. He is paid for six days a week.

The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks has a committee in San Francisco to write a schedule with the company.

The San Diego & Arizona Railway, with about fifteen positions, connecting San Diego and El Centro, will probably be owned and operated by the S. P. Company.

Bros. Meador, Dickinson, O'Connor and Burroughs of the S. P., and Bro. McGee of the L. A. & S. L., attended the recent C. T. U. A. meeting in Los Angeles. Bros. Meador and McGee gave interesting and encouraging talks.

Bro. McMullen, third San Fernando, called on the writer one night recently, due to an unruly spark plug that struck just as he was passing through Burbank. Bro. and Mrs. Frank Ellison motored to Burbank recently, calling on the writer and family.

Bro. Herring, who relieved Bro. Maltby at Oxnard several days, also relieved Bro. Harmer at San Fernando a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Holman, third Santa Barbara, motored to Los Angeles and return recently, calling on the brothers en route.

Bro. E. W. Tuttle and wife (nee Sister Cavanaugh) have returned from a motor trip to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento.

Desires to exchange positions with some one on this division: Bro. John M. Harper, first Livermore, Western Division, seniority from July 26, 1910, salary 64 1/2c per hour; Bro. C. G. Sheffield, Mills, Cal., same salary, 8 to 10 hours overtime a month, two good living rooms, good express commission, 11 miles from Sacramento on Placerville Branch, seniority from June 27, 1913; wife's health demands change of climate.

"Transfer in haste and repent at leisure," is the experience of several transferred men to this division. Bro. Wilcox loafing two weeks and loafing period just begun. There is something here besides orange groves and desirable positions are held by men with many years of seniority who never expect to leave.

Bro. E. B. Farwell, breaking in as extra dispatcher, relieved at Colton by Bro. Clements, who later relieved Bro. Doty a few days owing to sickness in family.

Bro. Haworth, bumped at Chatsworth by Bro. Guy, relieved Bros. Holman, Clements and Barrett a few days at Santa Barbara, Bertram and Walnut.

Bro. Pritchett, Brawley days, in Crocker Street Hospital, Los Angeles, preparing for an operation for appendicitis, relieved by Bro. Freeman.

Bro. B. C. Moore is relieving Bro. Scruby at Araz Junction.

Bro. I. B. Carl, who recently finished a post-graduate course spreading lead near Paris, is now visiting his mother in Hemet.

Bro. Frank Geiger writes from Riverside, enclosing a letter from Bro. Clark in France; also "The Camp Garrett Camouflager," sent him by Bro. Hardesty from France, a railroad publication of eight columns mimeographed, covering the workings of the Railroad Divisions in France. Bro. Clark writes that several of the officers were former S. P. officials in Bakersfield and Frisco. Instead of using a tobacco can on his sounder he uses a German officer's helmet. His office is located in Tours, France, considered the fastest office in the world, most the 130 operators enlisted being old A. P. boys.

Bro. Dickinson, having about cleared this division of "nons," is receiving applications from the men on the P. E. Bro. Rawlins has advised him that he is entitled to a gold watch for his efforts of last year.

So many contributed to this write-up that I will not name them individually, but will merely say thank you.

E. L. BURROUGHS, Div. Cor.

#### Tucson Division—

Owing to the reduction of force along the line causing a surplus of operators in Tucson and knowing that Local Chairman McNeil would be there the night of February 3d. Assistant Local Chairman Robeson called a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. It was regretted that we did not have time to notify any of the brothers out of town, so they could be present. Several important subjects were discussed and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p. m. to allow some of the brothers and sisters going out on No. 109 to get some sleep before train time.

At a recent meeting in Tucson I presented a proposition by request of Bro. Crowley to put the local chairman on a salary and not oblige him to hold a scheduled position. The meeting went on record favoring it and it was suggested as a means for financing the scheme that the dues be raised about \$3 a year. Objections to the plan were that it would tend to making a "walking delegate" of our local chairman and that the duties of the office would not take up all of his time. Members interested should write their views to Local Chairman McNeil at Bowie.

Bro. P. F. Werner, third Tracy, Cal. Stockton Division, seniority April, 1913, aver-

age salary \$166, wishes to trade with some one on this division. Write him, P. O. Box 873, Tracy, Cal.

Bro. E. E. Taylor, with the A. E. F. in France, writes Bro. Crowley at Estrella, that he is now walking over the occupied part of German Luxemburg, with a pack on his back and does not expect to be with us much before next summer.

C. T. U. Bro. Haggard, third Bowie, called to San Marcos, Texas, owing to serious illness in his family, was relieved by Bro. Barber.

Bro. Lawson relieved Sister Whittemore at Domes agency, on sick list, who has gone to her brother in Los Angeles. In a recent item we referred to her in error as "Mrs." She had an up-to-date card when she came to the S. P.

Local Chairman McNeil recently returned from a successful trip over the division, relieved on Bowie first by Haggard.

Bro. Kislig has returned from the East, where he took the remains of his wife in December, and relieved Bro. Duell at "UN".

Bro. J. T. Riley, Division No. 3, Indianapolis, Ind., who worked as an operator, dispatcher and chief dispatcher on several Western roads, died in Tucson Sanitarium, February 9th. His brother, Bro. J. M. Riley, who was with him during his illness and death, was relieved on Benson second by Bro. Guy Duell. The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Bro. Brinle, Wilcox agency, was relieved while on the sick list by Bro. Geo. Wilson from Yuma; and Bro. Prichett, first there, by Sister Davies.

Bro. Hobart, third Mescal, ill with the "flu," was relieved by Mrs. Weiler and Cora Smith.

On account of the reduction in force Bro. Carpenter has gone with the Burke Brokerage Co., and Bro. Weaver to some point in Texas. Sunday work in "UN" is now being cut to two men on each trick and a number of emergency offices have been closed on the west end of the division, causing a lot of bumping, among them being Anapra, Pantano second and third, and Raso days, Afton nights, first Dragoon and two tricks at Pledra. Sister Davies, Pledra, displaced Carpenter on third Esmond.

Bro. B. E. Gilbert recently returned from Uncle Sam's Army from "somewhere over there" and displaced Sister Hobart on Mescal second.

The double track between Tucson and Polvo is rapidly nearing completion, which will add another station to our contract.

Bro. Stanley and Sister Pixley, out in the former's Paige recently, made a very pleasant call on ye scribe and wife.

Bro. Meadows was the host recently to a "stag" party at which Bros. Flower, Binkley

and Carroll and O. R. C. Bro. Clark were the guests.

Thanks to Brothers and Sister Morrison, Mooney and Robeson for their items.

D. B. MAHONEY, Div. Cor.

#### Stockton Division—

Bro. Cox, second Lodi, who visited the San Francisco auto show, is very enthusiastic over the fine display and can give you brothers any information needed concerning autos.

Local Chairman Hanlon has been in San Francisco on committee work some time. Most of the proposed changes in the contract will have to go to Washington to be adjusted by the Wage Board, as very little could be accomplished with the officials in San Francisco.

Bro. Lower visited in Oakland recently over Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. Bates visited relatives in Crockett; Bro. Loomis, third Patterson, while in Stockton a few days called on the brothers there; Bros. Werner, third Tracy, and Sapp, third Merced, and Bro. Van Loon, agent Ripon, were on leave recently, latter relieved by Williamson.

Bro. Crowther, in the 33d S. V. C. Co., A. P. O. 708, in France, writes that he doesn't know just when he will be home, but he is ready to come any time and sends his "73" to all. We sure will be glad to welcome the old boy back.

Sisters Crutsinger and Stocks and Bro. Brennan are our latest new members. The sisters are 100 per cent strong and are setting the nons a good example.

E. L. R., Cert. 760.

Wishes to trade: Bro. J. F. Boulter, agent Sonolita, Ariz., Tucson Division, would like to trade with some one on Portland or one of the California divisions. Has year and half rights and good agency. Five nice living rooms in station.

#### Western Division—

Bro. Smith, agent Suisun, overworked while several of his freight crew were sick with the "flu," is taking a much needed rest on his father's ranch.

Received cards from Bro. Bauman en route from El Paso and New Orleans. Understand he is headed for Palm Beach.

Bro. P. V. Wilson, recently discharged from the Navy, relieved Bro. Watts on first Suisun, who returned to Sunol second, closed a few days while he relieved Bro. Grimes there. Bro. Seal is also back again after several months in the Navy. Sunol second closed later, Bro. Watts to the ink job at Pier.

All Sunday hours have been reduced to the minimum, very few stations having a full assignment, some others but two hours. We understood Sunday hours would be time and

a half and have appealed, Mr. McIntyre ruling contrary to this.

Bro. R. J. Donaldson, from the C. N. R., relieved Cox resigned, and Bro. Melton, first Bay Point, by a Mr. Henion. See that he gets a card.

Bro. Rouse is back on the Pier as dispatcher several weeks. Bro. Braswell relieved him at Newark.

It is now Bros. Wyatt and Ennis te Newark, making it solid again.

Bro. Wollen, on a clerical job at the Pier, relieved Bro. Helgren when he took Pittsburgh second.

Bro. Braun was a Pittsburgh visitor recently with other fans and saw Crockett defeated by Pittsburgh's crack nine.

West Oakland is solid, with the clerks' organization 100 per cent. All others have cards except W. H. Engle, an old-timer, also another old-timer, W. C. Fuller, at Mt. Eden. Keep after them and Mr. Rippy, who relieved Bro. Helgren, agent Rutherford. The latter has the application blanks.

Bro. Terwilliger, Altamont, and Bro. Donahue, Pittsburgh, are now on the N. W. P.

Will some brother please offer his services as correspondent. I have my hands full with other things.

The general chairman has finally settled that long standing grievance, "the express clause," after several years' hard work. This means probably \$25,000 back pay for the agents who had claims in.

The new rates went into effect in February and all time is now on the hourly basis, something new which we will soon get accustomed to and no doubt be preferable to the old way.

If each of you will make it a point to ask the man who relieves you and the man at the next station to you if he has a card, it will be no time before we are 100 per cent solid. You can all help by doing this. If you know any of the nons, write and ask them to come in. I have written to every one of them from once to more than a dozen times. Probably when they hear from some of the rest of you it may have some effect.

Bro. E. C. Nichols, Suisun, was the only one who sent any items this month. I wish the other brothers would do likewise. I can't keep the new men located unless I have your help.

W. M. F.

#### Sacramento Division—

Since Bros. Idle and Nickel are both working in the valley, Bro. Dusher has requested me to write the news for the hill. It reminds me of times gone by to write a few lines for this column.

So far there are six of us back: Bros. Duncan, Rector, Williams, Shields, Fox and myself, and among those yet to come: Bros. Wilson, San Francisco; Allard and Haines, Alaska, and Gray and Stomp, Honolulu.

Bro. Dusher reports nine new members,

thirty-six initiated since he has been local chairman. Out of forty-nine staff operators, we have forty-one, and out of 172 telegraphers, 154 members. We also have five linemen members and eleven operators not working, a total of 211 members, giving us two districts. The majority of the men on the telegraphers' seniority list who do not hold a card are dispatchers and men who are not working scheduled jobs. We have eight nons among the staff operators and eighteen among the telegraphers, making a total of twenty-six, and we should not forget our motto: "No card, no favors," and try to round them up. There is no excuse for a man staying out of the Order. Anyone can see what we have accomplished in just the past three years. Even our Director General advocated unionism. Any official would rather have us meet him collectively and anyone with an ounce of gray matter can see that it is better.

It seems good to see so many with cards who never had them before or had been out for twenty years. If any men on this division hold cards in another, please notify Bro. Mills, of Orland, so he can have them transferred.

Tamarack appears to be one of the coming towns on this division, being among the seven lucky ones for a new station.

A pleasant dance was held at Crystal Lake recently.

The question of the operators not being shown in table No. 932 is before the Wage Board, Article 10, section "A". The question of express commission not being less than 1912 has been before Mr. Dyer, who took it up with the express people and said if that company would not pay it, the S. P. would. Article 8, section "A". Keep track of the freight bills you pay and look out for a refund on it and back pay on the express commission.

Pete Fay, a Truckee engineer, a friend to all of the operators on this district, died recently with influenza.

I received a month's furlough and returned to my home in Missouri in December on account of the death of my father.

Sister Reese, of Yuba Pass, relieved by Mrs. Sherer, and Sister Harmon, of Midas, by Bro. Woodbury, on account of influenza, are improving.

Sister Thompson relieved Sister Clayton, Gunter second, while she had the "flu."

Our general committee has been in San Francisco for some time interpreting Supplement 13 to General Order No. 27. We will have a new schedule before long.

Section foremen and signal men receive \$10 for house rent, if no quarters are furnished, box cars not considered as quarters, also free supplies of coal, oil, etc., free freight and time and a half for overtime.

Bro. Wilson was married several months ago. I visited him several times in San Fran-

cisco and he showed me the watch and toilet set we gave him. Unless you have been there, you can't realize how much such things are appreciated. I'll never forget the time I received a carton of cigarettes and a box of cigars from Bro. Dusher, a box of apples from Bro. C. F. Collins and a subscription to the *Truckee News* from Bro. Miner. A fellow doesn't have a great deal for luxuries while he is in the service. The N. & D. fund, eight dollars, was handed "Shorty" with the other only a little while after he was married. He went under quarantine for three months, but things are coming his way now, as he was recently promoted to chief electrician and expects to be with us soon.

A petition is being circulated in favor of a brother with a family who has to undergo an operation. All should subscribe as liberally as possible. The company will give him medical aid, but the family must be cared for.

I wish to thank the many brothers who asked me to accept the nomination for local chairman and delegate. I appreciate your exalted opinion, but did not want to oppose one who has been working for us without pay for the past year.

Bro. York has purchased a new Paige and Bro. Jacobs a ranch in the southern part of the State.

When one sees or hears of violations of the schedule, he should notify the local chairman. He can't find out such things unless someone tells him.

Some of the new members have complained that their insurance policies are being delayed. Bro. Rawlins explains that this has been unavoidable owing to the unprecedented increase in membership during the past few months and the illness of several of his clerks. All applications receive attention in accordance with the date received in his office. The assessments do not begin to accrue until the month in which an application is approved, at which time notice is given of the amount required to remit.

Bro. Bick lost his assignment, first Blue Canon, on account of it being abolished. He relieved Bro. McAdow on third there thirty days and then bid it in. This is not a grievance. Bro. Bick did not go to Reno. Bro. Snow worked it over thirty days and was bumped by Bro. Fountain, which was correct according to Article 4, section "C". Read it.

CERT. 1397.

#### Sacramento Division Notes—

Bro. V. C. Minor, of Truckee, bid in first Reno, and Bro. J. J. Woodbury, third Gold Run; Bro. J. G. McCloud bid in Fruito, vice Bro. A. R. Snyder, Diamondville agency. The latter and Bro. Kendrick, of Orland, are sporting new Fords.

Bro. H. A. Shields, returning from war, relieved Bro. Merrick, agent Vina.

The new \$60,000 Federal building at Willows is now being utilized, but the railway

employees there are still hauling the mail in a one-man go-cart.

About half of the fourteen extras on this division are waiting for work, a condition not existing for years. A number of offices have been closed Sundays, including Woodland, but reopened owing to the pressure of the public.

Bro. F. H. Daugherty is now spending his vacation on his ranch at Corning pruning olive trees.

Bro. E. W. Schnegass is visiting his parents at Yolo.

Bro. Houston, of Orland, spent his vacation in Sacramento accompanied by his family.

Bro. H. W. McNeil, attending court at Auburn, relieved by Bro. J. E. Corbett, Shasta Division.

We are indebted to following brothers for items rendered: Bro. Mills, Willows; Bro. Burnett, Woodland, and Bro. McNeil, Lincoln. Thanks; come again.

Pay your dues, keep up-to-date and help make our organization still more successful. Back in '94 we worked for \$40 a month, fourteen to sixteen hours a day, no Sundays off, and the \$75 minimum and eight-hour day were only dreams of the distant future.

E. T. NICKEL, Div. Cor., Tehama, Cal.

#### Northern Pacific R. R., Div. No. 54.

##### *Yellowstone Division—*

We trust everyone will continue to organize the non and help us make our system solid this year. We are making wonderful progress in every way and there is absolutely no excuse for anyone in our profession remaining out of the organization, the proof in its favor is unquestionable. We shall be compelled to expose the names of the few nons left on the division if they don't line up soon. It is now Bro. A. L. Kritta at Zero and we are glad to welcome him.

W. T. Tyler, appointed director of operations by Director General Hines, was formerly an operator on this division, having worked at Fallon and other places. This shows that there is no end of attainments for our class and is quite a distinction for our division.

E. A. BRAND, L. C.

#### FLOWER FUND.

Receipts since Nov. 1st.....	\$23.35
Paid out for flowers—funerals Bros. Ledger, Gilbert and Claflin.....	17.32
Postage .....	.30
Cash on hand, Dec. 31st.....	5.73
Total .....	\$23.35

Received to Dec. 31, 1918.....	\$23.35
Received January, 1919.....	24.50
Total .....	\$47.85
Paid for flowers to date.....	\$17.32
Paid for stamps to date.....	.90
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1919.....	29.63
Total .....	\$47.85

Several have not paid their monthly dues and I would suggest that we pay for six months or one year at a time. This will save considerable work and stamps. The fee for November was 25 cents and 10 cents a month thereafter. Try and get those not yet subscribing to the fund to join.

S. P. MEEHAN, Sec'y & Treas.

*Montana Division—West End—*

Sister Hoy, third Townsend, while sick with the "flu," relieved by Sister Goodnight, who recently lost her mother and sister from the same disease. She has our sincere sympathy.

Sister Eva Crawford, first Belgrade, has returned from two months' visit to her folks in the "blue grass" State, being relieved by Sister Pound, who later relieved Bro. McDowell and Sister S. C. Carroll, first and second Townsend, a few days. C. H. Skinner, on third there, just returned from the front in France. He will soon be a member again.

Bro. Bill Glover, discharged from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., has returned to second East Helena. Bro. Atwood, who was third "JN", is expected back from Camp Lewis shortly.

Sister Mae Dillon bid in second Reed Point, relieved on second Trident by Bro. Wm. Hendershot from "VS", Livingston.

Sister Ruth Koppen, second Winston, relieved a few days by Sister Edna Larson. The wife of Bro. Shumway, agent Winston, is working extra there.

Bro. Taplin, returned from U. S. service in the South, bid in third Bozeman.

Bro. Koppen, second Muir, relieved a few days by Bro. Tietz's wife, West End.

Bro. J. L. Roberts, at Pony agency several years, has gone East.

The Townsend Bowling Team, comprising Bros. G. G. Scott, H. F. McDowell, Fireman Posnick, Pumper Richtmeyer and Warehouseman DeWolf, have gained considerable repute as pin getters and are open to any team for matched games who dispute their claims.

Bro. E. L. Stockman, Mission, frequently runs into Livingston in his Ford.

Bro. A. J. Ranger, second Logan, and Sister Hoy, who were married in February, took a trip to Butte on their honeymoon. We wish them all the joy and happiness of married life.

Bro. Frank Turvey, second Greycliff, has to go to Rochester, Minn., for an operation. We hope for his speedy recovery and return.

Bro. Chas. Preston, to New York for a month, relieved on first Columbus by Bro. Merkle, extra.

Bro. "Jim" Dafoe, now all night chief at "BG", relieved on second there by Bro. Hazlett; Bro. Okle to second S. Billings, owing to reduction at "BG".

The two meetings held at "MU" Transfer and Butte on February 2nd by Local Chair-

man Carleton, were attended by four of the sisters and about a dozen of the brothers of this division and several brothers from the B. A. & P.

The bellowing voice of the depot caller downstairs announcing the arrival of 42 interrupted Bro. Carleton in his two hours' interesting evening oration, which might have held us spellbound until midnight.

A joint meeting of the Y. S. and Montana Divisions, called by Local Chairman Carleton, was held at Billings, February 9th, attended by several from the former and a goodly number from the East End, West End, Main Line and some of the branches. All enjoyed the evening, the prevailing sentiment being "get together" more frequently hereafter. Bro. Carleton talked upon the election of a local chairman, delegate, schedule work and the new procedure of handling matters under the Government ownership of the railroads.

"MAC."

*Idaho Division—*

We have had two months' relaxation since the close of 1918, the year of events, and have had sufficient time to re-establish ourselves for another year of events.

On account of our inability to get together and hold meetings to exchange our views and thresh out in detail things of benefit and interest to the division, let us endeavor to bring our ideas together as much as circumstances will permit through correspondence. Write me about anything you would like to discuss and tell me what should be done. I will appreciate it.

The O. R. T. stands for "Protection and Justice," but not for a wrong voluntarily committed. The laws of a country are for the protection of its inhabitants and also for the punishment of those who violate them; and the O. R. T. has the same meaning. Our motto is to see that you have protection and get justice for things unavoidable. If you sleep on the job, you take your own risk. If you let a train by you without knowledge, the O. R. T. cannot clear your record. Stay on the job at all times. Be to the company what you want it to be to you when pay-day comes. Prove your worth and pave the way for your committee to secure better working conditions and better salaries. Make your services valuable and worthy of better consideration. Render the services you said you would when you sought employment. Do not overlook the organizing part of your duties. Help me to make our division solid. Keep me posted of any new ones coming to the division and if possible secure their memberships. Let us make this the supreme division of the system.

With best wishes for a better division.

Yours fraternally,

R. B. IRWIN, L. C.

*Idaho Division Notes—*

Some of our write-ups the past two months have been delayed on the road and did not reach the printer in time, and I appeal to each brother and sister to assist me by sending whatever news you hear of in time so I can get it to St. Louis on or before the 25th of the month.

Bro. A. E. Elver, relief agent, Coulee City, sick with the "flu," was relieved by Bro. Curtis and he on second by Sister Paulin, who was later taken sick and relieved by Bro. Schneider.

Bro. Griffith, second Marshall, on his honeymoon to the coast, relieved by Bro. Day Reynolds, who later relieved Bro. F. O. Hansel, first Marshall, on a trip to Spokane, and Bro. Beshke, third Cheney, while visiting in Minnesota.

Bro. Merrill, third Velox, Sister Anderson, second Athol, and Bro. Whaley, first Plains, on sick leave, relieved by Sister Cheatham.

Bro. C. A. Culler relieved on second Rathdrum by Sister Burgund while doing extra dispatching in Spokane, and Sister Percy, first Velox, spending three months with her husband on the coast, by Bro. Lucas.

Bro. Burt Sinclair relieved Fellows, agent Cheney, promoted to Spokane agency.

Sister Margaret Kay resumed on second Hope, vice Sister Shavelear relieving Bro. E. E. Thompson, on third there, visiting East.

Sister K. Kirch, relieved by Bro. McKane on second Cabinet, went to Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, passing away shortly after arriving there. Her death was a shock to her many friends, as hardly anyone knew of her being sick.

Sister Thornton, third Cabinet, and her husband, Bro. Thornton, agent Heron, were called to the bedside of his mother at Tacoma, February 14th, relieved by Sister Williams and O. R. Sundin respectively.

Bro. Bump, second Heron, relieved on vacation by Sister Brand, who also relieved Bro. Phillips, second Noxon, a few days. Sister Morton has returned to third Noxon, after an extended illness.

Bro. Kay, agent Trout Creek, on vacation relieved by Bro. Taylor, of second, also dispatching a month in Spokane, relieved by Bro. Erickson.

Athol third closed, Bro. Anderson to Ramsey third, vice Bro. Peterson to Hope nights, vice Bro. Ebert. Second and third Eddy closed, Bro. Beske to Heron third, vice Bro. Smith; Sister Stevens, third Eddy, to third Kildee.

Thompson Falls made a two man job, Bro. Frank A. Hartman, discharged from the Army, getting the new position.

Let us have a good write-up hereafter every month. Don't shirk. DIV. COR.

*Dakota Division—*

Let us launch a concerted action on the few remaining nons from last year and several whom have arrived since our cleanup in December. Keep those lined up and strive hard for that 100 per cent membership the Tacoma boasts of and we hope to duplicate. The fee for April is \$15.50. Will gladly furnish names of nons and you members notify me promptly when one comes to work with or near you. It is now Bro. C. W. Davis, agent Chaseley.

I appreciate the honor of again being elected your chairman and delegate, and will endeavor to protect your interests as in the past. The position carries with it no salary, but lots of experience, plenty of grief and few commendations, so your co-operation and personal aid is always appreciated. Without it we are like a ship without a rudder.

Sisters Helen Waldie, second, and Irene Nelson, third Steele, while Bro. Geo. Olson is acting as relief agent at Turtle Lake, are grabbing the \$1 a day extra.

Numerous brothers advise they are taking 10 per cent express commission same as other companies have always paid and we should finally win a favorable decision from the American Railway Express Company. General Chairman Sam Johnson will handle this through the proper channels and the objective will be 15 per cent instead of ten.

The tricks at Ladoga were pulled off, also third Driscoll, Sister Evelyn Miller relieving Sister Nelson on third Steele, Bro. Flowers remaining on second Driscoll.

Bro. Boelter, agent Adrian, honeymooned in the Twin Cities, relieved by Miss Stewart.

Bro. Burns, agent Ypsilanti, is back after an extensive absence, vice Sister Hilbelink; Sister Martha Heckendollar goes to Grand Rapids agency, Sister Ethel Gray to third Burleigh, vice Bro. Kattschade to Windsor agency, when Bro. Kerber took a trick.

Bro. Rannestad relieved Bro. Ellis, agent Robinson, while "Jimmy" spent his roll in Florida amongst the palms.

The system has a net gain of 727 new members for last year, closing with 1,619 members, and "the Dakota" tied for fourth place for the largest number gained. Now watch us step!

Bro. A. G. Spiering is now demurrage clerk in the auditor of agency's office at St. Paul, succeeded at Sanger agency by Bro. E. L. Smith.

Sister Edith Wiese took third Sterling, vice Sister Estelle Norris.

Bro. Berdahl, agent Dunn Center, is leading the newly organized band there.

Bro. W. H. Millard, agent Hazen, and the writer attended the League to Enforce Peace Congress at Minneapolis in February as delegates.

Glad to hear that Bro. John Smith is back at Mott; Wm. Hutchinson relieving Bro. H. E. Burkett at Dawson, off temporarily.

Bros. C. E. Kitner and R. L. Wilson, with the A. E. F. in France, write that they hope to be back on Dakota soon.

Sister Frances Cadieux resigned second Windsor and married F. C. Gaines of Jamestown.

Bro. Sam F. Morse writes that he is located at Parrish, Ala., on the Northern Alabama and enjoying warm weather. He hasn't anything on us this winter.

Among those who attended the Knights of Columbus banquet at Jamestown were: Bros. J. W. Tangney, Edmunds; R. J. Bashinski, Pingree; Mark Sexton and Sister Bessie Dallier, agent Glover.

Bro. W. J. Tangney, agent Hurdfield, visited friends at Steele recently.

Bro. David C. Poindexter returned from the aviation school, Dallas, Texas, and while visiting at Killdeer ten days before assuming third "JY", relieved the writer as agent there while we helped President Taft make peace in Minneapolis. Bro. Earl Robinson, first "JY", relieved some of the dispatchers on the branches while taking their vacations.

Night Chief Anderson, Conductor Knowles and Engineer Porter, examining committee, covered this division, putting the agents and telegraphers through their paces on the transportation rules.

First Lieutenant Don Colby, former trainmaster, writes from A. E. F., Siberia, that he is in charge of a hospital train and sends 73 to all. Second Lieutenant Ydstie, former dispatcher, has returned from Japan and we hope to soon hear him back on the job at "JC".

While doing our best to bring the few nons into the fold and then see that they keep their dues and assessments paid up, let us also make this division the most efficient so that our officials can boast of the most courteous set of employees on the system. Our general committee is continually trying to better our working conditions and wages and our reputation as proficient employees will greatly help them in their labors. Take your job seriously, help put the Dakota in the vanguard and don't forget to send those notes with the request for a seniority list.

H. H. ELLSWORTH, L. C.

#### *St. Paul Division—*

Bro. Herberg, second Mississippi Street Tower, in Brainerd Hospital, relieved by Bro. Lapham, first Northtown. Bro. Harven, first Mississippi Street Tower, off owing to sickness, causing the other two men to double three days, when Bro. Bradley, second Northtown, came to relieve them, Bro. Harven reporting for duty before he arrived.

Bro. Evan, of Division 4, who had relieved Bro. Bradley, then went to Philbrook as agent and Bro. Savage, extra "MS" Minneapolis, relieved Bro. Lapham on second Mississippi Street Tower, who returned to first Northtown.

Short line dispatcher taken off, Bro. Wells is back on side table "MS" second.

Bro. Harry Nolan, returned from the Army, gets second Gregory, vice Hunt to extra list.

East Minneapolis closed, Sister Crum to Sartell first, vice Sister Martinson.

Bro. Joslin's wife passed away recently after a lingering illness, leaving him and several children to mourn her loss. We all extend them our sincere sympathy. Sister Edna Wold relieved Bro. Joslin on Third Street, St. Paul.

Bro. E. F. Buck, of second Darling, attended the auto show, relieved by Miss Walker.

Keep after that non, also be careful about your own dues and assessments being paid up, for a 100 per cent drive this year. Other divisions have done it, so can we. Thanks to Bros. Foulkes and Wipper for notes.

CLYDE BARTEE, L. C.

#### *Lake Superior Division—*

Many willing and liberal donations were made to buy flowers for our late dispatcher, Walter C. Brundage, as a last offering and token of esteem held for him by friends and members of the Order on this division. The donations were so liberal that more than enough was received to pay for the wreath which had to be ordered at once, really before the extent of your generosity became known, but with your permission the balance will remain in the flower fund for future use. The total donations received were \$34.25, which with the balance on hand from last report of \$7.80, made \$42.05. Paid out for Mr. Brundage, \$14.90; leaving a balance on hand of \$27.15.

Mr. Brundage, age 76, was with the Northern Pacific Railroad for the past twenty-two years as train dispatcher. He died suddenly of arteriosclerosis while waiting in the office of Dr. James McAuliffe in the Alworth Building. He was a resident of Duluth for seventeen years and previous to his coming here was dispatcher in St. Paul, having been with the Chicago Great Western for seven years and Michigan Central for eighteen years. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Masonic Order. Besides his wife, a son and daughter living in California, survive him, as well as a daughter in New York. He was buried at Michigan City, Ind.

Bro. Francis Brousseau is on first Central Avenue and Bro. E. L. Blomquist at Iron River days.

Bro. F. W. Hoffman called away suddenly on account of the death of his mother, was relieved by Jay Cottingham.

Bro. Henry, agent Pillager, went to Brainerd St. Joseph's Hospital, had his tonsils removed, and was back on the job next morning, without having any one relieve him.

Bro. W. W. D'Aoust was relieved by Earl Wilson, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis in Brainerd Hospital.

New members: Mrs. Bessie Lankford, Central Avenue, Superior, Wis., and W. J. Raymond, Bemidji, Minn. Keep after the tower and levermen and exclusive agents.

Dispatcher A. S. Critchfield took first trick on second district, "Bob" Firth relief dispatcher's position, and Bro. H. T. Olson the Cloquet ticket job. J. S. SPURRIER, L. C.

#### Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.

Bro. H. A. Roe, wounded in St. Mihiel drive in France, is now in Carlisle, Pa., hospital.

Dispatcher W. S. Whistler covered the Cleveland Division recently.

Porter nights was reopened by Bro. E. E. Mizer; Bro. S. M. Herbert to second Sherrardsville; A. J. Blaine, a new man, to Fremont days; C. O'Donnell, another new man, to Adena second, later resigned; Extra Bachelor also resigned; Coshocton second opened by D. M. Hunter, and Zanesville second by Mont Fulton.

CERT. 318.

#### N. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 57.

##### *Chattanooga Division—*

My write-up for January was delayed in the mails and did not reach St. Louis in time for that issue.

Brothers, the "nons" on this division must not be given any rest until they all have an "Up To Date."

Bro. J. A. Gaffin relieved by Bro. Jake Sheridan, who also relieved me while visiting home folks at Wartrace with my family. Bro. James Arledge relieved a few days by Bro. A. M. Miller.

We all sympathize with Night Chief Swindell in the loss of his little girl.

TREASY, Cert. 121.

##### *Chattanooga Division Notes—*

Let us all co-operate with our local chairman in every way possible so he may succeed in his undertakings and be strengthened by our backing him. He will appreciate our suggestions and assistance. We are all brothers. "Don't break the family ties."

Several of the boys have been before General Manager Bruce recently in regard to relief on Sundays, resulting in it being discontinued.

Bro. T. J. Hale is now dispatcher on third, north end, Bro. L. S. Parker superseding him on second. He will give you a square deal if you do your part.

Bros. J. D. Miller and H. C. Nunnelly, first Cowan and Tullahoma, have returned from an extended trip to Florida.

Send your items to reach me not later than the 20th of each month in order to get them in the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Div. Cor., Cert. 193. "KN."

##### *P. & M. Division—*

Bro. R. A. Broach, a splendid young man, who will be greatly missed, died Jan. 21st, at Benton, Ky. Among the many beautiful floral emblems presented at his funeral was one by the members of his beloved craft, inscribed "O. R. T." The bereaved family has our heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Wyatt, "FH" Paducah, bid in the vacancy.

Carpenters have made the Benton depot almost as good as new again.

Bro. Batten, helper Yuma, bid in the Denmark agency.

Bro. Stanfield recently returned from the Army, and Bro. Conger Meghee, former displacing Bro. Barnes at Yuma, later taking the new telegraph position at Cordova.

General Chairman Hamilton, a recent Lexington caller while on the B. & N. W. recently organizing, held a meeting at Somerville, with 17 members of our division present.

It is now Bro. McNeil, second "FN" Memphis; H. O. Standgeld and G. D. Batten, Yuma, and Sister Oxford at Bluff.

Bro. Holland, agent Lexington, was a recent Nashville visitor. Bro. Jeffery, agent Dexter, was relieved a few days by Miss Mizell.

Bro. Morrison, agent Somerville, attended the Safety First meeting in Lexington. Bro. Neely, agent Parsons, and Bro. Massey, Buena Vista, were recent visitors there, and Bro. Priddy, Whiteville, in Memphis.

Local chairman was in Oakland recently. Bro. Hall and wife of Puryear were in Whiteville recently visiting relatives.

Bro. Beale is visiting home folks at Almo. Bro. Owen relieved Bro. Jones at Cordova on his honeymoon.

Bro. Crews, agent Hatchie, was in Buena Vista recently visiting home folks. Bro. Pipkin relieved Bro. Pinkley at Buena Vista while he attended court.

Bro. Wallace, Puryear, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Owen; also Bro. Lawson, Lexington, relieved by Bro. Boren, agent Darden, CERT. 343.

##### *Huntsville Division—*

Nearly every man on this division has paid up his dues, which is very gratifying. Our boys appreciate the eight-hour, twenty-six-day month, with an increase of fifteen cents an hour and a minimum hourly rate of forty-eight cents, recently secured by the Order. If you know of a fellow who has neglected paying his dues for 1919, kindly call his attention to the matter and explain to him that there is lots to be done yet. The dawn of the new day is on, and the day itself has to come yet.

Get in behind that "non" at the non-telegraph agency next to you and call his attention to the fact that we must recognize him as a brother before we can help him.

Remember the slogan, "No card, no favors." If these men have no cards we cannot handle their grievances, as the local chairman would like to do.

Only one brother sent me any notes this month in response to my request for them.

It is now Sister Johnson, Huntland, and Bro. Kennedy, Beans Creek, Tenn.

Bro. McAfee was in New Market several days recently.

Bro. S. S. Dibrell, in service since October, 1883, is on ninety days to California and other Pacific Coast points for his health.

Bro. Pitts, also on vacation for his health, relieved by Bro. Rahm.

Bro. E. W. Crabtree, an ex-soldier, bid in Elora agency, relieving Bro. H. M. Hamilton, who is going West for his health.

Bro. O. B. Hunte, another ex-soldier, has returned to Boaz, relieving Bro. Swindell.

Sister Taylor, Manchester, is being relieved by Brother Raymond E. Jones.

Bro. Austin, dispatcher, went into superintendent's office, relieved by Bro. A. J. Jones, succeeded by Bro. Talley as chief dispatcher-clerk.

Bro. S. B. Gribble, "MC," bid in relief position formerly held by Bro. Jones.

Bro. J. C. Diemer, for many years agent-telegrapher at Lewisburg, has taken up the automobile and garage business there. We all wish him success.

New seniority list just published for this division stands for correction sixty days. Copies can be had on request to superintendent's office. Each class of service is carried on separate list. There are 55 names on the operators and agent-operators.

General Chairman Hamilton is in Washington, D. C., appearing before Wage Board No. 3 trying to secure a contract, which the G. M. thinks we don't need. We must all stand together as we have in the past.

"No card, no favors." CERT. 229.

#### Louisville & Nashville R. R., Div. No. 58. Cincinnati Terminals Division—

We are glad to see Bro. Wheeler back on second North Black after several weeks' training with "Uncle Sam." The boys will be coming back from the Army right along now. See that they are all provided with application blanks. Our local chairman has plenty and a request for them to our St. Louis headquarters will bring them by return mail. Let us get busy and keep our average up to the 100 per cent mark, where it now stands.

Bro. Carter is back on third "H" after several days' illness.

Bro. King, at South Block, is all smiles now, as he is being promptly relieved since Bro. Keeney purchased a "Big Ben."

Leave your items at "DX." Our division being small, there is not much happening,

but with your assistance will promise you a write-up quite often.

"S.Y." Cert. 1100.

#### Kentucky Division—

I have only missed one month having a write-up since I became local chairman, when applications were coming in so fast that I simply overlooked it.

We are almost solid, only three or four "nons" left on the whole division.

We are glad to welcome Bro. L. M. Westerfield back as dispatcher on his old trick.

Bro. W. H. Bower appointed agent at Richmond, vice Mr. Rucker, deceased, and Bro. H. L. James, Muir, to Berea agency.

Bro. M. F. Quisenberry on second "JN," also extra in dispatcher's office; DeJarnett on third "JN."

Bro. Jas. Beldon relieved Bro. Stewart on third "RS."

We are sorry to say that Bro. O. P. Bourne lost his baby boy, sick a short time with pneumonia.

The boys who copy and send messages at the round houses such as Paris and Livingston are eligible for membership. Keep after them until they join.

Our general chairman is working hard for the agents on this division who have had their salaries cut, to get them straightened out in accordance with Supplement 13. Let's all pull together as the O. R. T. is a strong organization with plenty of money to back up those who stand for the right.

Understand Bro. E. L. Davis of Cynthiana will be our next local chairman. He has had lots of experience. Let's help him all we can.

Mr. Terrill is trying to treat us fairly. Give him the best service possible.

DIV. COR., CERT. 781.

#### L., C. & L. Division—

Bro. Benny Rankin called home on account of sickness, Bro. E. Smith relief; Bro. L. P. Penkin sick with the "flu," Bro. Thomas relief; Bro. Samuels sick, Bro. Messinn relief; Bro. Younts is back from the war on his old job.

Bro. Beningfired has moved to town. Bro. Jenkins sick with grippe, Jones relief. Bro. Cayton also off sick a few days.

Only a few of our boys attended the recent Louisville meeting. You must attend these meetings if you want to know what is going on; do not call on phone and expect us to tell you. The 8th of every month we have one. Get the habit of attending and you will meet some nice fellows.

Bro. Leister is going to treat us with a lunch soon.

Sister Baker, wife of our deceased B. M. Baker, wishes to thank all the brothers for the nice floral design, also for the assistance

given her. Bro. J. M. Farris went to "BG" first, formerly held by this brother.

Send me your notes by 18th so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th.

Boys, keep a paid up-to-date card. We are on top now and must stay that way.

We received our January back pay, which showed up nice, and you know who got it for you, don't you?

CERT. 591.

#### *Memphis Division—*

Brothers and sisters, keep your dues paid up and don't let the "nons" have any rest until they get an up-to-date card and help us make this division 100 per cent.

Bro. McAuley, Arlington, sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Gray of second there, Miss McDonald relieving him on third, which had been closed several nights owing to Bro. Harvell's illness.

Don't miss this chance to try for a new member.

It is now Bro. Stewart on third Binghamton tower, also Bro. Bryant on second Leewood, who just returned from the Army and lined up at once. Get after Betts, who relieved Bro. McLane on third there when he went to Auburn second.

Bro. Nabers and Sister Wheatley, Faxon, were married Feb. 1st. The latter was off several days with the "flu." We are glad to learn of her recovery and wish them many happy years.

Bro. Fitzsimmons, Russellville, was also married recently. He and Mrs. Fitzsimmons are spending their honeymoon in Louisville, Ky., and at the Florida resorts. Congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

Bro. Mockbee, first Binghamton tower, is in the hospital recovering from an operation.

Bro. Rye went to new third "RA," Memphis when they were given eight hours per day there.

Supplement No. 13 gives us a very nice increase and was thankfully received. We hope to get our contract as soon as the other roads have theirs. Remember, "No card, no favors," and get that "non" working with you and furnish your local chairman with the names of the "nons."

CERT. 837.

#### *McMphis Division Notes—*

It is very gratifying to be able to call everyone "Bro." or "Sister." We have no use for any other appellation on this railroad.

Bro. J. L. Shemwell was relieved by Bro. K. I. Bell a few days recently, to get married. Bro. W. E. Neighbors was also married on Bro. Bell's return. We all extend congratulations to the happy couples.

Bro. J. E. Woods, relieved a few days on account of sickness by Bro. E. H. Leegan.

A little help from all will do a lot of good towards reaching our desired 100 per cent.

Brothers, let's have a write-up every month, send me your notes in time, so I can arrange them with what I have picked up and get them to St. Louis before the 25th.

X. N., Cert. 847.

#### *Pensacola Division—*

Bro. Nicholson is back again on duty, relieved a few nights by Bro. Clyde Garrett, while off with the "flu." Nearly every man on the line has had it.

Our Chief, Monroe Campbell, who had a severe attack, developing into pneumonia, we are, glad to learn is improving. Bro. Blox Campbell, of Chipley, his brother, visited him at Pensacola, while he was ill.

It is now Bros. J. D. Cobb, agent Crestview, and J. D. McCallum, agent Deerland. There are very few nons left on our division. Boys, send them blanks, and try to get them in. "No card, no favors."

Mrs. Cutts, mother of Bros. John and Will Cutts, has returned from Pensacola Hospital, where she underwent an operation, and is getting along nicely.

Bro. Graham's wife has been in the hospital some time, Sherley Matthews relieved him a few days.

Bros. Linton and Sutton, operator and agent, took in the sights at Pensacola recently.

Deerland and Westville are closed Saturday nights now. Began closing these offices February 2nd, to cut out much Sunday work as possible. We can go fishing now, boys.

Several of the boys have paid up for the full year, let's all get yearly cards this time.

Local Chairman Elder visited relatives at Molino recently, and called a meeting for February 25th at the Merchants Hotel in Pensacola.

Bro. Will Cutts visited his brother and friends in Crestview Sunday recently. He and Bro. Davis are off every other Sunday.

Bro. Garrett relieved the agent at Laurel Hill, while on a trip.

Please send me your notes in time so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th of each month.

W. E. TOMPKINS, DIV. COR.,  
Cert. 1328.

#### *Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.*

##### *Murphy Division—*

Boys, give me a few notes from each end of the line, so that I may know what is going on and have a write-up every month. Bro. Miller says if I fail to have one each month, I will have to pay \$5.00 for refreshments at the next meeting, and my wages on Sunday will not stand this, so I will have to get eight.

We had a very nice meeting at Sylva, Sunday, February 16th, with a dozen members present.

Pay for Sunday work was the main thing discussed and it was decided to have our General Chairman to handle this for us, as all our hours have been changed on Sunday, some of the boys having to hang around their offices most all day in order to work a few minutes when a train is due, and get only one and two hours pay for it. We should have a contract calling for a living wage for twenty-six days a month, and if we are called to meet one train on Sunday then we should have pay for eight hours on that day.

We are about 99 per cent strong now. Let us get in the others, and we can soon better these conditions. Keep right after Hall, now working as third trick dispatcher in "DS," and give him no rest until he joins.

Sister Gibson was relieved several days by extra Cline. Clayton relieved his father a few days. Crawford is clerking again.

CERT. 664.

#### *Memphis Division—*

Bro. Jones, visiting relatives in Alabama, was relieved by Bro. Boyett. Bro. Formby spent a few days recently with home folks at Burnsville, Miss.

Bro. Minor, third "YD," was relieved by extra Barker, while he and his family had the "flu." Bro. Dugan had his hands full holding both jobs while Bro. Willis was sick.

Bro. Meek was relieved a few days by extra Hunt.

Bro. C. F. Knox, Division 61, is relieving J. M. Vickroy, the oldest operator on this division, sick since December 1st.

Bro. Sibley on a trip to Chicago to meet his sister from B. C., relieved by Bro. Jones, who took sick with the "flu" the first day, and Bros. Boyett and Barker had to double until Bro. Sibley returned.

Bro. Jester, Division 93, very sick with the "flu," relieved by Braken, closing third "AH" until he was released by extra Barker, who later relieved Bro. Miller a few days.

Cooper Hunt goes to Normal agency, vice Mrs. Moffitt, who has been helping out during the war times.

We have several nons on this division on account of so many new jobs opened up during the rush. Most of our old men are lined up, and the new ones soon will be. Our local chairman has been unable to get around to see them as there were no men to relieve him. He is off now, and hopes to have good news next month about his success.

Buntyn is solid, and if your office is not, get busy and don't rest until we are solid.

Brothers on the east end, send me all the news you can by the 25th, so we will have a good write-up every month.

"SY," Cert. 2314.

#### A. T. & S. F. Ry., Div. No. 61.

##### *Members, Division 61:*

We should stay organized, in order to raise the standard of wages, better our hours of service and working conditions, see that we are justly dealt with, and get what our seniority and ability entitle us to. Under such conditions employees will give much more satisfactory service.

The clerk drawing less pay than you may be making life miserable for you; if so, advise the proper officer and it will be adjusted satisfactorily.

The brother who comes to work late and when his attention is called to the fact will tell the manager to go ahead and discharge him and he will soon find out where he stands, will before many months be in trouble and expect the assistance of the organization in retaining his position, which, owing to his disregard of discipline, he may fail to get.

Keep your head, give satisfaction, and follow the instructions of your superior officers. If you consider you are being, or have been, unjustly treated, take the matter up in the proper way and we then can assist you and get results.

I was in the employ of the Santa Fe for ten years, and up to the time I was given leave of absence to handle the business of this office, I had not received a reprimand or a demerit mark. I am no smarter nor have I any more intelligence than the average man, but I kept my head on the job, and that is what we all must do to prove to the Santa Fe officials that we can work under a contract, with rules governing our employment, etc., much better than we have in the past twenty years.

The General Committee met in Chicago on January 7th, 8th and 9th, and, being unable to secure any consideration of our proposed schedule from Mr. Storey, followed the instruction of Director of Labor Carter and handed the entire matter over to the Grand Division. Bro. Rawlins very ably assisted us and Bro. Perham took the proposed schedule. We received a letter from Mr. Carter a few days ago, stating that the matter was before the board and would be expedited all possible. We have been doing our very best to make our organization a success, and if you will all get behind us and help carry the load, we will have one of the best organizations in the country. On January 1st, 1918, we had fourteen members. I do not think a single one was in the employ of the company. If, however, there were a few, they were shrewd enough to keep their own counsel.

On July 10, 1918, there were ninety members in this division. Now there are approximately twenty-five hundred members in good standing. I have put forth every effort to make our organization a success, covering much of the territory personally, soliciting

applications, working night and day, and am pleased to say that so far the battle has been won. But we must not quit. There is much to be done yet. We must get our members educated as to our purpose and secure their co-operation and assistance. I am trying to do my part, and you must do yours.

In sending communications to this office, please show your certificate number, so that we will be able to locate your record more readily. Take all grievances up with the local chairman of your division. He will handle them to a conclusion, and if necessary, appeal to the general chairman for assistance.

Remit your dues promptly to this office if you have not already done so, and be sure you have paid your insurance assessment to Bro. Rawlins, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

Fraternally,

J. S. PATTON,  
General Secretary-Treasurer.

#### "GO," Topeka Relay—

Bro. W. E. Banks, well known on the line and here, recently late night wire chief at La Junta, Colo., died at Guthrie, of pneumonia resulting from the "flu," February 5th, and was buried there on the 7th. His family have the sincere sympathy of his many friends in "GO." Bro. John Wise is filling the vacancy at La Junta, caused by Bro. Banks' demise.

The Topeka O. R. T. Club had a social session on the evening of February 6th in the Chamber of Commerce dining room. A musical program was enjoyed, after which short talks were made by Bro. Stover of the Rock Island, Relay Chairman Callaghan and Secretary Kirkpatrick.

Committees have been named to give another social shortly, when a light banquet will be served and a musical program carried out, followed with dancing by the members and their wives.

Bro. A. B. Smith has recently been transferred here from Amarillo.

Bro. R. L. Beal has resigned and returned to Texas, where his family is located.

Bro. E. S. Sirols, night chief, was off duty several nights, due to illness.

Misses Bertha and Helen Tiffany, check girls, have resigned and returned to the farm.

We had a pleasant visit from Miss Mary Grooms of the River Division of the Santa Fe recently, where, she said, O. R. T. matters were in good shape.

Mrs. O. H. Edmiston of San Francisco, an old "GO" apprentice, who has developed into a first-class telegrapher, is a new operator in "GO." She and Bro. Edmiston recently returned from a visit to his parents at Cleveland, Oklahoma.

Bro. A. H. Kellum was notified recently that oil had been struck on his father's farm near Peabody. The well is developing into a gusher, and "Dick" is in a fair way to be rated with John D. shortly.

Miss Mae Stansberry has resigned from the check force and accepted employment in the ticket auditor's office.

The recent storm in central western Kansas put the wires in that vicinity completely out of commission, both on the Gt. Bend and St. John districts, for several days.

CERT. 1784.

#### Western Division—

Bro. Johnson is back from his visit to Tennessee on third Hutchinson. Bro. Fleming went to Kinsley, bumping Bro. "Pat" Sweitzer, who relieved Bro. Willm at Halstead, who is away on account of the illness of his wife.

It is now Sister Mary Balding, making Paxton solid; also Bro. Virgil Nickel, Lewis, Kan., and the veteran agent at Dundee, W. J. Riggs has sent his application in.

Dispatcher Ragland relieved the other dispatchers, on vacation.

Bro. Straeter is now in the chief dispatcher's office.

Sister Winnie Corke of Belpre relieved Mary Brown on third Gt. Bend, just returned from a visit in Pennsylvania, now in hospital, sick.

Sister Edith Crane, third Solvay (post office address is Hutchinson, Kan., Route 2), has been appointed division correspondent. Everybody kindly send her notes, so this division can have a write-up each month.

We are glad to announce the return from U. S. service of "Tommy" Prather and C. W. Monroe, former to his old trick at Kinsley; latter is relieving Agent Fisher at Abbyville. Both these old timers have taken out a card.

Get after all the nons and get them in. After every one has had ample opportunity to join we will get out a list of those left and apply "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1669.

#### Southern Kansas Division—

Business is comparatively light over our way, but we continue to smile just the same as if we were working hard, and enjoy the pleasant weather.

Sister Thelma Shaw, who has been relieving Bro. Hurst, agent at Benedict, has returned to second Girard.

H. L. Johnson and Walter Adams have returned from "Uncle Sam's" Jackie Corps, the former to second Moline, latter to third "SA" Tulsa. We are glad to welcome them back.

The Eastern Division is now handling its trains between Ottawa and Chanute from Emporia; previously handled from Chanute. Bro. McGary, who was on the "87," came back to first "DI" on account of "87" being

turned over to night chief dispatcher, Bro. Giest going back to second, displacing Sister Gerta Roberts.

Bro. Gill, second Cherryvale, owing to the serious illness of his baby daughter, was relieved several days by former Extra Dispatcher Walworth.

Keep after the "nons." Members can be a great help in making the division solid by reporting every new employe coming into the service who hasn't a card. Would also appreciate your help with our items each month. Send them to me in time, so I can mail them to St. Louis before the 25th of the month for the current issue.

Local Chairman Smith has invested in an Oakland and Bro. Jenner in an Overland touring car. Propserity is a generous sister to the deserving. We all hope to be as fortunate when another General Order No. 27 and supplements thereto are issued.

H. B. JOHNSON, Div. Cor.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. J. A. Myers of "NR," off on account of a nervous breakdown for three weeks, has gone to the Santa Fe Hospital, Topeka, for treatment. Bro. H. E. Patton has returned from the hospital feeling much better.

Bro. Vern F. Fesler of Colony transferred to "YD" Emporia, vice Bro. Leon A. Wolverton to "NR" temporarily. Understand Bro. Barcough of Topeka is to be transferred to "NR" shortly.

Bro. Walter G. Paden, "NR," assigned to train dispatching force, extra. Bro. H. E. Addington, "87" man in "NR," lining up as extra dispatcher, is now going over the road.

Sam Patterson, formerly chief dispatcher, has been promoted to trainmaster, Eastern Division, succeeded as chief by Night Chief Jesse Bethuren, and he by Charley Davis.

Another set of dispatchers was installed February 15th to handle the Third District from Emporia, increasing the force to eleven, including the two extra men.

General Secretary and Treasurer Patton made a trip to Arkansas City recently on business of the organization, and General Chairman Currie, after visiting us at Emporia, went to the Coast Lines to settle some grievances.

Bro. Nelson, on "NR," is getting to be quite an oil baron these days. Here's luck to you, Sweede!

Only one now in Emporia. Remember, boys, "No card, no favors." CERT. 93.

#### *Illinois & Missouri Division—*

Fred L. Johnson, back from France, asked for an application blank first day on the job. It's now Bro. Lynch at Dallas City. All in except the lineman at Shopton.

Keep after second Lomax and agents Princeville, Edelstein, Appleton and Knox.

We deeply regret the death of Mrs. Homer Palmer, sister of Local Chairman Sullivan, Streator, and Bro. Gayel Sullivan, Stronghurst.

The boys at Shopton Relay have received their back pay.

Bro. Chet Cunningham, Chillicothe Relay, on vacation, visiting relatives and friends in Granville, Ill., Bro. J. R. Benjamen relieving.

Bro. A. L. Quinley, agent Cameron, transferred to Bohn; second there discontinued, Swartz taking third. Sister Norma Meets bid in second Leeds.

Bro. Oscar Carlson, Monica Tower, is convalescing from a serious attack of lumbago.

Bros. Carter and Carr, linemen, were obliged recently to string about a mile of copper wire stolen east of McCook. The thieves connected each end of the two wires to the right-of-way barb wire fence, closing the circuits.

Thanks to Bro. Hollingsworth, Stronghurst, for items.

CERT. 612.

#### *Slaton Division—*

Bro. Barbour, third Plainview, relieved Bro. Knight at Tulia, who has gone with the H. & T. C.

Bros. Dodd, third Lubbock, and Barkhurst, Sea Graves, are back from the sick list; and Bro. Cone after a lay-off, to first Lamesa. Bro. Stallings, former agent there, is now agent at Snyder.

There are four more non-telegraph agents and three more operators we must have to make this division 100 per cent. Get after them, boys. They have no excuse for hanging out, since we got a nice raise and good working conditions.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Miller's father at Gerald, Ill., and Sister Miller's father died at Fairbury, Ill. We extend them our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Blair went back to Lubbock on the eve of December 23rd because his card in the Bachelors' Union was out of date and he claims there is no use of being lonesome. Congratulations to Bro. and Sister Blair.

Bro. Barkhurst, agent Happy, claims it is "some job" trying to teach his apprentice how to sweep and scrub floors.

Bro. Gibson, Floydada, has resigned on account of being assigned duties as express cashier in addition to operator and clerk, a man's job within itself. He is an "old-timer" of about twenty years' experience, and we are indeed sorry to see him leave the service.

Sister Wilson, agent Pyron; Sister Parr, second Southland, and Bro. Jones, agent Southland, are our latest new members.

The union brand is the only one that goes

with Bro. Shelton, Crosbyton, an old O. R. T. man right there all the time.

Send in your notes. "D" CERT. 205.

#### Northern Division—

Notes for the January TELEGRAPHER were late in reaching the office of Grand Secretary and Treasurer and were included in the February issue.

Practically all telegraphers' positions on the Gulf Lines have been put on the eight-hour basis and most of our brothers are enjoying Sunday and holidays off duty or working shorter hours on these days.

Bro. W. F. Bogue of Dallas was nominated local chairman, succeeding Bro. Burks on this division. As men in relay offices cannot represent those on the line, and vice versa, therefore Bro. Burks was nominated local chairman of the relay department, representing Cleburne, Temple, Beaumont and Galveston.

Bro. Clark has returned from a visit in Ardmore. Bro. Stringer is on vacation, relieved by Extra Edick.

Bro. L. R. Mitchell, former extra agent, has re-entered the service.

Bro. Campbell is being relieved thirty days by Bro. Busby.

Bro. Madden is now with an oil company in Ft. Worth.

Bro. Johnson, released from army service, has returned to Dougherty.

Bros. Donaho and Nettles have temporarily traded positions.

Let us get after the few nons on the division and line them up.

Four delegates were nominated to the Grand Division from the Gulf Lines.

Kindly send any notes for THE TELEGRAPHER to me or to Bro. Bogue, at Dallas.

R. D., Cert. 250.

#### Albuquerque Division—

We must keep after the few nons left on this division and show them the necessity of lining up with us in order to protect themselves.

Sister Knight, third McCarthys, in Albuquerque hospital with bronchitis, was relieved by Sister Stallings, who upon her recovery relieved Bro. Conway, second there, on a trip to Albuquerque. Sister Conway, first McCarthys, and Sister Maude McDermott have also been in the same hospital, the former with an attack of influenza. Sister Edith Erwin is now on second Chambers.

Bro. E. A. Vaughn, agent Perea, who is looking after his ranch near Deming, visited Gallup and Winslow recently. E. H. Hopkins has returned from the army to Gallup third. Bro. Ward, Gallup, was relieved several days recently by Bro. Wonders on account of sickness.

Bro. A. W. Turner relieved Bro. G. A. Fredericks, agent Joseph City.

The Santa Fe reading room managers have arranged several concerts and other entertainments recently at Seligman and other points along the line, with highly talented artists, which were very much appreciated by all the employees.

I cannot get the news from the First and Second Districts on account of not working east of Winslow, and would appreciate it very much if the brothers and sisters there would comply with my written requests to them for notes in regard to changes, vacations, etc., about the 18th of each month.

Thanks to Bros. High, Conway and Wy-song for their help this month.

CERT. 350, Div. Cor.

#### Los Angeles Division—

The "Coast Line" seniority system, the return of our soldier boys and new members have caused a good many changes here.

Bro. Batchelor is now manager at "B" San Bernardino, and that office is solid. Hope other large offices will follow this good example.

It's now Bros. Higginson, Helendale; Cundiff, El Segundo, and Sherrill, at Orange.

Bro. Shewalter, "K" Los Angeles, who was displaced by Operator Shettel's return from the army, displaced Bro. Pearson at "B" San Bernardino, who displaced Bro. McDonald at Corona; now on extra list, who is relieving Bro. Hayton at Orange ten days on account of illness.

Bro. Savage, relieved at Capistrano by Ray Harden coming back from the army, relieved Bro. Butler at Oceanside, now on extra lists.

Bro. Squiers, relieved at Victorville by Operator Johnson returning from the army, is now doing relief work.

Bro. Bercaw, agent Carl, displaced by Operator Atherton coming back from the army, displaced Bro. Burke, agent Temecula.

Bro. Kroh, rather than buck the extra list, took an electrical welding job in San Bernardino shops. We are sorry to lose him and hope to soon see him back with us.

Bro. Fink relieved Bro. Spinner two days at "B" San Bernardino on account of sickness.

Bro. Abbott relieved Bro. Jones in "K" Los Angeles for a week.

Third Camp Kearny taken off, putting Bro. Kaiser on the extra list, who went to San Dimas later, relieving Bro. Pierce at Riverside.

Operator Kahl, Upland, at first thought he was too young, later giving his reason for not joining that he "didn't believe in joining secret societies."

Although the return of our soldier boys will doubtless cause some of us to take less favorable positions, we should welcome them back heartily and also into the O. R. T.

Wish we were only as sure of some other "nons" as we are of the soldiers, for the spirit that put them in the fight will make them fellow members. Everybody should show their appreciation of what they have done.

Want to thank operators at Oceanside, Victorville, Camp Kearny and Orange for help with the notes this month. Send the notes to Corona again. "A," Cert. 954.

#### **Valley Division—**

One man taken off at Berkeley, leaving Bro. Mikel on the job by himself. Fourth man at "SA" taken off Sundays. Bro. Dunwoody to third, vice Bro. Mills to fourth.

Our local chairman is being congratulated on the arrival of a boy at his home.

Bro. Gandy resigned, relieved at "BY" by Bro. Sisson. Bro. La Tour down with the "flu," Bro. Marley relieving. Sister Stoffers relieved Bro. Brown, third Stockton, while on one of the ticket jobs and vacation.

Tell the "nons" their names will be removed from the list as soon as they sign an application.

Bro. Green, agent Orwood, on a trip to Oakland, Bro. Marley relieving.

Bro. Edwards is back on second Hanford; Byers having returned from the navy to Middle River agency, and filled out an application. His good example is being followed by all the boys coming back from the army and navy. Among them is Verne Page, honorably discharged recently from the service.

Bros. Young and Lipscomb are back from the army and navy, on "CW" second and third, respectively.

Bro. Boatright, released from the army, has returned to Parlier as cashier-operator. Vice Bro. Kenyon, to extra board, who relieved Bro. Ayers at Conejo a few days, and Bro. Brandt at Del Rey, on a month's vacation. Bro. Conley, relieved on third, Hanford, by Bro. Pebbley, is convalescing after an operation for appendicitis. Bro. Richey, line man of Fresno, while recovering from an operation at the Company hospital, in Los Angeles, was relieved by Lineman Gage. Bro. Pridden, displaced on second, Hanford, by Bro. Edwards, is relieving Bro. Elliot, cashier-operator, Tulare, having his eyes treated at Santa Fe Hospital, Los Angeles. We are sorry to report that a brother to Bro. Rayborn, with the A. E. F., in France, passed away with the "flu." Bro. Rayborn, at home a few days, was relieved by Sister Stoffers. Bro. Conklin, cut off at Bakersfield, relieved Bro. "X" at Kern Jct.

F. L. C., Cert. 64.

#### **"Queen & Crescent" (North), Div. No. 62. N. O. & N. E. R. R.—**

Our write-up for January was evidently lost in transit, as it never reached St. Louis.

Bro. W. D. Apelson, with the Associated Press for some time, is back at "JC" Shops, Meridian. A new table and other new fixtures are under construction there.

It is now Bro. John Horne at Carriere, and Bro. Q. B. Saucier at Picayune.

We deeply regret the recent death at Nashville, Tenn., of the mother of Bro. Ramsey, of Sandersville, Miss., also that of Bro. Roy Moffett, second "RD" Hattiesburg, of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza; an estimable young man held in very high esteem. We all extend our sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

We are promised our back time at an early date, but cannot tell yet how supplement thirteen will affect us. Already a good many places are closed Sundays, where one man works and splits up in two or three shifts of thirty minutes each, while at some offices the men are relieved the entire day.

The dispatchers are getting their vacations and the other telegraphers have had theirs cut out.

Bro. "Pete" Cooper, of Barnett, has lost his job "toting" the mail for "Uncle Sam," after working hours.

Bro. Laughlin will gladly assist you in bringing to a satisfactory conclusion any grievance you cannot settle with the officials, and Bro. L. D. Austin, Hattiesburg, member of the Safety Committee, will assist you in keeping out of trouble.

It will take team work to keep our organization in good standing and we should keep on the trail of the few "nons" until every one lines up or quits, as this is no place for "slackers." We have spent our good money to reach the present position, so let us keep on striving for better things and make "the Northeastern" 100 per cent strong.

M. V. HICKMAN.

#### **Alabama Great Southern R. R.—**

The following have been discharged from the army and navy, and have taken their old positions: Paul Radgens, "BG" third; F. C. Hays, Woodstock first, and J. R. Bartlett, Russell Jct, secodn.

Vanees third abolished, Miss Myrtle Morris going to Boligee, Ala.

Whitney Stewart and Boligee second, new jobs for handling trains under the new conditions, were filled by C. S. Hellman, Miss L. B. Harmon, and F. G. Hewlett, respectively, and S. J. Brantley has taken "BA" tower, Miss., second.

Boys and girls, get the application of that "non" working near you.

CERT. NO. 974.

**A. & W. P. & W. of Ala. R. R., Div. No. 63.**

I want to compliment the brothers and sisters of this division for the prompt manner in which they all paid up their dues, there not being a single delinquent now in the service. I hope you will all give the same prompt attention to the special assessment we were compelled to levy on account of this division being so small and just starting out.

Let's all pull together and have no "slackers" this year. Your officers have done some mighty good work "rounding up" the "nons", only two or three being left on the entire system. I will gladly furnish you their names, so you can get after them and help make this system 100 per cent, and then let our motto be "*stay organized.*" Remember, united we stand, divided we fall.

Bro. Coyle on the Los Angeles division of the Southern Pacific has an O. R. T. certificate dated July, 1889, before cards were issued, signed by "Daddy" Thurston. If he thought he was being benefited by the O. R. T. that long ago why surely we latter-day fellows should be willing to get a card and keep it up-to-date.

Bro. Autrey, Selma, is on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. H. R. Spikes went to LaGrange, third, pending bids.

Bros. Gordon, Moore, Brisco, and Dispatcher Bro. Fontaine were recent Newman visitors. Bro. Hicks took a trip to Montgomery, and Griffin and Bro. Couch to Fairburn.

We were all greatly grieved to learn of the death of the father of Dispatcher Bro. Fontaine and extend to the bereaved ones the sincere sympathy of the members of the entire division in their bereavement.

Brothers, drop me a note of the changes around your offices so we can have a nice write-up every month. Have not received an item from anyone since I have been trying to keep our division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

J. A. KIRKLAND, C. S. & T.

**"Queen & Crescent" (South), Div. No. 69.  
A. & V. and V. S. & P. R. R.—**

We have a few "nons" on both the A. & V. and the V. S. & P. I have sent each one of them a letter enclosing an application blank requesting that they fill out and return them to me at once. Several have responded but I want them all. I have also sent a notice to every man who failed to pay the special assessment of \$3.00 due last September, and several have paid promptly on receipt of my notice. Don't put that notice in your pocket, boys, and say: "I'll send in my three 'bucks' tomorrow" but sit right down when you read this and mail me the amount at once before you forget it. Bro. Peavy is out about \$75 of his own hard cash that he spent making the

trip to Washington for us last August and it looks very bad for us not to reimburse him.

There are also several who have not paid their dues for the present term. Brothers, if you know any of them, see that they remit at once and keep off the delinquent list. If there is a "non" working with or near you, keep after him until he sends in his application. Remember that you are paying his part of the expense to keep up the division until he buys an up-to-date card.

I want to get a line on every "non" on the A. & V. and V. S. & P., especially on the latter, as I can get the former myself from the boys along the line and will do my best to get them right. Someone on the V. S. & P. please give me the names and addresses of your "nons."

R. A. Bracken, operator and clerk, at Bolton, resigned, succeeded by W. B. Strickland, and he on West Jackson second, by Runge, succeeded at Brandon as operator and clerk by Johnson, and he on West Jackson third, by Bro. V. D. Ellis from "The Frisco."

Bro. Ellis went to the meat-train wreck at Guide, also to Clarksburg where No. 2 was derailed.

Bro. F. N. Mosley is back at Newton after several months service in the army.

Someone give me the news from the V. S. & P.

W. A. STENNETT, L. C.

**Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 70.  
Montana Division—**

There were about 30 members present at the meeting, held in Culbertson, Feb. 9th, when it was decided by unanimous vote to assess each member twenty-five cents on this division to create a fund to purchase flowers, etc., for members and their immediate families in the case of sickness or death. The Local Chairman and his four assistants were empowered to act as the Relief Committee, and Bro. Sam Clark, of Chinook elected as its treasurer and chairman. Bro. F. W. Mueller will have charge of the Snowden, and Bro. Simons, the Bainville Branch; Bro. Wilcox, first; Bro. Platts, second, and Bro. Clark, third district. The latter will notify all members of this action. Please remit him your assessment at Chinook. He will submit a monthly report of the fund through the Journal. When you hear of sickness or death in a member's family notify the nearest member of the Relief Committee who will notify the chairman and flowers will be ordered.

Supplement 13 and its application and various other topics were discussed. All were well pleased with the supplement, particularly that part eliminating Sunday work. If you do not receive what you think you should, take it up with the superintendent, advising me results.

The next meeting will probably be held at Williston, date announced latter. Being

excused from Sunday work should enable us to have a large meeting. If a sufficient number of the boys on the Minot division will attend, will try to have something special. General Chairman Johnson intends to arrange the date so General Chairman Johnson and Bro. Olsen can be with us.

Please do your utmost to make your office 100 per cent. H. E. WILCOX, L. C.

#### *Mont. Division Notes—*

Bro. Scott resumed second, Snowden, Bro. Leach taking third, vice Sister Lauer to Culbertson third.

Sister Richardson, third Bainville, relieved by a new man; some Brother line him up, also the boys at Poplar.

All phone tricks at Wolf Point abolished, telegraphers now doing all the work.

DIV. COR.

#### *First District Notes—*

First trick and phone operators have been pulled off at a number of points.

Sisters Clara Nelson and Molly Rierson have left for their homes in the east.

Culbertson took on a very businesslike appearance Feb. 9th, while the agents and operators were here. We extend thanks to the Commercial Club, Princess Theater and New Evans Hotel for courtesies rendered. Bro. O. A. Janes, agent at Dodson, secretary of the Masons, the Agents Association, and treasurer for a few more organizations acted as secretary of our meeting. Brothers Knight and Reiland, from the Snowden branch, were present. Assistant L. C. Bro. Mueller was unable to attend, having to work, and Sister Mueller was unable to come for "obvious" reasons. The only lady member present was Sister Hazel Philly, Brockton. Bainville branch was quite well represented. Bro. Gibbons became confused at the bright lights in Bainville and failed to catch No. 1 Sunday morning. Six new members joined recently.

The Agents Association expects to hold a joint meeting in near future at Havre with divisions west, and we will have a large O. R. T. meeting the same day. Let every one who possibly can, go. You will receive transportation and permission to attend, and there is no reason why we should not have a large turnout. Do not neglect to pay your dues, and notify the G. S. & T., Bro. Olson, of any change in your address. Keep after the "non" working with you until you secure results. MC., DIV. COR.

#### *Third District—*

We were all pained to hear of the recent death of Dispatcher S. R. Faust, at Monroe, La., of pneumonia. "Sandy", as we all knew him, was formerly dispatcher at Havre. His many friends on this division tender their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved ones.

Sister Evey is back on Lohman second after two weeks' absence owing to an attack

of the "flu." Miss Galey, who relieved Miss Conn, third Chinook, on vacation, was taken sick and returned to her home at Glasgow, relieved by Morisett.

Bro. Janes, agent at Dodson, is being congratulated on the recent arrival of a boy at his home.

Bro. Huppe, formerly agent at Lohman, is now practicing law at Chinook.

CERT. 303.

#### *Cascade Division—*

New assignment of Sunday hours shows a spread from three to seven hours on a week-day assignment, 12 midnight to 8 a. m., and a Sunday assignment from 2 a. m. to 6 a. m. A man might as well work the full day. This is why we are insisting on double time for this Sunday and holiday work.

The division superintendent's and relay office have been moved down town to the Purcell Building, corner Rockfeller and Hewitt Ave., creating three new positions at Delta, bid in by J. B. Stewart, Sr., first, Bro. W. E. Fenton, second, and W. H. Alge third.

Cannor, B. C., office closed, Bro. Griffith going to Rockport agency, vice Bro. W. E. Fenton.

Bro. McCray, White Rock, has returned from an extended leave, and Bro. Duffy from California, displacing Bro. Tuttle on second Burlington, who took third Snohomish, Sister Hanson to third Marysville, vice Bro. Gentry resigned.

Bro. Krebs, agent Burlington, visiting in Montana, returned when that State shifted over to the dry column.

Bro. Caremon, second South Bellingham, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Van Dyke.

Account being transferred to Relay division, and having served a year as correspondent for this division, have asked Bro. Johnson to appoint someone else to that position. If any of you would like the job, please advise him. I wish to thank you all for your hearty co-operation and assistance.

"SI" CERT. 482.

#### *Breck Division—*

Sister Grace Wilson is back at Luverne from six-day leave. Brother Hetland says he couldn't run the station without her.

Bro. Parness spent few days at Grand Forks, and Bro. Benedict Guthrie at New Rockford recently.

Sister Haley, New Rockford, spent few days at Havre recently with her father, M. J. Haley, formerly Asst. Div. Road Master on this division now Division Road Master at Havre.

Sister Tenneson, Pillsbury, relieved by Bro. Kurtz, returned from Fargo undergoing medical treatment.

We are all glad to see Bro. Collins back Bedford from the army.

Bro. Whisenand, Hamberg, returning from leave of absence on account of death in the family, relieved Brother Fatland.

The wife of Bro. Bollum, at Selz, spent a few days at Guthrie recently.

Bro. Leidal, Wellsburg, is on the sick list.

Bro. R. H. Hemmeser, agent Page, has been appointed asst. Loc. Chmn. for the Aneta line.

Bro. Lackman has moved his family to Spokane owing to his wife's health.

The clerks at New Rockford are now organized with R. A. Murphy as chairman. A capable man who will exert himself for the betterment of the conditions of the members.

Brothers, don't use train mail and company stationery for O. R. T. correspondence. It is a violation always.

Get after the new man at "KD."

Brother Sapp, "NI" Breckenridge, is in opposition to local clothiers.

Where No. 3 exchanges mail, those offices closed Sundays will be allowed an extra call for taking care of it.

If some of the brothers who are discontented over various matters imaginary and otherwise will stop to compare present conditions with those of a year ago they will have a remarkably quick recovery. During this period of reconstruction there is bound to be more or less confusion. It was a big thing to organize this country into a fighting people; it is going to be just as big if not a bigger job to reorganize it into a peaceable people. Until the final peace negotiations are signed we must sit tight and wait with everybody else. Just as much co-operation is necessary now as when we were at war.

A majority of us now have our Sundays off. Later we hope to have an arrangement where Sunday offices will alternate. This will give everybody at least every other Sunday off.

It has been decided that Terminal agents such as Casselton, New Rockford, and Breckenridge are included in Supplement 13. This puts them on an hourly instead of a monthly basis. Their conditions are going to be materially bettered under future negotiations.

Great credit is due the Order for what it has accomplished in the past year. From an open road and chaos we now have an organized system with a membership of nearly 100 per cent. Now that negotiations are open our conditions are bound to be bettered from year to year, as our grievances will be put before the company by a committee and settled with equal fairness to employee and employer.

C. X.

#### *Fergus Division—*

Corp. H. V. Drew, 42nd Service Co., A. E. F., in France, formerly an operator on this division, writes Brother Welb at Paynesville that although "this is a mighty large world it isn't too large for the O. R. T. to find its way across the briny deep." He had finished reading our interesting Fergus Notes and was glad to know that the O. R. T. has finally come to the front on the Gt. Northern. He states that although he hasn't a card now, he will come on the run for one when he returns.

He worked awhile in one of the largest relay offices in France which handled about ten thousand, seven hundred a day, and army messages are a bit more lengthy than "10 paid." He is now working first at an American port with three other operators, two double, and the second and third trick men work it single, averaging about five hundred and fifty per day. When he joined the army a year ago last September, he was told that the army called for accuracy, not speed, but both are expected; the Paris and Bordeaux duplex being as "hot" as anything running out of Chicago. He closes his letter by saying we can count on him immediately upon his return to the United States.

Six new members taken in recently.  
O. P. KNEDEL, Local Chairman.

#### *St. Paul Division—*

Bro. H. A. Lyon, in the hospital nearly two weeks, having been struck and severely injured about the head, early in January, will soon be able to work again.

Bro. J. A. Patterson, who enlisted in the Signal Corps, June, 1918, is now with the army of occupation at Metz, Lorraine. He was at Chaumont, France, General Headquarters awhile; also at Briey and Meusthe et Moselle, a repeater station between Chaumont and Treves and Coblenz, Germany. "Pat" writes that he likes the place, as it is more like an American city with very nice buildings and a population of about 75,000. He wrote a card in French to Bro. O'Heron, who is now looking for someone to translate it.

Bro. T. C. Haywood, former secretary and treasurer of our club, returned the middle of January. The boat he was going "over there" on was recalled, owing to the signing of the armistice after it was out three days on the Atlantic. Bro. Frank Graham, who was in the Signal Corps, has also returned to work. We are glad to have the boys back again.

Bro. C. D. Laphan made another trip to Grand Forks, N. D., shortly after the holidays. He seems to enjoy these week-end visits.

CERT. 73.

#### *Sioux City Division—*

Twelve new members taken in recently. Three of the seven "nons" left have promised to come in pay day, and Agent Mackey, at

Ihlen, has resigned. Let's get the rest of them and make it 100 per cent.

Bro. Stein returned from the army to Pipestone few days, vice Bro. Sandall, who went to Sioux Falls, thence to Marshall. John Carlson is also back from the army on his old job as relief agent.

Bro. Prill, at Manley, is being congratulated on the arrival of a girl at his home.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of the wife of Bro. Aftstad, agent at Florence. He has our sympathy in his great loss.

Our regular monthly meeting, held in Sioux City, Feb. 9th, with twenty-four members present, was a very interesting one.

A division floral fund was established, and each member asked to give twenty-five cents toward it, Bro. R. A. Phillips, 710 Douglas St., Sioux City, Iowa, being appointed treasurer. Please send your share to him at once.

You brothers who fail to attend these meetings are missing a good time. Now that most of us have been relieved of Sunday work, there should be a big attendance at each meeting.

We should soon have our new schedule. The committee has worked hard to get it. Let's "hit the ball" for all we are worth, stick to the Order and we will no doubt get a much better one in the near future.

Remember "No cards, no favors."

W. F. S.

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#### Minn. & St. Louis Ry., Div. No. 71. Eastern Division—

The Book tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive; therefore, great should be the blessings that should come to the brothers of the division, who, out of the goodness of their hearts and their love for their fellowmen contributed \$157.00, which was forwarded with a list of the contributors to Bro. Roberts, who has been seriously ill at the hospital there. Bros. Parker and Veale started this contribution in his behalf, and every brother donated generously.

Brother and Mrs. Roberts gratefully appreciate this manifestation of friendship.

Ollie, Morning Sun, and Abingdon nights closed. Bro. Elwood transferred from "MS" to "YD"; Bro. O'Neal "F" to "RN" third, Bro. Peas "MS" to "RN" second, Sister White to third Brighton, vice Sister Mortimore. Bro. Craig bid in Farmington agency and Bro. Tomkins first "RN."

We welcome Bro. Curtis' return from war service to third "HD." Bro. Edwards expects to go to Brighton, third. Ed Packer, former agent at Liscomb, has returned from Camp Pike Officers' Training Camp and resumed his duties in the bank there.

Bros. Gardner and Sandmier have finished work on the revised schedule in Minneapolis preparatory to an appeal to Washington.

"Tim," "YD," is on vacation in the South.

Having been in poor health since the latter part of the summer, terminating with a month in bed, my wife being sick at the same time, I have not been able to keep up my duties as correspondent. I am glad to say that I feel almost as good as new again and will be glad to receive news items at "FD" for our write-up, which must be in St. Louis on or before the 25th of the month.

Business is light and operators plentiful. Our wages and working conditions are greatly improved, enabling us to get back in a measure our loss during the past four years when high prices and low wages (for telegraphers) prevailed. Do not, however, feel content to sit back and consider that we have all that is coming to us, for we are just beginning to be appreciated as a faithful, intelligent body of men, such as form the telegraph ranks of this country deserve to be, and there are things which can yet be improved on by loyalty to the Order and untiring effort on the part of each member.

J. E. CHRISMAN, Div. Cor.

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#### *Central and Western Division—*

Bro. Factor and Bro. L. C. Lyons, honorably discharged from the Army, are back on New Prague, second and Waseca, first; and Bro. G. P. Madden, returned from Government service, is relieving on Third Cedar Lake Yards.

Bro. H. H. Deisner, Waseca, to Humboldt third, vice Bro. P. A. Strobel, there temporarily relieving Bro. C. S. Kruchek, agent, Forest City, on vacation.

Bro. F. Shemble is visiting his folks, relieved by J. C. Meyer at third New Richmond.

Bro. C. E. Hendrickson, agent, New Richmond, relieved by Bro. Shep, owing to sickness, and Bro. Brown, Winthrop first by Bro. Hall. Bro. Brummer, who has been sick for some time, is back on first "GO," Minneapolis.

Bro. J. Wolfe to new second Minneapolis passenger station.

Bro. L. F. Brandt, who lost out at Rolfe, Iowa, when the C. & N. W. took over our station, being relieved as cashier by C. W. Fogel, Jewel Jct., is now relieving agent Dallas Center. The C. M. & St. P. and the M. & St. L. at Mellette, S. D., have consolidated, Bro. Hunter relieving at Conde. Bro. Beard, Dallas Center, is relieving Bro. Hagen at Lurven dispatching on third Ft. Dodge, vice Dispatcher Cook on sick list.

Bro. Sandmier on committee work at Minneapolis, relieved by former Agent Carlson of Stilson, Iowa, and Local Chairman Madden by Division Agent Stewarts. The committee has had all the non-telegraph stations and the Des Moines operator incorporated in the new schedule.

Bro. Strobel, formerly at Ruthven, who went to Milwaukee, there as operator at the time of consolidation, is now relieving at Burnside.

It's now Bros. Loomis, agent Moorland, and Lester, third Perry.

Mr. McDermott went to New Corwith third.

Bro. R. Allen, former agent at Callender, now in business there, was a recent Des Moines visitor; and Bro. J. Miller, cashier Farmers' State Bank, Paton, a Lena visitor.

Restaurant Proprietor Bassett relieved Helper Gowrie while latter had pneumonia.

Brothers up on the Western Division and Esterville and Ruthven branches, kindly send me the news from your territory so that our write-ups will be more interesting.

Div. COR., Cert. 451.

#### **So. Pac. Ry., Atlantic, Div. No. 72.**

Bro. E. E. Carle relieved Agent Moore, East Bernard, on vacation.

It is now Bros. A. R. Chapa, West Junction, and W. A. Luckenback, third Seguin, have promised to line up right away. Don't let them forget, as this will make us solid with the exception of a few chronic.

Bro. P. D. Rabb has taken Seguin second, and Ezzelle, a new man, West Junction, vice Bro. Jones, now day telegrapher-clerk Richmond.

Mrs. G. Prine relieved Agent Chism at Marion, taken to the hospital with pneumonia.

Still in need of notes, especially from West End.

H. N., Cert. 749.

#### *Houston Division—*

Local Chairman Haddon is on leave helping to line this new division, New Orleans to El Paso. This territory until recently was a part of old Division No. 53, Southern Pacific Lines.

Bro. W. K. Lauraine, honorably discharged from the army, is back at Gonzales as operator-cashier. Bro. Westbrook, agent Gonzales before the consolidation is now relieving Bro. Williams, agent Richmond.

Bro. J. C. Humphrey, second trick Luling, has been dispatching "DS" San Antonio extra.

Business generally favorable along our line, and with abundant rains anticipate good crop year.

CERT. 46.

#### **Chicago & N. W. R. R., Div. No. 76.**

##### *Chicago Terminal District—*

Brothers, invite levermen to our meetings, I would like to see every leverman in our district attend.

Bro. R. Metz and family are visiting in California, sixty days. Bro. Delehanty relieving.

Bro. W. Sibben, back from the colors, displaced Bro. A. W. Steers, and relieved Bro.

Strande on Third Division, whom Bro. Dixon is breaking in at Carpenter street; Bro. Steers relieving Bro. Meyers, serving on jury.

Bro. Tim Buckley, sick a few days, causing Bros. Curtis and Dawson to double up twelve hours each. Emergency men all busy. Bro. Lieurance also on sick list.

Bro. T. P. Shiels sprained his ankle and was off several days, causing Bros. Jacoby, first trick, and the second trick leverman to double up until Bro. Cone was released from Canal.

Bro. C. R. Brown was recently off on account of the death of his sister, in Madison, Wis.

Now that we have the new rate Supplement 13 to General Order 27 and back pay, let's all keep up-to-date.

Bro. Cone enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Hobdy, one morning recently, matching their appetites, strength and wit. Bro. Cone had to use Webster and Ency. Britannica.

CERT. 486.

#### *Galena Division—*

Bro. Talentino, who went to France last June with the Blackhawks, is now with the Army of Occupation at Niedermindig, and does not expect to get back before July or later.

Bro. Joe Drain, formerly on first Bluffs, has been mustered out and is visiting friends and relatives at Tuloca and Fulton.

Many of our long-hour jobs are being put on eight hours, and new ones or second tricks instituted.

Bro. Karper, second Bluffs, made a trip recently to Sterling, to see his sister.

Bro. I. B. Allen, first "FX" Tower, is enjoying his eight hours after fifteen years of twelve-hour grinds, seven days a week.

Sister Gilmour relieved Bro. Gilmour, second Elgin, on vacation, recently.

Sister Delvin, Dundee, while sick relieved by Zadniche.

Bro. Jackson, agent Wheaton, recently initiated the boys at Elgin into the mysteries of "Race Horse."

Bro. H. E. Sherbert is doing extra dispatching in "CU."

Bro. Mullin, "YD" Tower, made a trip over the Fox River Line, recently.

Bro. J. M. Shear, third "AD" Tower, is constructing cabinets at rock bottom prices.

Bro. J. O. Agnuer has returned to Elva from his annual trip to Florida.

Bro. Mullen, second "YD," relieved a few days by G. B. Brown, an "old timer" on this division, who has been in Uncle Sam's service.

Brothers, kindly respond to the notice of local dues; with the back pay and substantial increases received there should be no delay in cancelling this obligation. Remem-

ber that this fund is raised for floral tributes, which makes the sick room brighter.

Bro. Skinner, agent Triumph, who recovered and returned home after a very serious operation, was again taken to the hospital with pneumonia. We are very glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering. We have kept the sick room supplied with flowers, which is very much appreciated by Bro. and Mrs. Skinner.

You can send your news items to Bro. Gillum, at East Elgin; Bro. Webster, at Nachusa, or to me at "YD." CERT. 431.

#### *Madison Division—*

One of the best meetings in some time was held in Madison, January 25th, with a nice attendance. We were glad to have two of our Sisters with us.

We all enjoyed the instructive remarks by General Secretary and Treasurer Boyington, Local Chairman Schneider and others. We regret that every one could not be present.

Bros. W. A. Browne, and son, Neil, whom we all kindly remember, sent their local dues for 1919 from Remsen, N. Y., and wish to be remembered to all their old friends. Bro. C. G. White, still a member of this division, now agent C. St. P., M. & O., Randolph, Neb., also sent his local dues, and wishes to be remembered to all the boys.

Bro. H. A. Ramsdale, agent Mapleton, was recently called to the bedside of his father, who was very sick, but is now improving.

We regret the decision of Bro. L. F. Schneider not to accept the nomination for local chairman for the ensuing term, and unanimously adopted a resolution by a rising vote at the meeting, January 25th, voicing the appreciation of the members of Schneider Lodge, Madison Division, for his faithful and meritorious services rendered during the past eighteen years. It was also voted to forward a copy of the resolution to Bro. Schneider, also to the General Secretary and Treasurer, THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and place a copy in the minutes of the division.

Bro. "Bobby" Wallace, back from army service, at Tower "MJ" Belton, later bid in Cottage Grove agency.

Bro. F. E. Wichern, Belton, enjoyed several days' vacation, recently.

Bro. W. H. Frank, resumed on tracer job at Baraboo, after dispatching on the I. & M. Division at Mason City, a few weeks.

Bro. E. M. Richards, back from the war zone, is doing relief work.

Bro. J. A. Kucher, relieved at Wonewoc, several days, owing to the death of his brother in Washington. Jack has our sympathy.

Bro. F. J. Dunklee, Roscoe, and Bro. Griffin, Jefferson City Junction, were off several days recently.

"MR" Tower at Sparta has been moved east of its old location about 200 feet. Tower "CS" closed and operator now located in Tower "MT" at the C. M. & St. P. crossing, Monona yard. Bro. J. O. Jones in charge.

Scotty Butterfield relieved the dispatchers at Baraboo, and Adams during their two-days-a-month vacation.

Bro. C. L. Wilcox, agent Union Center, is back after several days' sickness. Bro. Hesselberk and Bro. Main were also on sick list a few days.

Bro. Russell Irwin, second Elroy, was relieved several days by Charlie Hayden.

We received quite a number of new members recently. Keep after the few "slackers" until you line them up. They have no excuse for not doing their part as every one is drawing more extra each month than it would cost them to belong to the Order for a year.

Thanks to the boys who sent me items this month. H. R. PROD.

#### *Peninsula Division—*

The Aragon mine fire fighters have been trying for a month to find out where the coal pile is on fire. A steam shovel is now transferring the coal to another pile.

All the boys returning from camps have to pass a physical examination before resuming work. The brothers who served Uncle Sam are: R. W. Bardwell, E. A. Barber, A. R. Farley, A. E. Johnson, H. L. Johnson, E. Lavagine, R. J. Moras, R. R. Olson, J. A. Peters, L. Peshek, I. N. Shannon, W. H. Summers, A. J. St. Ange and A. M. Brukardt, wireless operator, Transport Malary, recently at home on ten days' furlough. He has been overseas four times since July. The non-members are: H. C. Beat, E. Daegnault, W. H. Summers and Ed. Risberg, recently discharged from service, returns to clerk and ticket seller at Norway, vice Bro. R. N. Quist.

Bro. H. L. Johnson, of Spalding, has returned after six months in technical school in aero training in England.

Bro. A. S. Patrie, of Sheboygan, made high power radio on final exams.

Bro. J. L. Linense, third Peshtigo, was relieved on his honeymoon trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and Green Bay, by Bro. Brady, Iron River. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Bros. Ranquette and Mores relieved L. N. LaLonde, agent Loretto, while down with the "flu."

Bro. Larsen, Nadeau, and Bro. Johnson, on sick recently, latter relieved by Bro. Rasmussen.

Bro. Dolf, agent Norway, visited his old home at Michigamme, recently.

Bro. F. Larean, second Vulcan, recently visited Norway; Bro. Pemberthy, Little Suamico, the boys at Oconto, and Bro. D.

**M. Mooney**, agent Oconto, a week in Milwaukee.

**Bro. Rachon**, agent Crystal Falls, went to Rochester, Minn., recently, to consult Mayo Bros., in regard to his failing health.

Third Stager closed. Bro. Barber to Saunders first, relieving H. J. Kell.

**Bro. Laure** is back from the army to first Crystal Falls; Bro. Quist going to third Power.

**Bro. Hudon**, second Antoine, on vacation, relieved by Berner.

**Bro. Eklund**, who relieved Bro. Erickson, on side wire Escanaba, while latter was dispatching, later relieved Bro. Damitz, agent Narenta, attending court at Crystal Falls.

**Bro. H. H. Nelson**, third Wilson, relieved several days by Lavagine, to attend the funeral of his sweetheart; Bro. Quist relieved Bro. Rasmussen, third Powers, recovering from a sprained ankle, received while skating; Bro. R. R. Olson, radio branch, naval service, was recently home on a furlough.

**Bro. Peits** will shortly resume Hermansville agency. Bro. Patrie has resumed third there, after a month's visit in Milwaukee.

Sorry to learn of the death of Bro. De Laires.

Local Chairman Phillips, on committee work at Chicago, relieved by Bro. Koenig.

I wish to thank all the brothers who helped me with the write-up this month.

J. E. RANGER, Div. Cor.

#### *Minnesota Division—*

**Bro. F. B. Wells**, Mankato, went on the pension list March 1st.

Second Mankato consolidated, Bro. Funk, of the Omaha, working both sides.

**Bro. R. F. Schwab**, first Tracy, being treated at Rochester, relieved by Coen, Winona side wire.

**Bro. L. E. Weld**, relieved on third Rochester, by Allison, a new man, while off with an attack of appendicitis.

**Bro. W. F. Swanson**, formerly on Springfield first, now with the American Forces at a base hospital in France, writes that THE TELEGRAPHER finds its way to the camps over there, and is a most welcome visitor. He hopes to soon be back with us. Bro. Fred Meyers, also in France, writes in a similar strain. They both send their "73" to the boys here.

**Bro. Hummel**, Tracy lap trick, is relieving at New Ulm.

**Miss Dickhoff**, Eyeta, on vacation, relieved by Slumberger, a new man from Eagle Lake.

**Bro. Johnson**, side wire Winona, relieved the dispatchers there on their monthly vacations.

Thanks to Bro. Schwab for his items, the only one who gave me a lift.

D. J. M.

#### *Dakota Division—*

**Bro. R. M. Cooley** visited in Monroe; Bro. Lane, in Huron; Daly, of Esmond, Iroquois; the scribe, Hurley, New Ulm and Cavour lately.

**Bro. W. L. Boughner**, Salem, on a trip South, relieved by Bro. Lowe.

Rasmussen relieved Seigler, Highmore second, while visiting at Cavour; latter now at New Ulm.

**Mr. M. S. Daly**, Esmond, was a recent Iroquois visitor.

**Bro. Steinbach**, back from the army is working at Yankton.

**Bro. Harris** relieved Bro. H. Brown, at Iroquois, who has gone to Wisconsin, owing to the death of his sister.

R. A. PFEFFERLE.

#### *Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.*

#### *Eastern Division—*

**Bro. G. H. Ogle**, first Union Bridge, off two days, relieved by Bro. W. S. Shamer, and Bro. H. T. Lawrence, first Thurmont, sick three weeks, relieved by Bro. A. D. Rice.

One hundred and sixty-four members admitted in our division in 1918, also eighteen members were received by transfer cards, making one hundred and eighty-two new members for the year. A fine showing and much credit due to all concerned.

Local Chairman Gardner, second district, included time for nominations on circular, giving outlines of our increase, a splendid idea calling the boys' attention to this important matter.

Thirty-two members taken in recently on this division, ten on the Western and seven on the C. & P., including four transfers on latter from the Grand.

The annual report of conditions on this system division, December 31, 1918, is as follows:

Cash on hand December 31, 1917..	\$ 313.61
Total receipts for 1918.....	3,377.71

\$3,691.32

Total disbursements, 1918.....	\$2,839.42
Funds on hand December 31, 1918..	851.90

\$3,691.32

Continue the excellent organizing work, look over little differences and make a general move toward progress.

Div. Cor. Cert. No. 94.

**Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.***Rio Grande Division—*

Have just completed a ten days' tour of the division, lining up nineteen new members, including two Sisters: Mrs. J. A. Perkins, Paris, and Miss Bonnie Maddux, Santo; in our new agreement we included the six employees on the W. M. & N. W., coming under our schedule, and I went over and organized that road. This is a nice bunch of men who have shown a keen tendency to want to help and be represented by us.

We are deeply indebted to Bro. Gillis, at Paris, for his untiring efforts to keep things moving over that way. Met a goodly number of the boys on T. C. Division, and hope to return shortly and spend more time with them.

Wiles, Tiffin and Olden, formerly blind sidings, have been opened up as agency and telegraph offices. Wiles and Olden being night offices also. This is due to the rapid development of the Ranger oil field, and they may be expected to remain open permanently.

Bros. R. L. Denton and Dock Flannigan, from joint track, went to Gordon, when it was made a night office, and Bro. Johnson to fourth Ranger, relieving Bro. Nichols.

Bro. Brown's five-year-old boy at Ector, bitten by a mad dog, was taken to Austin for treatment. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Spent a few hours with Bro. Council, and met my old friend and playmate, J. F. Howell, of the Cotton Belt, at Sherman.

Only one of the twenty-eight T. & P. operators in Fort Worth does not belong to the Order, and we all know who he is. Plenty of jobs and good salaries now, and no excuse for operators not carrying up-to-dates. We should practice our motto, "No card, no favors," now more than ever.

W. A. CANAFAX, Local Chairman.

*Rio Grande Division Notes—*

Bro. R. L. Pitzer, agent Allamore, relieved Bro. Tarrant, agent Barstow, and Bro. Murdock relieved Bro. Pitzer, third Van Horn, and Bro. Andrew, third Toyah, relieved Bro. Chatam, first there, a few days.

Three tricks opened at Odessa. Van Sickel to third there when Kent, second, abolished.

Floral fund contributors' twenty-seven, amount contributed \$20.75, expended \$20.00 for wreaths for Bros. Bearden and Glass. Members, please send contribution to local chairman. Let's build up a good fund.

Bro. Jones, assistant local chairman, on revision work, also assisting in membership "drive" on other divisions. CERT. 82.

*Rio Grande Division Notes No. 2—*

Bro. W. F. Bhalock, "UD" El Paso, is now with the T. & P., relieving Bro. W. M. Jones, while out on the line after the nons.

Sandy on "AO" first, thirty-three years, reported as coming in was an error. He is the only non on the division.

Sister Ellinberger, C., P. & St. L., Havana, Ill., is now on the Fort Worth Division. We are always pleased to welcome sisters among us, and hope she will remain permanently.

Bro. Fred Hamilton relieved Bro. W. W. Gibson, on vacation.

Bro. W. S. Chennault, who has been absent owing to the illness of his wife, has returned and we are very glad to learn that she is improving.

Please read our new contract carefully and see what the committee has done in our behalf while assembled at Dallas.

I have been out on the road and had no time to compile notes for this issue, but as soon as I get back home will try and give you a better write-up. "JO," Cert. 546.

*Eastern Division—*

On February 20th, Frank Tremble, Superintendent of Telegraph of the Texas & Pacific Railroad, was killed near Weatherford, Texas, caused by a passenger train hitting the motor car on which he was riding. Mr. Tremble was known by thousands of railroad and commercial telegraphers as "The man who never refused transportation" to a telegrapher, and he was considered one of the telegraphers' best friends, thousands of whom mourn this irreparable loss.

**Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.***Kentucky Division—*

Saturday night, January 18th, we held a meeting in Central City, Ky., with General Chairman Mulhall in charge, and discussed Supplement No. 10 to General Order No. 27.

The boys were very well pleased with the raise, although they expected a few dollars more. All were in favor of the Government operating the railroads five more years, as under it we had our salaries raised and been given fair treatment.

Forty-one members were present and we were glad to see so many of the Evansville District boys attend, as it is quite inconvenient for them to attend, having to leave Saturday afternoon and not get back home until Sunday morning. It is hard on all of us to be up all night, but one night in two or three months won't hurt any one, so let's see if we can't make it 80 present at the next meeting instead of forty-one.

Evansville District boys want the next meeting at Princeton, so it won't be so hard on them. I think Bro. Mulhall will call the next meeting there, and hope that all who can possibly do so will attend.

Some one mentioned a banquet. If they have eats I know there will be some bunch there.

Bro. S. T. Purcell has been promoted to

third trick dispatcher, and Bro. Earl Stillwell is back on second Oak street.

First operator West Point taken off. All the soldiers stationed moved to the new camp at Stithton, Ky. Bro. McCall, agent West Point, all summer, has returned to second Leitchfield; Bro. King, regular agent there, relieving him. Bro. C. D. Layman, third Leitchfield, off with the "flu," second attack; Bro. W. C. Moorman, Leitchfield, was recently married.

Bro. Joe Williams, Beaver Dam, also sick with "flu," relieved by Bro. Mulhall.

First and second operators Tip-Top removed, having been put on first and second operators at Stithton, Bro. Wallace going to Red Hill, first, and Bro. Whayne to third, and Tip-Top agency will be cut out as soon as Stithton is opened. The new depot at Stithton was to be ready for occupancy February 1st, with Bro. Wallace as agent. The new army camp when completed will be one of the largest in the United States, accommodating fifty thousand soldiers.

Bro. W. M. Rogers, third Cecilia, relieved Bro. Magruder at Elizabethtown, while he hunted bear down in Mississippi.

Bros. Crawford and Baird are back from the army, former to Horse Branch, temporarily; latter to his regular job, Central City, second; Bro. Lee Rains, out of service several years, back on third Caneyville.

Bro. W. W. Sloan is now with the Humble Oil at Goose Creek, Tex., and Bro. W. R. Sloan with the Gulf Refining Co. at Crosby Texas.

Some one send in a write-up from the Paducah and Evansville districts.

"CS," Cert. 158.

#### *Y. & M. V. R. R., New Orleans Division—*

We now have a substantial increase in wages and improved working conditions such as we never have enjoyed heretofore. Show that you appreciate this by keeping your membership up-to-date.

Local Chairman Levi went to Chicago recently, regarding the new raise and working conditions for commission agents who were not included in Supplement No. 13.

Bro. Day, second Gloster, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Haine, and Bro. Andrews, third Harriston, relieved a few days by Bro. Hoff.

Bro. Powell, "HD" Wilson, while working as dispatcher, relieved by Bro. Grant, a new man, who also relieved Bro. Griffin, third Gloster, visiting Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Gramercy and LaPlace nights, closed permanently, and three tricks opened at Lutcher.

Sister Johnson, Cedars, and Bro. Butler, agent Carlisle, are the two new members secured recently.

Bro. Young bid in St. Rose agency, vacated by the death of Bro. Montgomery, and Bro. Drongoole, agent Deslerman, succeeded him at Zachary.

Send me your items not later than 15th.  
C. L. BRUECK, Asst. L. C.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

Boys we have had a sad example on this division of neglecting the M. B. D. dues. Don't neglect them for a single day, and if possible carry an annual card.

Bro. Burning and Bro. Clyde Ellzey, released from the navy, went to third Brookhaven and Kentwood days, respectively.

Bro. Rhodes, released from the army, relieved Bro. Wilson, "MO" McComb, and later Bro. Keary, second Kentwood, when he went to Tougaloo.

Tangipahoa nights abolished, second and third trick added at Kentwood. We are glad to see Bro. Williams back at Tangipahoa, after being in the hospital some time with the "flu." Sister Furlow has returned to work after several weeks off with the same malady.

It's "Bro." Koenig, lineman at Jackson now.

Bro. Rand, agent Hammond, is celebrating the arrival of a baby girl.

We learn with regret the death of little Louis Boudousque, six-year-old son of Bro. John Boudousque, who was run over by a Loranger & Eastern train at Genesee. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Bro. Berry relieved Bro. Holliday at "MO" McComb, while working as dispatcher; Local Chairman Mashburn, second Hammond, while in Chicago; Bro. Erringer, second, and Bro. Hall, third Orleans Junction, and Bee, second Brookhaven; Bro. Chas. Tucker relieved Bro. Hays, third Bee Lake.

Bro. Feazell, who relieved Bro. D. C. Tucker, second Manchac, later relieved Bro. Spragins, second Anding, gone to the Ozarks for his health.

"E." Cert. 2250.

#### *Indiana Division—*

Bro. E. H. Worth returned from the navy to second Bloomfield, displacing Bro. Dowden, who displaced Bro. Edwards on second Cass.

Cashier Sullivan, Ind., abolished. Bro. Calvert to second "BU," vice Bro. Burbidge, who displaced Bro. Pulliam at "FS" Evansville. Opr. Browns pulled off, Bro. Heuring to first "NE."

Local Chairman Rothrock relieved by Bro. Hill; Bro. Johnson, agent Grayville, off few days, relieved by Bro. Edwards.

Bro. Ferris, agent Anita, relieved a few days by Bro. Marriott.

Bro. Chrisman, second "AS," relieved a few days by Cullum, a new man, who later relieved Bro. Mehringer, second "YD," now

extra. Dispatcher Cullum later relieved Bro. J. H. Scott, agent Victoria, on sick list a few days.

With deepest regret we report the death of H. C. Moore, who had just promised to join the O. R. T. Don't put it off, boys.

Bro. Cochran now on the only trick at "Q" Mattoon; Bro. O. A. Knight, third there, now in superintendent's office.

The Sunday hours at "YD" Indianapolis are very nice now, especially for Bro. Turpin, who is on 4 a. m. until 7 a. m.

Recently Bro. C. J. Walker and the freight checkers made a trip over this division and it checked 100 per cent. This is very encouraging. If the boys will work as earnestly for the O. R. T. we will soon check 100 per cent also. There are only a few nons left now. Keep after them; all they need is a little persuasion.

Boys, let me have your news so we can have a nice write-up every month. Thanks to those who contributed this time.

"SCOTTY," Cert 3640.

#### *Chicago Terminal Division—*

It is now Bro. Philbin at Ash Street Tower, making it 100 per cent. Bro. Asleben is back on second Hawthorne Tower, relieved at "S" by Bro. Kerrigan as the superintendent's chief clerk.

Bro. Hoffman, third Broadview, drafted last May, back from "over there," is now in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and expects to be mustered out shortly; Bro. McCoy, sergeant in the signal corps at Camp Shelby, Miss., is now on third Broadview.

The boys at the Illinois Northern crossing got a good increase and eight hours a day through the good old O. R. T. We want to make the Terminal solid. Keep up-to-date. Help us get in the few nons left, and remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

D. J. H.

#### *Iowa Division—*

Boys, keep after the few nons on our division until they come in and make our division solid.

Word has been received from Bro. W. P. Wall and A. E. Jones that they are enjoying life in France and hope to be back with us soon. We all wish them a safe return.

Bro. Mitchell is back on "CD" car job, vice Bro. Sherrill to third "A;" Bro. Brooks to Twenty-second street, Soo City; Bro. Hanson to third Denison, vice Bro. Barber and Bro. Buzzetti to third Fonda, vice Bro. Porter. He and Barber to extra list.

Bro. McDonald back to third Iowa Falls, vice Bro. Crouch to second Wren Tower; Bro. Barber relieved Allen, Parkersburg nights, and Babcock, second Cedar Falls, on sick list.

Bro. Blanchard relieving Hollingsworth at Wilke, gone South.

Bro. Kuhl, second Webster City, was badly burned while starting a fire at his home with gasoline, thinking it was kerosene.

Bro. Lamb, second Iowa Falls, visiting in Mississippi, relieved by Bro. McDonald.

Bro. Myers and Bro. Doll back from the army, former to Ticonic, vice Bro. Brigman to extra list; Bro. Doll relieving Bro. Singletary, East Sioux Falls, on vacation.

Bro. Titsworth, after serving several months at Camp Dodge, took his old position at Blairsville, vice Bro. Hollingsworth to third Manson.

Boys, if you know of any news, send it to Bro. Lamb at Iowa Falls. CERT. 3204.

#### *Chicago-Gt. W. R. R., Div. No. 96.*

##### *Members Division 96—*

Bro. C. E. Norris after serving you as secretary and treasurer for nine years has resigned. He has always been a hard worker for the upbuilding of this organization, devoting his time and labor unstintingly and has not always received the full credit due him for work efficiently and well done often under adverse conditions as most of the older members will fully realize. We take this means of extending to Bro. Norris our thanks for what he has accomplished in the past on Division 96.

Having been appointed in his place I would appreciate it if all the brothers would pay their dues promptly and advise me of changes of address, etc., materially lessening the work of the office and waste of postage.

My time is entirely taken up with the company's business while on duty, therefore all work pertaining to the office of secretary must be done after working hours. Kindly do your part and I will endeavor to the best of my ability to do mine.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. A. OTT,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. McGirk, Sycamore first, sick a few days, relieved by Mrs. Sheckler.

It is now Sister Miss Mougin, Rice; and Bros. D. L. Lahey, Oneida; W. S. Boots, Thorpe, and C. R. Cliff, Kent.

Bro. J. C. Harris and wife, second Sycamore, visiting at his old home in Hattiesburg, Miss., several weeks, relieved by Bro. Larson.

Bro. N. Williams, visiting Vancouver, B. C., and other points of interest in the West, relieved at Chicago transfer by a new man.

Bro. McGee, who relieved Bro. Durr, third Chicago "Z" several days, also relieved Bro. Ayers, first "GC," while he had an operation performed on his wrist.

Bro. A. A. Kretz, first Dubuque, was the only one nominated for local chairman.

Bro. I. L. Hesner has resumed at Aurora, vice Bro. Lawhorn.

Bro. Kitchen, agent Kent, is being relieved on account of sickness.

Bro. Coleman has asked the general manager for a day to incorporate Supplement No. 13 into our working agreement.

Chief Dispatcher Beattie spent his two days' relief in Chicago with Mr. Pennybacher, who worked a trick at East Stockton for a week and returned to the Southern Railway. Bro. Murphy also spent his two days off in Chicago.

Our slogan, "Organize and Stay Organized," thereby protecting yourself and others.

The oldest members on C. G. W. Division 96 are located on this division: Bros. F. E. Lowe, Certificate No. 1, Byron; A. D. Maggart, No. 2, Stillman Valley; A. S. Carpenter, No. 3, Holcomb; V. B. McLaughlin, No. 4, Pearl City.

G. A. OTT, L. C.

#### *Western Division—*

It is now Bros. F. F. Wheeler and E. W. Nordman, levermen Hampton and Clarksville towers, and Arnold and Hamilton at Thornton and Merservey; J. J. Field, Moorland, second; Kinne, Lohrville, and Severson, Burchinal agency.

C. A. Potter relieved Davis, Halbur agency, resigned.

Local Chairman Anderson was in Council Bluffs recently on business and rounding up the nons. Clear Lake Junction is now solid.

Send your contributions to the flower fund to Bro. Lynch, Moorland.

The brothers will please send in any news items to help out as it is a pretty hard grind for one man to get enough news without any assistance. Thanks to Bro. Anderson for his contribution of news.

Geo. Horn at Manning has resigned. We hope some good brother will land this job. Bro. Lieneman is now in the dispatcher's office at Clarion, days.

Bros. Ferguson and Anderson met Superintendent Derr at Carroll recently and settled some grievances satisfactorily.

Bro. Anderson went to Cassville recently and met General Chairman Coleman and Local Chairman Ott from Eastern Division and checked in Bro. Ott as our new secretary and treasurer, vice Bro. Norris, resigned. The books were found in first-class shape. Bro. Norris was a first-class secretary and treasurer, but on account of too much work and not feeling the best he asked to be relieved.

"SLIM."

#### *Nester & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.*

Bro. R. Sanford of Big Indian relieved by Bro. Floyd Merrithew while he underwent an operation in Kingston City Hospital. We are glad to see Bro. Sanford out again and

hope he recuperates quickly and resumes duty soon for we all miss him on the wire.

Bro. John Lafferty of Weehawken spends his Sundays at Shandaken and it is rumored that he is about to marry a lassie from that famous hamlet.

Karl Leipold, in Germany with the American Expeditionary Forces, has recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Bro. Maxwell, working extra on the D. & H., has secured six months' extension of his leave from February 27, 1919. Like Bro. Kunst of Kingston, he wants to be in line for his old job on the U. & D. in case the road goes back to private ownership. Bro. Maxwell wishes to be remembered to all.

Bro. Burgher handled the wire work at Katterskill while the ice was being cut at the Lakes and hauled to Kingston Point.

Bro. Gale of Tannersville attended the Shriners' ball in Kingston, Feb. 18th. Some class, too.

The U. & D. is now solid O. R. T. from Kingston to Oneonta. We have done remarkably well for a small road. Let us now hold our strength and pull together for the good of all.

OLD SCRIBE.

#### *Duluth, S. S. & A. Ry., Div. No. 116.*

We hope when Bro. Hume takes hold of the correspondent's job that he will fare better than the last two.

Bro. M. J. Cloasey, spending the winter at Grand Canyon, Ariz., reports the climate excellent and scenery grand. We will all be glad to have Martin back in the spring with that famous gold tooth smile. That's the only kind of a smile we will be able to get after it goes dry.

Bro. H. C. Wubbena and wife spent the week-end with his wife's folks at Hancock.

Myself and 51 per cent were called to Mel- len, Wis., owing to the death of nephew. On account of the shortage of men had to return within 36 hours.

Nestoria holds the record on this line or any other in reference to union men. There is not a man employed on the railroad—section, coal docks, yard, car men or office—that does not belong to his Order.

Bro. Miller, the speed demon from Thomaston, spent a few hours in Marquette recently.

Second operators are being placed in a number of places on account of it being necessary to work the regular men in excess of eight hours, the penalty of time and a half making it too high. This will help out the boys getting the extra man, shorten their hours and give them more help. Of course, it also cuts down the pay considerable, but the aim of union labor is eight hours and where one can make a good living wage in eight hours he should be glad to

have the second man placed. It also gives work to more men, which is needed.

The next write-up will be up to Bro. Hume. Let us assist him all we possibly can by sending him all the notes we can before the 20th of each month. Our division is one of the live wires in this neck of the woods. We know it is, therefore, let us advertise and let the other fellows know it. It pays to advertise and in this case it don't cost us a cent. We all like to see our division represented each month and it is up to us to see that it is.

Buy W. S. S.

W. E. P.

#### "Soo Line" Ry., Div. No. 119.

*Chicago Division, Northern District—*

A meeting was called to be held at Stevens Point, Sunday, February 23, but as this must be in the editor's hands not later than the 25th of the month I will have to leave the write-up of it until next month. The last meeting in December was well attended and that is the best advertiser. Let every one tell the other fellow who did not come and maybe he will have ambition enough to go himself to the next meeting.

The boys are returning to their old jobs again. Bro. Bishop, former agent at Somerset, is back again, having relieved Bro. Hafferman, while off on account of sickness.

Bro. Ludowise, formerly first Owen, is also back and working as cashier at Stevens Point.

Bro. McQueen, formerly on "the Soo," but on the C., B. & Q. for some time prior to entering the services of Uncle Sam, went to third Phillips, later to first Mellen.

Ye scribe, laid up sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. A. J. Lange from Mellen, who later went to New Richmond.

It is gratifying to know that even if there are some things yet to be taken care of, we have reached a point where we can at least live as we ought to, and many thanks are extended to the committee for the wonderful work done in our behalf. No one can now truthfully say that there is no benefit derived from belonging to the O. R. T. Nearly all of us have a large back pay check coming and every one should show what we think of Uncle Sam as an employer by investing in Fifth Liberty Loan bonds and in paying up what we still owe on other bonds we have taken up, and give the best service we can to show our appreciation of it, also keep an up-to-date card.

We wish to extend to Bro. Anderson, agent Stetsonville, and bride our best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life. They are now on their honeymoon from coast to coast. I received a card from him in British Columbia and he said he was having the time of his life.

"Buck," Cert. 550.

#### *Minnesota Division—*

We are glad to hear that Bro. Conger, formerly at South Haven, is making good in the dispatcher's chair.

Bro. Fred Pennock, agent New Effington visited with relatives over Sunday in Elbow Lake recently. Bro. Geo. Steen, third there, has bought a Buick roadster.

Bro. Nelson is back at Brooten after a year in the Navy. Bro. Riff, agent Brooten, relieved a few days recently by Bro. Volkman.

Bro. Nealis is now on second Harvey; Sister Wood on second Kenmare, and Sister Jones on third Valley City.

Bro. Kapitan, agent Tenney, went to Minneapolis Sunday recently to see the auto show, but it had closed.

Bro. Seegar, agent Velva, spent a few days at the show, relieved by Bro. Webberg.

Bro. Dols, Elbow Lake; Bro. Harlan, Hoffman; Bro. Larson, Sedan, and Bro. Hoskins, Mandan, spent Sunday in Minneapolis recently.

A meeting was called at Kenmare for February 27th.

Bro. Yackel, agent Barret, is in the midst of the annual ice rush.

Sister Irene Lee, second Minot, is on sick leave.

Bro. Huseth, after visiting his folks in Elbow Lake a few days, went to second Hankinson.

The American Railway Express has started a campaign for better service, which means better marking, better packing and better routing. It is hoped that every man will do his share by starting shipments out right. Remember that better service means more business and more business means more commission.

CERT. 1583.

#### *W. and P. Division—*

Bro. A. M. Sale, agent Glen Flora, on vacation, was relieved by Groves, Missouri River Division.

Bro. L. A. Menard and family Sundayed at Escanaba recently.

Four additional operators have been put in on the Fifth District, one each at St. Croix Falls, Centuria, Luck and Fredric.

Bro. Levine, Almena agency, went to De ronda agency, vacated by Bro. Edwards.

Bro. Holtby, second Rapid River, relieved Olsen on Gladstone side wire.

We are now on an hourly basis and can be excused on holidays and Sundays, where there was no chance whatever when we were paid on monthly basis.

W. H. B., Cert. 492.

**Lake Erie & Western R. R., Div. No. 120.**

Five new members have been obtained since the last write-up. Now you old members, all be sure to pay up. Don't let us have any delinquents this term.

Each man must have something of the same faith in his neighbor that the soldier has in the man who fights by his side. Without it there can be little unity and slight possibility of co-operation. Study this over.

Keene, third Belt Junction, and Marcrum, third Noblesville, are back on duty again after being off with the "flu." They should now line up.

Brothers, if you have any news, mail it to R. J. Wise, Tipton, Ind., and let us have a write-up every month. This applies especially to Peoria, Sandusky, N. O. and Ft. Wayne Divisions.

CERT. 73.

**Lehigh Valley R. R., Div. No. 124.***Seneca Division—*

The series of meetings held over the system during the last of January were all well attended. We were honored at most of them by Vice-president Pierson giving us some valuable talks. We were sorry that every member of Division 124 could not have been present and listen to Bro. Pierson, General Chairman Leh and the other speakers; it would have inspired you all to renewed efforts in behalf of our organization.

At our Sayre meeting we had nearly sixty members present, including several train dispatchers and two sisters, Miss Schriver and Miss Cassidy, who were given a hearty welcome, this being the first they have attended. We hope to see them at every one hereafter.

Bro. Gilfoy very ably handled the arrangement for refreshments, which were very much enjoyed. I wish to thank him and all who assisted him.

It was decided for a time at least to hold a regular monthly meeting; every third one at Geneva, the other two at Sayre, Odd Fellows Hall, 8 p. m., the second Wednesday in the month; in March at Geneva; April and May at Sayre; again at Geneva in June. Let us have as good an attendance as possible, so it will pay us to hold them each month.

You will know by the time this reaches you who your delegates, alternates and officers are for the next two years. Give them the same support you have the present ones. No one could ask for any better than you all have given. It has been a pleasure for me to serve you. I have done so to the best of my ability. I shall never forget all the little courtesies shown me and anything to the contrary I have forgotten.

Take up with your local chairman immediately any grievances you may have, and give him the correct account of it. If he is not able to adjust it, the general chairman will carry it up. Some have had grievances and done nothing about them. We have a right to be heard. Let us take advantage of it.

Some of the soldier boys are returning. Bro. Sweeney is back again in "SA" and Bro. Finney at Laceyville. Brothers, we gladly welcome you. It was a pleasure to pay your dues while you were helping to take the "will" out of "William."

If any have not paid their dues and insurance assessments, for your own good do not put it off another day.

M. M. CRANE, L. C.

*Buffalo Division—*

The meeting in Rochester was poorly attended by the Lehigh Valley and if we do not come out to the meetings we cannot expect that our general chairman will hold meetings at that point for our convenience on this end if we do not show up.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Fennell is improving. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Range has been relieving Bro. Fennell during his sickness.

CERT. 35.

*Buffalo Division Notes—*

Supplement 13 is being put into effect on this division. It is slow work to get everything arranged, but we are trying to do the best possible to satisfy all. Most all of the agencies profited and we are glad to see them get something at last.

The new rate went into effect on the pay rolls February 1st, leaving four months back pay to come.

We have one satisfaction and that is, where the position is unsatisfactory we have the opportunity to bid in other jobs, as a new ruling says all jobs must be advertised. Those who benefited and have no card will please take one out and help defray some of the expense we have been put to for their benefit.

Bro. Coleman off on account of the death of his mother. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Coleman in his sad bereavement.

CERT. 263.

*New York Division—*

The two meetings at Jersey City, January 28th, while neither meeting had the attendance it should have had, those present heard some very interesting remarks regarding the doings of the Order at both meetings. Bros. M. M. Farley, general chairman, and S. Anderson, local chairman of the D. L. & W., as well as several of the brothers of this road and also several brothers of the C. R. R. of New Jersey, were present:

Bro Leh was no doubt very much disappointed by our poor attendance. Boys, this will never do. When a meeting is called everyone should make it his business to attend and see that the other fellow attends also.

Now that Bro. Leh has shown us what he is doing for us, it is everyone's duty to help him all he can. We surely have as good a general chairman as any road and we should do all we can to show him we appreciate his work by attending meetings when he calls them.

E. A. FREESE, Cert. 192, Div. 124.

28 Lembeck Ave.

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**C., R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.**

*Chicago General Office—*

Bro. Dunnam just returned from a short visit in New Orleans. Mrs. Dunnam stayed. Considering the wintry winds around "Chi" we envy her.

Bros. Phelps and Teeters have purchased bungalows on the South Side and Bro. Phelps reports seeing Bro. Teeters pacing No. 6 the other morning. Teeters thought it was the "eight sixteen."

It is now Bro. Patterson, if you please.

Our most radical non, Mister Blake, is still with us. All efforts to show him the light have failed. He states that he is not looking for any favors. Boys, see that he doesn't get any.

Bro. Kay left recently for a trip over the Kansas and El Paso Divisions. Too much snow down there for us.

Bros. Dutton, Keefe, Eaton and Craig, schedule committee, left for their homes after submitting the new schedule to the management.

Brothers, if the bulletins don't show up promptly, drop Bro. Kay a note, as he is hot after the company on this subject and they have promised an improvement.

*El Reno—*

Bro. Harrison relieves Bro. Adams at "HY" on war job.

Bro. Weld assigned to Bro. McKnight's war job.

Bro. Snodgrass returned to work again. Bro. Snodgrass is now second trick wire chief. Many of the brothers will probably be surprised to hear that familiar "NS" on the wire again.

Bro. Canfield assigned to Ft. Worth. All the force were sorry to see Bro. Canfield leave us, but hope that he will like his day job after working a night owl trick for several years.

Bro. Goodfellow again to work after a short illness. Of course, he thought he would escape the "flu" like some of the rest of us, but not so lucky.

Bro. Barnard off few days sick.

Bro. Young back on his old job again.

The last Pan Homa Club meeting on January 11th, which was a special meeting, was attended by more O. R. T. members than at any other time in the history of the club.

*Trenton—*

Business getting slack and there seems to be a surplus of operators.

Bro. Schreiber off account sickness.

Telephone dispatchers' circuit installed on the East End in use between Eldon and Rock Island.

The boys are getting very restless as the

gardening season approaches; everyone planning a garden and a few chickens.

*Topeka—*

Bro. Marshall gone to Parsons to work for the Katy.

Bro. Pearsoll goes to Des Moines.

The Topeka O. R. T. Club, with a large membership, made up of operators with the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Union Pacific, have regular meeting now and they are well attended by the members living in Topeka. Bro. Callaghan, president; Bro. Reynolds, treasurer, and Bro. Kirkpatrick, secretary.

I note quite a number have not paid their current dues at this time. Come on in, brothers, make it an annual, and save work and expense to yourself as well as your division.

Bro. Christensen of "JR" Kansas City, called home recently account serious illness of his mother.

Lots of interest shown in the election this year, which is a good sign and as it should be. Take a strong interest in everything pertaining to your organization. The Order is just what the membership makes it, no more, no less.

The ballots will be counted in a few days. If re-elected local chairman and delegate, I thank you; if not, there will be no sore spots, and my successor will have my unqualified support the ensuing term.

R. D. STOVER, L. C.

*Panhandle Division—*

It is now Bro. M. H. Clements, extra "KU" third, vice Bro. Polk.

Bro. Ed. Jackson, Weatherford third, relieved few days by B. S. Reddington, a new man from Colorado Division; get after him, boys.

Bro. Frye bid in third "KX" East Yard Oklahoma City, relieved by W. S. Bruton.

Bro. S. G. Durrell, first Sayre, expects to be relieved for sixty or ninety days to go see his family in California, his son being ill.

Bro. H. G. Burgess, back on second Yukon, after ninety days in the army.

Bro. S. Miller, off account sickness, relieved by E. P. Golden, a new man.

Bro. C. R. Young, extra, bid in second East Yard Oklahoma City, temporary, account illness of Bro. A. L. Martin, off about a year.

M. J. CRUSE.

*Kansas Division—*

Supplement No. 13 granted us, while it was not quite what most of us figured on, a substantial increase in wages.

We were grieved to learn of the death of our beloved brother, J. L. Lady, agent at Lost Springs, on January 25th, at Lost Springs. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire membership.

We were also grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Dunham, father of Bro. A. T. Dunham, of Wellington, Kansas. The membership wishes to extend their sympathies to Bro. Dunham.

Bro. Watson, third Cline, off for a short vacation visiting in Illinois, relieved by Mr. Brumley, a new man.

Bro. J. C. Smith, Whiting, has been off for some time, account the serious illness of his mother and brother.

We now have an almost up-to-date division, and near the 100 per cent mark. The non next to you will join if you speak to him; go get him and help make it 100 per cent strong. We can do it, if we all try to take an active part in this work, and in order to make the 100 per cent mark we have all got to be after our next door neighbor non. Help make it solid.

Don't forget your dues, my brother; also that they are now \$7.00 instead of SIX for a term. Make your remittance to Bro. W. H. Dunnam, Chicago. CERT. 406.

*C., B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130.*

*Relay Division—*

Chicago General Office. Bro. Castle was called to Yorktown, Iowa, the early part of February, on account of the death of his mother. The telegraphers on the system extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

The committee convened at Chicago on January 17th, to revise our schedule in conformity with Supplement 13. The officials gave us a hearing on the 18th, and after two days' conference, an adjournment was taken until February 4th, when we again resumed

negotiations. From that time until February 16th, daily conferences were held, but were unable to reach an agreement on the various interpretations, and it was necessary for the committee to turn the matter over to the organization for further disposition. As further hearings will be conducted before the wage board at Washington, through our president and general chairman, there may be some delay before the schedule is completed.

As you have seen fit to re-elect me your local chairman for the next two years, and delegate to the convention, I wish to thank you, and hope that during that time we will be as successful as in the past.

I am in receipt of numerous letters in regard to the seniority question which was brought up by the members at Galesburg. As our proposition was in the hands of the officials before this matter was brought up, there is no possibility of any action being taken at this revision. The correspondence received so far indicates four to one against any change. If it is deemed necessary the matter will be put to a vote before the next revision, and the committee will comply with the wishes of the majority.

Messrs. Bowman and McDonough, two nons at Creston are on record as finally conceding that it is only through organization that recognition is given. They claim to have had no quarrel with any other organization; and I don't know of any that is going to waste any time quarreling with them. The O. R. T. represents wire chiefs, and I believe will continue to do so as long as the 2,275 members on the Burlington say that we shall. McDonough and Bowman seem to be laboring under the false assumption that other wire chiefs on the system are nons the same as themselves. They might just as well expel such ideals from their heads; get into the O. R. T. and quit "kidding" themselves about any other railroad telegraphers' union.

Boys, we had better step lively, a "closed shop" seems to be in order.

Bros. J. A. Young, Omaha, and A. B. Coats, Chicago, have been appointed assistant local chairmen for the next two years.

J. J. Rose.

#### Aurora Division—

Leonard W. Wicks died Sunday, January 12th at his home in Neponset, Ill., succumbing to a brief illness with influenza-pneumonia.

A beautiful floral piece was sent by the O. R. T. boys in remembrance of our friend and brother.

Bro. J. E. Cardwell took in a show in Chicago recently.

Bro. Ed. Ackerson, third Princeton, is passing around the cigars; it's a boy.

Bro. W. W. Wangler, agent Meriden, is a frequent visitor to Mendota.

Some of the boys are back from the army, so there will be plenty of relief men now.

Bro. R. L. Mercer bid in third Arlington regular.

Let's have a write-up from now on on the Aurora Division. I have taken the job off of Bro. Todd, but will need assistance from the brothers out on the line; send me what notes you get by the 15th, and we will have a write-up.

C. M. SALANDER, Asst. L. C.

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#### Galesburg Division—

Bro. A. H. Stevens, second Yates City, after seventeen weeks of sickness, is now about to step out on the porch. We hope for his speedy return to health.

Bro. Wilson, Knoxville, off sick, relieved by Miss Spurgeon.

Extra Graves, third Farmington, off with a sprained shoulder, relieved by Miss Belleville.

Bro. H. L. Thompson, assistant local chairman for Quincy Branch, out again after a three weeks' siege of the "flu."

Bro. F. M. Haist, back at Norris as agent since his release from army service.

By the time this is in print you will know who your local chairman will be for the next two years, also who will represent you at St. Louis at the convention in May.

No assistance received with the notes this month. This will account for the brevity.

D. C. Root, L. C.

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#### Brookfield Division, West End—

We are glad to see Bro. N. K. Colt back from the Navy. Noah will work in the relay office at Brookfield.

Bro. Estep worked third trick dispatcher Kansas City Branch last night. First trip. Success, congratulations.

Bro. Larimore, Brookfield Relay Office, off one day, 20th, out of town on business.

Brookfield, Mo.—The clerk's union here is to be congratulated. Its officers are efficient, its members faithful, and they will soon be getting their rights.

Bro. L. B. York worked second at Breck- enridge few days, Bro. B. B. Vest off account sickness.

Bro. C. C. Sprague is back on second trick Lathrop after a long illness.

Bro. Smith, Osborn, off couple of days recently, relieved by Bro. York.

Bro. H. Barron, third Saxton, off few days, relieved by Bro. Kimsey.

With the amount of back pay we have received during the last year, I do not think we should put up with a single non.

If I make an error in using "Bro." it is because I have not been correctly informed and would thank any of the brothers along the line to advise me accordingly.

Bro. Leaton, first Shelbina, off with "flu" the past week but expects to return to work soon, relieved by Extra Buckman, who promises to line up with us soon.

All jobs reduced to eight hours where possible on this division.

Bro. L. H. Sherry, who recently got his discharge from the Army, has returned.

Plenty of men now on extra board over here to keep work up.

Div. COR., Cert. 1536.

#### *St. Louis Line—Beardstown Division—*

Miss Potts, non-telegrapher, working as agent Alsey, relieving Arnold, Arnold to agency East Alton, relieving Bro. Draper, who was assigned agent Herrin.

Bro. Turley, second Block 104, was shopping in Chapin this week. Bro. Teague recently returned from sixty days' vacation doing extra work in Centralia Yards.

It is now Bro. Vortman, helper Chapin.

Wonder if Mr. Mosier, White Hall nights, has been able to see what the O. R. T. has done and is now willing to invest in a card. "No card, no favors," old scout.

Mr. Henderson, agent Winchester, and Mr. Chambers, agent Centralia, are complaining about not enough increase and are circulating a letter asking different ones who they should take it up with to get even a greater increase than what Supplement 13 gave them. I would suggest to these men that they take out a card and let Bro. Denton handle it for them.

It is Bro. Beddingfield, Riggston, now.

We have three good men running for local chairman. Makes it hard to know who to vote for.

With our Sunday hours reduced cannot we get together on meetings at East Alton or some other convenient place once in a while? Say, once a month.

Send in some notes, boys. It is hard to have much of a write-up without some help, as I cannot get all the news. Thanks to Bros. Baumgardner and Frazier for their help this time.

C. F. DANFORD, Cert. 692.

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#### *St. Joseph Division—*

G. E. Root, extra on third Block 36, during absence of Bro. E. M. Watson, relief at Tower 46.

Bro. R. L. Canavan, second Block 36, off one day shopping in Kansas City, relieved by J. M. Wilson, extra man.

Bro. Henry Moore has recently been mustered out of military service and is "bucking" the extra board, being extra on third at Armour for a few days.

Still a bunch of nons that should be lined up. I know two only a few miles away that made their brags that they were going to join last January 1st, but I understand they are not carrying cards. Seems to me that it would be very humiliating to be a "scab." I will bet a good cigar that they will see this write-up, for most nons borrow their friend's TELEGRAPHER and read the news.

Telegraphers now have a remunerative vocation and we should strive to keep it that way.

Members should bear in mind that their oath is sacred and that they should live up to it so far as is possible. Members should

refrain from teaching telegraphy to every loafer in town.

Numerous positions bulletined, but there are several on the extra board.

Let us all contribute to the notes to be published each month in THE TELEGRAPHER and exchange our ideas.

F. A. ARNOLD, L. C.

#### *Hannibal Division—*

Bro. Bob Davis, of Ft. Madison, off week account of sickness, causing Bros. Geo. and Dan Davis to double up on the work for couple of nights account of no available operator.

Bro. C. C. Tully has resigned to accept position with the Prairie Oil & Gas Co.

Glad to report Bro. Shippey, agent Moore, Ia., back on the job again after being confined in hospital at Kansas City and undergoing an operation.

Three men on "DÓ" Union Depot, Keokuk, Ia., again since first of year.

This division has one hundred positions and we have 105 members paying their dues. Pretty good showing.

Supplement 13 to General Order No. 27 seems to meet the approval of most everyone on this division.

Bro. Allen, of Machens, who was reported seriously ill of pneumonia, is said to be improving slowly.

Reports from Bro. Rogers shows dues are being paid promptly this year and quite a number getting annual cards. We are in hopes by the time the journal reaches you that all will have remitted as this saves us time and expense.

Bro. Boyer, agent Weaver, Ia., off for several days first of month account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Mueller, third trick Alexandria, Mo., has resumed work.

We are glad to know that Bro. J. L. Painter has returned from France and expects to resume work on this division soon.

We have added four new names to our membership list of this division this month.

CALLEN MAYS, L. C.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

Following are new brothers: H. M. Woods, L. C. Mourning, E. N. Fridgen. The number of nons is fast decreasing and we now have a grand total of 113 for this division.

Bro. Willard, second Crawford; off few days account sickness and death of his mother, Bros. Johnson and Higgins doubling, later Operator Scholmeier relieving Bro. Hays, third Ferryville, off few days account sickness. Bros. Leavitt and Fetting returning from military duty, Leavitt relieving Bro. C. J. Nelson at Oakland on vacation, Bro. Fetting relieving Bro. Heitman, second Trevina, on vacation.

Bro. Fridgen now out of service account failure to pass for relief.

Bro. Mears, agent Pepin, attended the O. S. & D. meeting at Grand Crossing, Bro. Granke running the job.

Mrs. F. H. Owen and son of Stoddard have returned home after spending three weeks in St. Camillus Annex Hospital at La Crosse with the scarlet fever.

Bro. S. R. Kimball, who has been taking treatments at La Crosse after a severe attack of the "flu," is recovering and is back on second Bay City, Bro. Miller taking the agency at Hager. Bro. Willsey resigned and relieved by Bro. Gibbons.

Through an error in the December Journal, Bros. Tate and Kimball were shown as having resigned. This is incorrect and should read "allowed their jobs to go on bulletin," as both these brothers are still in service.

Brothers, a careful check is being made on the division in automatic territory for disregard of Rule 221. Be sure your signal gives the correct indication at all times, and don't give the officials any reason to complain or place it against your record.

Personal friends of Bro. S. R. Kimbal made him a nice donation of \$68.00 which was very much appreciated by himself and wife.

Want to thank Bros. White, Lindner, Sands and Bielefeld for notes. Come again, boys.

CERT. 227.

#### *Creston Division—*

Bro. Ingram resigned, going to the farm; Bro. D. B. Hopkins, agent Massena, assigned Macedonia agency.

Bro. Don Hainey, agent Arkoe, has a new bug and is getting to be quite an expert with it.

Bro. Roberts, first Glenwood, off sick, relieved by Bro. F. B. Rose, extra.

We now have 88 bulletined positions and 92 members. Keep the good work going and we will soon be 100 per cent and that is where we are headed for.

O. C. WALLACE, Asst. L. C.

*Creston, Ia., Division Notes—*

By the time you boys read this we will know who is to be our next local chairman, and it looks as though it will be a tight race between Bro. Overmier and Bro. Hale and there will be a considerable amount of votes cast this time as there are ninety-four members with only eighty-eight positions, so that means niney-four men to decide who our leader will be.

Operator Roberts, extra Glenwood first, taken quite sick and removed to a hospital at Omaha. We all hope he soon recovers and back on the road again, as he is a prospect for the Order. Bro. Fred Rose, back from the Army, is relieving him. Bro. Fred was on the water about thirty-six hours and turned back. His stay on board the ship was too short to feed fish.

F. A. Vanderwall (not sure if member; hope so), returned from naval service, is relieving Operator Adkins, second Villisca.

Bro. Barkus, returned from army service, relieving Bro. Hickman, second McPherson, off with a broken arm, trying to crank his flivver. Bro. Bill is another one that was on the water and returned.

Bro. Yarbrough, second Glenwood, off on an extended trip. I understand Chubby took a bride with him, but no one knows for sure.

Everyone is holding down their jobs good and not much moving around. Almost everyone who was on the sick list is back to work and several extra men are lying around.

Bro. Ben Kunze relieved Bro. Chancellor, agent Island Park, several days account of sickness.

News this month is scarce. Not much doing along the line. I think everyone is figuring what he is going to do with the

back pay we are supposed to receive in February.

The brother working the third shift in Creston relay office, slipped away and brought back a wife with him. All the boys along the road that work with him wish him much joy, and he isn't a bit tight with the cigars. All the boys in Creston were smoking.

All the boys working the graveyard shift on this division are members except three.

"Pacey," 1603.

*Lincoln Division—*

**FLOWER FUND REPORT.**

Received from brothers up to September, 1918, in small contributions to be placed in flower fund of division.. \$21.00 Flowers for Mrs. Burkhalter at Lincoln 10.00 Flowers for Bro. G. E. Harriman at Ravenna ..... 10.00 Cash on hand February 1, 1919..... 1.00

(Signed) J. E. ELINOR, Treas.

In order to keep the necessary funds on hand for immediate use, we are asking the brothers to send their 1919 contribution for the flower fund immediately to P. H. Miller, 1513 West Seventh street, Hastings, Neb., who will turn over to Bro. Elinor, who pays the bills for flowers on the division.

Following brothers have started the 1919 ball rolling: Bros. Stark, Schmer and Woods at Fairmont sending total of \$1.75, and Bro. P. H. Miller, Hastings, 50c.

Figure a rebate contribution will be sufficient at this time. Hoping not be necessary to buy any flowers, but if it is we will have the cash and not have to put out a hurry up appeal for same. P. H. Miller, L. C.

*Alliance Division—*

Brothers, I wish to thank each and every one of you for your generous support in the past and as I expect to again serve you for another term, I hope you will continue your co-operation. I promise you the same faithful work that my time, strength and ability will permit me.

During my term of office we have made rapid strides, going from a membership of 58 to 105. Much of this was accomplished by your own individual work. At present

we have 100 scheduled positions and 105 members. We can justly feel proud of this record. We still have two or three nons on the line who persist in letting you brothers carry their burdens. Get busy on them. There is absolutely no excuse for them. They have received enough in back pay checks to pay their dues in the order for two or three years.

The eight-hour day has come to stay. Let everyone give the company the best he has in him for eight hours and show our appreciation.

Bro. Jones, Hyannis, on 'ten days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Michaels, second, relieved by Bro. Parkinson, extra.

Bro. Perrin, Whitman, has been relieved from dispatcher trick by closing of Seneca dispatcher's office and is back on his old job as agent.

Bro. "SI" King, Whitman, had quite a tussle with the "flu," but is O. K. again. He was relieved by Mr. Chambers, extra.

Bro. A. A. Spradling, agent Merna, has been doing his bit as an extra dispatcher, relieved by Bro. Guy King.

Bro. V. R. Herncall, one of our old time brothers, who has been away from this division for several years, is back again, working extra. Here is hoping you land something good, Vic.

Bro. Thudium, second Marsland, has been doing relief work, relieving Bro. Thompson, agent Litchfield, and also Bro. Guy Vining, Dunning; these brothers taking a fall out of the "flu."

Bro. Bert Darrow, one of our old-time members, came out of the woods and got back into the railroad game while the war was on. Having put the Kaiser on the blink, he has returned to his newspaper work as editor of the Thomas County Herald at Thedford, where he is ever ready to do all he can for the boys. Remember him, boys, when you want anything done in the way of printing.

Bro. F. W. Koch is back from France and has bid in Hoffland, which station he was holding when called to the service. Welcome home, Bro. Koch.

We also extend a welcoming hand to Bros. Wynn, Hitt, Dillard, Dickson and Webb,

who have been mustered out of the service and are back again with us.

Bro. Johnson, Toohey and Jolly are still with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Bro. T. J. Cummins, agent Crawford, is in California, where he was called by the dangerous illness of his mother.

Bro. Ed Hawley, agent Belmont, has been seriously ill in the hospital at Alliance, but is now on the road to recovery.

L. M. DAVIS, L. C.

#### Alliance Division Notes—

Seems almost impossible for this division to get many notes in the journal.

The dispatcher's office at Seneca was closed shortly after the first of the year on account of decrease in business.

Bro. Stewart is now back at Ellsworth second, his regular job, after spending several months as relief man.

A great number of our sisters have been laid off account of closing of positions and several of the brothers came back from the Army and Navy.

It is rumored that Bro. Sheets, formerly third Seneca, will soon be back from the war.

Bro. J. L. Hughes has been assigned to Seneca agency and has taken up his new duties there.

Bro. Wilcek, second "MR," off on a vacation, relieved by Bro. eHrncal from the D. & R. G. Wilcek says, "Going back home to meet my brother and hear him tell about the girls that wear wooden shoes." Some say Bro. "WI" will return with a better half, possibly no wooden shoes.

Bro. Hines bid in second trick Dunning, relieved Halsey, second, by Bro. Webb just fresh from the khaki.

Bro. Wynn is also back from the Army.

Most of the boys are laying off of Hoffland as the potash plants are closing down and no one knows just how soon they will close it up.

The latest news on the division is the closing of three potash plants at Antioch and reduction of station force. Antioch may soon be the old blind siding she used to be.

CERT. 2148.

**Sterling Division—**

Bro. Kynion is back on his old trick at Scottsbluff after trying out the ticket office at Lincoln, Bro. Atwell going to Bridgeport; Bro. Chambers went to Angora nights. Here is hoping Bro. Chambers appoints himself as a committee of one to see that Agent G. T. Temple at Angora gets back in line.

Bro. R. O. Close from the Sterling Relay Office bid in the agency at Carpenter, Wyo.

I am advised that Agent H. M. Barkley, at Henry, Neb., is running a ham factory. Wish you brothers up on that end of line would help me line this non up.

Brothers, remember your dues should reach Bro. Rogers on or before February 28th to prevent you becoming delinquent. Let's keep up our record of not having a single delinquent. I am glad to see so many of the boys taking out annual cards. Wish you would all do that.

Several of the brothers have been sending me their dues, and while I am glad to take care of them for you, it makes quite a delay in your getting your new cards, and in the future if you will send your dues direct to Bro. Rogers at La Crosse, Wis., and your M. B. A. dues to Bro. C. B. Rawlins at St. Louis, Mo., it will save several days' delay in your getting your new cards.

Keep up-to-date and line up that neighbor of yours and continue to co-operate with me as you have done in the past, and we will soon have our division up in the 100 per cent column.

F. A. SENSE, L. C.

**Wymore Division—**

Nearly ever station on this division has been cut to a straight eight-hour day, regardless of the amount of work at the station. Each one of you should give the company a good full eight hours' work, but no more. When it is time to quit, close up shop and go home and refuse to go back to accommodate the public. If you find that you cannot keep your station accounts up in good shape during this working period, you should take the matter up with your superintendent, keeping a copy of the letter you send. This in order to clear yourself in case the auditing department make a kick on the work not being properly done. No other

class of railroad labor work overtime without getting paid for it; why should we?

Bro. Hayes has returned from service in the U. S. Navy and is now acting as cashier at Superior.

Bro. Antrim relieved Bro. Henderson Fortescue a few days.

The new rate of pay was received by circular letter from the Superintendent's office this month, also received our back pay from October 1st.

Nelson station will soon be consolidated with the Rock Island, the Rock Island having charge.

The following brothers reported on the sick list with the "flu": Bros. Henderson, Butcher, Hall and Hetherington.

Bro. H. E. Millen, of Tecumseh, has resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman for an automobile tire company. We wish him success in his new work.

Bro. Watson, who has been holding down the car distributor's job at Wymore for the past six months, was bumped, and is now back as extra relief agent again.

Bro. C. L. Adams from the Rock Island was visiting his family at Wymore recently.

It is now Bro. W. H. Bock at Auburn. Bro. Reid secured the application.

Keep after the non; don't give them any rest. We only have a few of them left.

CERT. 842.

**Sheridan Division—**

Bro. L. B. Mooney, former agent at Felix, who has been at Camp Lewis, is back home again. He is going to work a trick at Oriva temporarily until he finds out whether he can get his old job back again.

Sister Roberts, who bid in second at Oriva, is off temporarily on account of reduction of force.

Bro. McCulley, first at Gillette, bid in third Arvada, relieved by Jack Luckanitch, who has been at Camp Funston. Everyone is glad to hear J. on the wire again.

Bro. W. D. Colder, relieved at Arvada by Bro. McCulley, is now working second Oriva pending Bulletin.

Sister O. M. Chester, of third Echeta, who

had the misfortune to break her ankle in December, is able to be around again.

Bro. Wham is now an extra agent. At one time Bro. Wham was our local chairman, and we are glad to welcome him back.

Sister Thomas relieved Bro. Higgins at Osage a couple of days while Mr. Higgins was surveying his dry farm.

Bro. Barnhill has been in Thermopolis Hospital for three weeks with rheumatism.

Sister Katherine Carey, Alger, off one day account of sickness. Edna Chase worked her trick.

Surprised to see supplement No. 13 settled and back pay received.

Our local chairman, C. M. Miller, has been suffering from eyetritis for the last month. He has been at Sheridan under Dr. Wheedon's care. He is getting along nicely. The division wishes him a speedy recovery.

Corp. Mills, operator Casper Division, has returned to his home in Ranchester.

First Sergt. Cleo C. Brown, former relay operator at Sa, is now in Germany. He was slightly wounded in the Argonne battle.

Bros. Bill Halepeska and Horace Crofford are also in Germany. They were also in the Argonne battle, but come out without a scratch.

It is now Bro. E. R. Maris, agent at Newcastle, making Newcastle solid. We are indeed glad to see so many of the boys on Sa Division carrying cards.

Bro. F. B. Thomas, first Newcastle, was off for a few days, relieved by Bro. G. E. Pollard from Sa office.

F. B. THOMAS, A. L. C.

#### *Relay Notes—*

Bro. Wilson, second wire chief, resigned.

Vice Bro. Lewis from third.

D. Kersey from Cheyenne now on third.

V. Smith recently returned to his old job after being in the army.

#### *Casper Division Notes—*

Bro. Early, first Basin, off account of sickness for a few days, relieved by Bro. R. L. Anderson, who later came to Stephen to open up office there and is now back on his regular job at Thermopolis second.

Bro. Warren bid in the agency at Greybull and we all hope him success as this is the heaviest station on the line.

Bro. Turner bid in Worland agency.

Bro. T. S. Dunning, first Worland, has been very helpful to send me a few notes, and I wish that more would do likewise.

Bro. S. E. Glass, back in service again, has been working on Brookfield Division.

Bro. G. H. Jearnigan is working second at Worland.

Now, boys, pay up your dues and get them in at once. No excuse now, for two pay days a month. I will have a delinquent list out in a few days and please don't let your name be on it.

CERT. 288.

#### **Trinity and Brazos Val. Ry., Div. No. 144.**

Bro. M. M. Cotton, agent Covington, has the sympathy of our entire membership in the death by the "flu" of his little daughter, the younger of two in the family.

Bro. D. W. Norman, agent Singleton, has been stricken with paralysis, his right side being paralyzed. When we visited him February 8th he was much improved.

Our general chairman is expecting an audience with the management shortly, to incorporate the terms of Supplement 13, Order 27, into our agreement and revise the contract.

Since Local Chairman Leenweber's resignation our general chairman has been handling the north end, transferring Bro. Thorpe's jurisdiction to the south end, as he had moved to Shire.

It is now Bro. O. Thompson, agent Mexia. He formerly carried a card in this division.

Sister Smylie, who relieved F. M. Carder, agent Dobbin, on sick list, has purchased a home at Somerville, where she has been spending a month's leave with her aged parents. In the recent loss of her father, Sister Smylie has the sympathy of all the employees of the road, as well as the membership of this division, whose friendship and confidence she enjoys. Sister Smylie has two sons in the navy, who are endeavoring to emancipate her from the railroad service, but she has not yet consented to resign.

This road is now under Government control. The contract makes the agreement as of August 1, 1918. We hope this will mean the payment of our back time, similar to that which employes of other roads controlled by the Government have had.

CERT. 86.

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**Ft. Worth & D. C. Ry., Div. No. 145.**

**Middle Division—**

With our general increase in pay and a number of improvements brought about by the tireless efforts of our representatives, let's get some pep and ginger into this division that will last.

**Mt. Vernon, Maud and Naples,** new positions created recently.

Bro. Stafford from Santa Fe is on the "extra board."

Bro. Mills relieved Mr. Rhone in "SA," promoted to dispatcher. Dispatcher Prestridge to dispatcher Tyler, Southern Division. Barker, extra dispatcher "SA," being fourth dispatcher "made" in this office in past eighteen months.

Get after the "nons" along the line. Live up to the old slogan. Make it hot for them. I made a trip to "CR" recently and met Bro. McDonald, a tireless worker for the Order. He will get the "nons" in his neighborhood. Let us do likewise.

The death of our superintendent of telegraph, Mr. Tremble, killed in a motor car accident on the T. & P. near Weatherford, marked the passing of a true "operators' friend." His death is mourned by all. Out of tribute to Mr. Tremble, General Manager Whittington directed that all work be discontinued for a period of five minutes at 2 o'clock afternoon of 22nd, at which time his funeral was held in Dallas. All wires on this division were opened during the time designated.

Mail your notes in by the 15th of each month. Note every change made in your office. Let's have a good write-up each month.

"H," CERT. 227.

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**Western Pacific R. R., Div. No. 153.**

**Western Division—**

Bro. Dycus, first Portola, was called upon recently to demonstrate his ability as a train dispatcher, when a slide in the Canyon crip-

pled the service west of there. He worked like an old timer.

Bro. Aldrich, agent Reno Junction, spent one day in Reno recently, relieved by Bro. Hunter.

New office opened at Bunday on February 1st, with Bro. R. C. Mills of the S. P. in charge.

What's the matter with Adams, at Sand Pass, and McNally, at Chilcoot?

Sister Drew and Miss Lynes of Sand Pass off a few days recently, relieved by Mr. J. H. Krum, a new arrival.

Bro. Darrach relieved Bro. Mosher, agent Belden, a couple of weeks in January, while he was nursing a light attack of the "flu."

Bro. P. W. Weyer, now in the Maintenance of Way Department, is bossing a gang of all colors at Chilcoot. "WR" says he can use a couple of good operators any time they tire of the Morse.

Bro. E. C. Lyon, Gerlach, moved up to second trick, relieved on third by Bro. Duncan; C. M. Birdsell acting agent during the absence of Bro. Jones.

"No card, no favors."

CERT. 122.

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**Florida East Coast R. R., Div. No. 160.**

December notes lost in the mail.

Bro. Budd of Homestead recently lost a son, who was accidentally shot while rabbit hunting. A floral offering was made by Division 160, and the sympathy of all is extended to the family.

It is now Bro. P. W. Glisson, who is on second at Marathon.

Bro. Duval has returned to the service, going to Marathon on third.

Bro. Moore bid in Long Key, relieving Mr. Cannon.

Bro. Morris on third "YD" temporarily.

Bro. Armstrong resigned and left the road.

Bro. Edwards and Bro. Cooper off a few days with the "flu."

No news items from the Northern Division this month.

A. F. BAUER

**O. W. R. R. & Nav. Co., Div. No. 161.***Second and Third Districts—*

The writer made an error in February write-up regarding districts. It should have read second and third districts instead of first and second districts. It is probably useless to name the second district, owing to no wires out of Huntington to get in touch with those between La Grande and Pendleton. We may arrange with Pendleton to scrape up items from the boys between his station and La Grande, the writer working between Huntington and La Grande.

Local Chairman L. V. Vermillion returned to Baker January 18th after a week's committee work in Portland. Supplement No. 13 to general order No. 27 was drafted into the schedule and new arrangement gone over with Mr. Ashley (company's representative), and now awaits the signature of the General Manager. No doubt before this writing reaches the members the new schedule will be signed and will meet the approval of all concerned. During the conference at Portland we were assisted by Vice-President Manion. This we all appreciate.

A pay day twice a month is welcome, but our checks for last half of January did not include, as we were paid the old rate, general order No. 27. Prospects look bright to receive the back time before this goes to press.

Jimmie Cunningham, call boy at Huntington, went to Rock Island, Ill., on account of illness of his sister. Jimmie is an old timer, about 65 years old, but never "slops-over" on a call.

Bro. G. L. Shull has assumed duty first trick Pendleton after two months' sickness with influenza. Sister Hart, second trick there, was also a victim.

Sister Woods, agent at Duncan, off duty a few days owing to illness of her daughter, Inez, relieved by Sister Ashby.

Bro. B. F. Hill, recently discharged from the Army, will resume the agency at Telo-caset.

We failed to land Emerson, the third trick man at Huntington, for a card. He beat us to it. Oh, yes, he grabbed the back pay that the O. R. T. got for him. We paid the freight. I thank you.

The writer tendered his resignation effective March 1st. When "non" Dolan keeps his feet off the rules and schedules, "KO" may show up again on Division 161. I give my 73 to all the members of 161.

"KO," CERT. 234.

**Kan. City, Mex. & O. R. R., Div. No. 163.***K. and O. Division—*

I am quite certain that your committee would appreciate it greatly if some one on each district will act as correspondent for the Journal. Write me or your local chairman. We will help you to get together some "dope" to send in. No prizes are offered, except the personal gratification you will feel in knowing that you are helping a good cause along.

Some of the brothers are talking of a flower fund. What do you think? It will cost only three cents to let us know.

Your committee will probably have presented a revised schedule to the management, incorporating Supplement 13, by the time you receive your copy of this.

Bro. Pennington off at present account of sickness, Bro. Gorham doing his own telegraphing until an operator can be found.

K. C. PARKHURST, Gen. Chairman.

**Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 168.***Southern Division—*

Bro. Harry F. Wilson, who has been in the army for some time, has returned and has taken his position as regular third trick at Normal.

Bro. J. K. Cox, who has been in the army, has arrived safely in New York and is expected home soon. He will probably take up his old job with the Alton as third trick Sherman.

Bro. A. M. Crow has returned from the service and has resumed his duties at Metamora.

Bro. Steele of Dwight has returned from the army and has resumed his duties at third trick Dwight.

Seven new members were taken in this week.

C. C. Dean relieved at Brighton this week and goes to Menier to work third.

Bro. Harry Baker, who has been in the naval service for the past year; has resumed his job at Lemont, relieving Bro. Reeder.

Bro. Brocken, agent Summitt, has resumed work after being off with the "flu," relieving Brooks, who relieved at Washburn while the station was on bulletin.

Bro. Sheary, agent Brighton, was off duty a week on account of sickness.

Bro. G. H. Tinkham, agent at Lambert, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. C. E. Melton has been assigned to Lawndale agency, account Bro. Carpenter having resigned to enter new enterprises.

The general committee have been in session with General Manager A. P. Titus to incorporate the new rules of supplement into the schedule.

The job in the dispatcher's office has been abolished.

The Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen of America have effected an organization on the Chicago & Alton and have requested that we assist them in any way possible to line up the few remaining signalmen. We are glad to be of any assistance possible towards the uplift of their craft.

Mr. E. Freeston of 7434 Aberdeen street, Chicago, Ill., general chairman on this district, will appreciate any assistance you may offer.

MELVIN MYERS, Cert. 543.

#### **Central Vermont R. R., Div. No. 171.**

Bro. Mannie, secretary and treasurer, situated in Canada, has a very hard time getting postal money orders cashed. Kindly use personal checks or American Express money order in remitting for dues, etc. Please send him the amount of your special assessment as soon as possible, to cover the good work of Bro. Gibbs while at Washington. This is a very small part of the increase we received.

It is now Bro. Sullivan, a retired army officer, who relieved Bro. Deedy on Windsor third.

Bro. Warwick won a five dollar prize at the Trainmen's bazaar, New London.

Two new positions created at Hartland and Evarts, 2 p. m. until 10 p. m.

CERT. 151, Div. Cor.

#### **Oregon Short Line Ry., Div. No. 172.**

##### *Utah Division—*

Bro. Stice, second "Z" Kemmerer, appointed assistant local chairman, territory M. C. Camon to Granger, has landed some of the "nons" thought impossible. Let's all help him to get in the rest of them and make the division solid. He recently went to Bancroft agency, vice Bro. Chism to Clearfield.

Mrs. DeWitt, second Opal, has recovered from an attack of the "flu." Bro. Hahn, first Opal, on vacation East; Sister Pearl Peterson, Cokeville, and Miss Woobury, second Bancroft, in Salt Lake.

Sister Shotliff went to Montpelier, was married and is back at Sage again.

Bro. Paramlee, second Tunnel, in Salt Lake hospital with appendicitis, and Bro. FitzGerald, Kemmerer, is in a Kansas City hospital.

Bro. Brammar, agent Kemmerer, died with influenza, leaving a wife and two children. We extend our most heartfelt sympathy.

O. A. RILEY, Cert. 514.

#### **T. O. & C. Ry., Div. No. 173.**

Sister Hewetson, first Beagle, was off a few days recently, also Bro. Brunson, second Marysville, latter relieved by Bro. Arnold.

Bro. Cox recently received a very interesting letter from our former correspondent, Bro. F. R. Colgrave, now on the Piave front. Bro. Blackwell is on Stanley first pending his return.

Beagle block office has been made a one-man job; hours, 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Bro. "Mose" White, Toledo yard, relieved General Chairman Simon when he and Bro. Frost were called to meet the management to settle our affairs on new schedule presented about a month ago.

Sister Leah Knickle relieved Bro. Friddle at Prairie Depot while he was moving from Berwick.

Bro. C. H. Snyder, mustered out at Camp Sherman, has returned to second Stony Ridge, relieving Bro. Klink.

It is now Bro. Line, agent Santa Fe. The Branch is solid, except one station. It is also Bro. H. F. Sanford, dispatcher's office Bucyrus. Help line up the other four nons

left on the Eastern Division. There is no excuse now for anyone not belonging.

Bro. A. F. Shafer relieved Sister Krouse, third at Stony Ridge, on sick list.

Bro. Hart, Fostoria, on a trip West, relieved by H. A. Scott, relieved on second by Sister Knickle.

Landgraf first, Moline days and Bennington third closed and second Johnstown opened.

Bro. C. B. Rawlins, grand secretary and treasurer, from St. Louis, Mo., gave a very interesting talk at our Golden Rule Club meeting, Toledo, February 18th. A number of the brothers were out and hope he will be able to attend some of our meetings again in the near future. Bro. Rawlins advises that owing to lack of space our items for January, as well as those of several other divisions, were crowded out. They were published in the February TELEGRAPHER with the notes for that month.

I thank the different brothers for their notes. Remember, boys, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 165.

#### C., Terre Haute & S. E. Ry., Div. No. 180. Illinois Division—

Bro. Malone, second "XN," is the correspondent of the Illinois Division. Shoot your notes right down the line. We wish to have a write-up each month.

Is there a non working with you? Get after him and give his address to Bro. A. R. Blythe, our new local chairman, so he can write him. He has been attending the meetings in Terre Haute and keeping in close touch with General Chairman Powell, our old standby, helping to solve this big problem and hold up the right of the telegraphers.

Bro. Blythe has taken the West Dana agency, open for some time owing to the death of Bro. W. M. Westbrook, who succumbed to an attack of influenza.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Picket is back on second Knox after several days' sickness.

Sister Resler, Johanatt, is being relieved by her brother, owing to illness.

C. H. Jumper, third at "XN" pending bids, has sent in his application.

Bro. Wright of "NY" and Sister Wright of St. Bernice were off several days while their young son was laid up with a broken arm. Bro. Woodruff, who relieved Bro. Wright, was relieved by Bro. Longcor on second "FN," having just relieved Bro. Archer, who has been away to see his mother.

Bro. Hixon, back on first Stockland, was relieved by Relief Agent Graves.

Bro. Fortner, third Humrick, is an artist as a chauffeur. Telephone poles, ditches, washouts nor anything else can stop "Red" when he gets that "Lizzie" going.

It is now Bros. Pat O. Page and Doc Johnson at "NY." We only lack two more to make this division 100 per cent, and they are on their way.

Bro. P. V. Bailey has just taken third "XN" and we welcome him in our midst.

Stick to your jobs, boys. Answer your calls promptly; be courteous to your fellow workmen, and send in your notes early.

P. A. MALONE, L. C.

#### Mo. & No. Ark. R. R., Div. No. 182.

Every employe on this division affected by the increase covered by Supplement 18 will receive a nice little sum in back pay.

Bro. M. G. Beatty, put back to work at Berryville, will draw pay for time lost. It pays to carry an up-to-date, brothers.

Extra Dispatcher Kendall resigned, succeeded by T. E. McMasters as extra dispatcher and clerk.

Bro. Fronnaberg, St. Joe to Miller, relieved by Aderholt, account sickness of his family.

Bro. Baker, Searcy, spent a few days in Harrison with his parents and the boys.

Bro. Brasfield, new agent at Searcy, don't forget to keep after the nons.

Chief Dispatcher McDowell was off a few days. His wife returned with him.

Our new wire from "GO" ticket office and "GM" dispatcher's office to "KC" Kansas City is quite an improvement and help for the general offices as well as the operators, for we sure have the "biz."

Brothers, we must not sit down because we have received an increase and the back pay, for there is a lot more to be accomplished,

and remember our motto, "Get organized and stay organized." Let's do it.

Bro. Betts relieved by Miller, who also relieved Bro. Baker, "DE" second, while off.

Brothers, if you have any news, don't fail to send it in. Get after the nons and line them up.

CERT. 61.

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#### Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

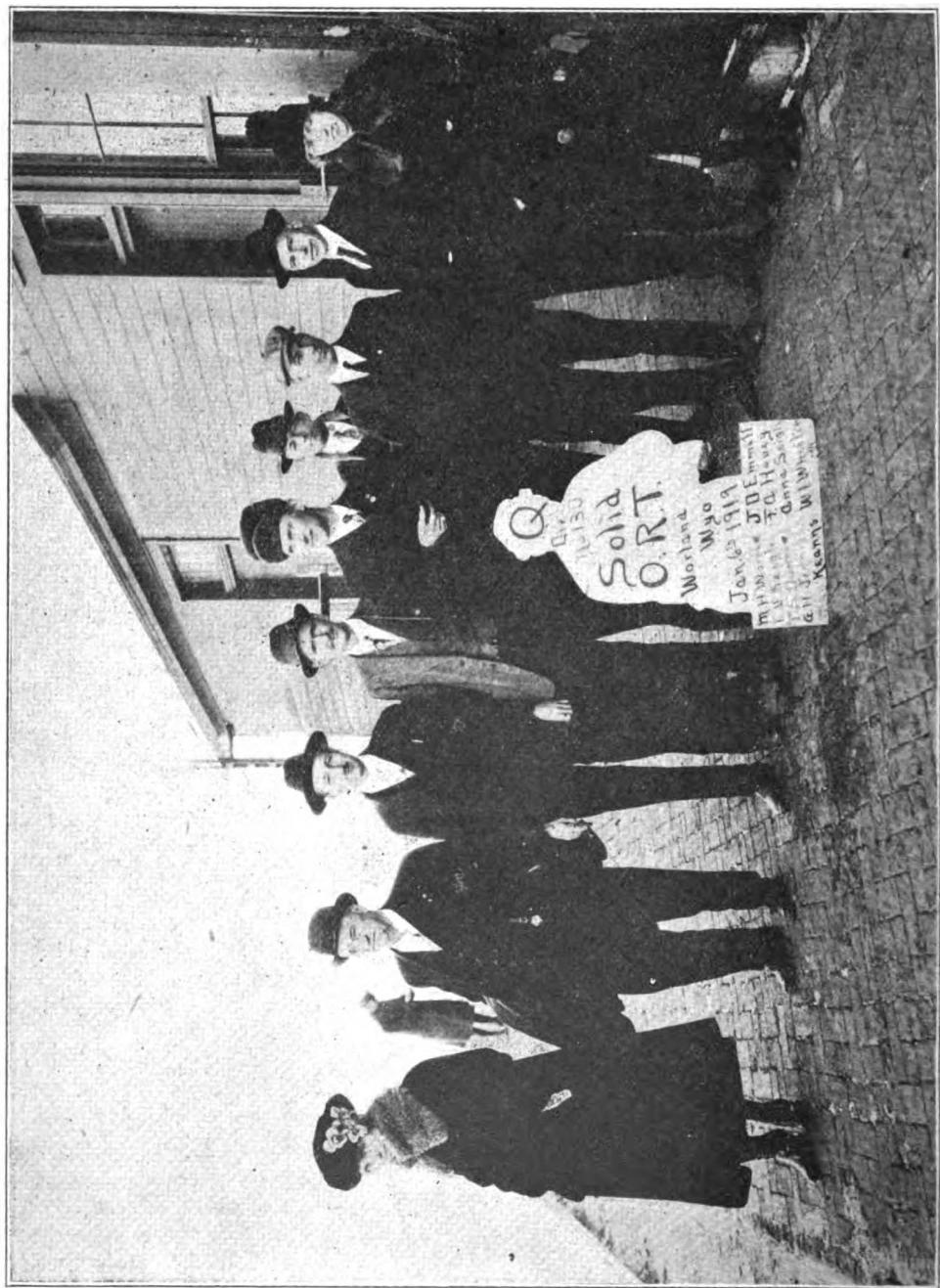
We had a very nice meeting on January 13th, with an attendance of 74 members and visiting brothers. This club is always pleased to have a turnout like this, and ex-

tends an invitation to all members of the O. R. T. to attend our meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 was discussed very ably by a number of brothers, and all who were present enjoyed their addresses and went home with a better understanding of the supplement. There is nothing like getting together and exchanging views and finding out what is going on over the various railroads, besides getting acquainted with each other, to our mutual benefit.

C. E. FRYE, S. & T.





# GRAND DIVISION

## Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 143 is due January 1, 1919

Time for payment expires February 28, 1919

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300.00 (Series A) .....	\$2.40 per year
On 500.00 (Series B) .....	3.60 per year
On 1,000.00 (Series C) .....	7.20 per year

### BENEFITS PAID IN FEBRUARY.

Claim No.	Name	Cause	Div.	Cert.	Series	Amount
2622..	Christian F. A. Blind..	Pneumonia .....	33.	.37474..	B..	\$ 500.00
2623..	Harry T. Dillon.....	Pneumonia .....	45..	.56944..	C..	1,000.00
2709..	Clyde W. Higgenbottom	Pneumonia .....	31..	.42436..	A..	300.00
2710..	John McIntyre.....	Influenza .....	1..	.51797..	A..	300.00
2711..	August J. Zint.....	Influenza .....	33..	.2466 ..	B..	500.00
2712..	O. H. Watson.....	Influenza .....	46..	.16093 ..	B..	500.00
2713..	Dan E. Lancaster.....	Killed in Action.....	25..	.33444 ..	B..	500.00
2714..	John T. Harney.....	Influenza .....	61..	.36915 ..	B..	500.00
2715..	Clayton T. Cantley.....	Labor Pneumonia.....	126..	.25981 ..	B..	500.00
2716..	James E. Smith.....	Influenza .....	35..	.32562 ..	A..	300.00
2717..	Michael F. Galvin.....	Broncho Pneumonia.....	17..	.50724 ..	A..	300.00
2718..	William F. Heffin.....	Influenza .....	54..	.46899 ..	A..	300.00
2719..	George W. Donley.....	Broncho Pneumonia.....	54..	.37958 ..	A..	300.00
2720..	Oliver E. Burton.....	Pneumonia .....	23..	.39281 ..	A..	300.00
2721..	Frank E. MacLardy.....	Killed in action .....	7..	.42685 ..	A..	300.00
2722..	Fred W. Holtorf .....	Influenza .....	7..	.31107 ..	A..	300.00
2723..	Albert E. Franklin.....	Influenza .....	7..	.33057 ..	C..	1,000.00
2724..	Newton S. Parsons.....	Pneumonia .....	161..	.51645 ..	C..	1,000.00
2725..	Clarence P. Colburn.....	Influenza .....	41..	.50606 ..	C..	1,000.00
2726..	Daniel S. Cooper.....	Influenza .....	7..	.35449 ..	C..	1,000.00
2727..	Chester M. Caverly.....	Influenza .....	41..	.56908 ..	C..	1,000.00
2728..	A. J. Sparks.....	Intestinal Nephritis.....	17..	.51522 ..	C..	1,000.00
2729..	Charles W. Boyles.....	Influenza .....	17..	.56178 ..	C..	1,000.00
2730..	Charles B. Chapman.....	Influenza .....	4..	.22080 ..	C..	1,000.00
2731..	John M. Jackson.....	Pneumonia .....	51..	.50809 ..	C..	1,000.00
2732..	Arthur W. Koch.....	Pneumonia .....	130..	.43009 ..	A..	300.00
2734..	Dewey I. Cole.....	Apoplexy .....	157..	.50762 ..	A..	300.00
2735..	Robert M. French.....	Influenza .....	140..	.34880 ..	A..	300.00
2736..	Willie A. Carr.....	Influenza .....	40..	.20190 ..	A..	300.00
2737..	Raymond S. McGonigal	Killed in Action.....	8..	.50601 ..	A..	300.00
2738..	Samuel F. Patterson.....	Influenza .....	17..	.53349 ..	A..	300.00
2739..	John W. Van Horne.....	Influenza .....	23..	.52088 ..	A..	300.00
2740..	Asa Martin.....	Influenza .....	6..	.25989 ..	B..	500.00
2741..	C. L. Graves.....	Ulcer of Stomach .....	76..	.5925 ..	B..	500.00
2742..	O. R. LaFond.....	Influenza .....	54..	.47594 ..	C..	1,000.00
2743..	Guy E. Henderson.....	Lobar Pneumonia.....	17..	.57353 ..	C..	1,000.00
2744..	Leslie H. Roberson.....	Pneumonia .....	24..	.49963 ..	C..	1,000.00
2745..	Romeo L Desmarais.....	Influenza .....	43..	.34502 ..	C..	1,000.00
2746..	Maurice L. Myers.....	Influenza .....	1..	.49985 ..	C..	1,000.00
2747..	Ross A. Patrick.....	Influenza .....	2..	.45904 ..	C..	1,000.00
2748..	John F. Smith.....	Pneumonia .....	8..	.35386 ..	C..	1,000.00
2749..	Otta L. Hansen.....	Influenza .....	70..	.56726 ..	C..	1,000.00
2750..	M. R. Brewer.....	Influenza .....	1..	.26890 ..	C..	1,000.00
2751..	Ezra C. Terry.....	Influenza .....	29..	.6749 ..	B..	500.00
2752..	Henry J. Pepmiller.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2..	.25320 ..	C..	1,000.00

\$29,300.00

Claim No.	Name	Cause	Div.	Cert.	Series	Amt. Brt. Fwd.
2753	Colia P. Adams	Influenza	57	34137	C..	1,000.00
2754	Hans F. Hansen	Pneumonia	70	52950	C..	1,000.00
2755	Robert J. Kelly	Influenza	161	48777	C..	1,000.00
2756	George W. Blake	Broncho Pneumonia	2	41283	A..	300.00
2757	David M. Hamilton	Broncho Pneumonia	153	36450	A..	300.00
2758	Dan Teeter	Pneumonia	23	17995	B..	500.00
2759	Edward J. Purcell	Cerebro Hemorrhage	124	26237	B..	500.00
2760	Jesse M. Black	Influenza	4	37393	B..	500.00
2761	Spencer T. Lester	Pneumonia	76	15867	C..	1,000.00
2762	A. H. Thorntwaite	Killed in Action	11	46721	C..	1,000.00
2763	James C. McGlathery	Broncho Pneumonia	137	12470	C..	1,000.00
2764	Arthur W. Manner	Influenza	32	54393	C..	1,000.00
2765	Harry B. Churchill	Influenza	7	33539	C..	1,000.00
2766	Artemus A. Wolfe	Lobar Pneumonia	33	34243	C..	1,000.00
2767	James A. Summersett	Apoplexy	59	17983	C..	1,000.00
2768	Paul B. White	Influenza	1	533	C..	1,000.00
2769	Hilliard C. Stone	Influenza	27	35862	B..	500.00
2770	Leo B. Feany	Influenza	71	46528	A..	300.00
2771	Watson Davis	Lobar Pneumonia	12	30317	A..	300.00
2772	Ben M. Baker	Double Pneumonia	58	55432	A..	300.00
2773	William E. Gaulden	Pneumonia	31	33139	B..	500.00
2774	Emery C. Glass	Influenza	88	37441	C..	1,000.00
2775	Joe O. Nettles	Influenza	31	44036	C..	1,000.00
2776	James F. Chambliss	Influenza	59	46010	C..	1,000.00
2777	Albert E. Moore	Broncho Pneumonia	7	43237	C..	1,000.00
2778	Robert Bruce Hunt	Influenza	33	56202	C..	1,000.00
2779	Walter G. Patmor	Pneumonia	33	31301	C..	1,000.00
2780	John W. Blanchette	Lobar Pneumonia	33	4420	C..	1,000.00
2781	Edward Raboin	Spanish LaGrippe	1	38389	A..	300.00
2782	Hugh P. Magee	Endocarditis	42	50834	A..	300.00
2783	Cecil H. Gibbs	Influenza	6	26593	B..	500.00
2784	Robert E. Denehy	Influenza	53	46639	C..	1,000.00
2785	Victor S. Patta	Broncho Pneumonia	53	45009	C..	1,000.00
2786	James F. Murdaugh	Influenza	57	53089	C..	1,000.00
2787	George H. Beck	Heart Disease	22	28166	B..	500.00
2788	J. L. Mayfield	Influenza	130	36722	A..	300.00
2789	Paul C. Sayers	Influenza	27	44337	C..	1,000.00
2790	Wm. V. Parks	Broncho Pneumonia	54	24958	A..	300.00
2791	Fletcher Crabtree	Collapse Delirium	184	52372	A..	300.00
2792	Walter W. Bundy	Pneumonia	61	37082	B..	500.00
						\$58,300.00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Received on assessments to January 31, 1919	\$2,245,236.45
Received on assessments February	43,751.15
Interest, 1918	30,221.16
Total	\$2,319,208.76

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Death claims paid to January 31, 1919	\$1,702,452.47
Death claims paid in February	58,300.00
Assessments refunded account rejected applications	2,724.51
Assessments transferred to dues	388.19
Balance on hand credit Mortuary Fund, February 28, 1919	555,348.59
Total	\$2,319,208.76

C. B. RAWLINS, Secretary and Treasurer,  
Mutual Benefit Department

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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Rys. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. M. Eddy, Gen'l Chairman, Grand Trunk Ry., Lock Box 13, Marcellus, Mich.; H. L. Gurwell, G. C. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Spruce Grove, Alta.; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 867 Waterloo st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 3d Monday of each month at 8 p. m., Small hall south side, third floor, Masonic Temple (Odeon bldg.), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 8th floor Star bldg., St. Louis, Mo.; R. J. McElhinney, S. & T., 4110a Arsenal st., St. Louis, Mo.

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No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. A. H. Haddock, Chief Tel., 111 Narragansett st., Edgewood, Cranston, R. I.; D. M. Callis, S. & T., Touisset, Mass.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday of each month, 7:30 p. m., in Metropolitan Hall on North ave., near Huguenot st., New Rochelle, N. Y. Geo. E. Woods, Chief Tel., 69 Vernon ave., Long Island City, N. Y.; B. E. S. Seaman, S. & T., 1143 Longfellow ave., New York, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Meets 3d Saturday each month 7 p. m., in Harmony Hall, Myrick bldg., Worthington st., Springfield, Mass. Frank P. Sargent, Chief Tel., 36 Colton ave., Merrick, Mass.; M. J. Walsh, S. & T., 15 Moseley ave., Merrick, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. M. Burr, Gen'l Chairman, Central Lake, Mich.; C. P. Neff, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 334, Lowell, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers the Chesapeake & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana and the Hocking Valley Rys. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., St. Albans, W. Va.

No. 41—Division covers Boston & Maine R. R. Meetings subject to call of Gen'l Chair-

- man or Local Chairman. J. B. Bode, Gen'l Chairman, 50 Tudor st., Chelsea, Mass.; L. P. Clifton, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 41 Morton st., Waltham, Mass.; H. L. Jones, Gen'l S. & T., R. F. D. No. 37, Fremont, N. H.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. J. Hesser, Gen'l Chairman, 364 Wallace place, Elmira, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., 21 Allen st., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Louis F. Muncey, Gen'l Chairman, 27 St. James place, Winnipeg, Man.; G. B. French, Gen'l Chairman, Westlock, Alta.; G. H. Palmer, Gen'l S. & T., Dauphin, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; J. S. Thuma, Chief Tel., 26 Franklin st., Jamaica, N. Y.; L. Meringer, S. & T., 1244 Chestnut st., Richmond Hill, N. Y.
- No. 45—Division covers Central R. R. of New Jersey. Edwin F. Pry, Gen'l Chairman, 913 Center st., East Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Wm. T. Smock, Gen'l S. & T., Wickatunk, N. J.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livesey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., 490 Lee st., Route 127 Atlanta, Ga.
- No. 47—Division covers Terminal R. R. Assn. of St. Louis. J. F. Seifert, Gen'l Chairman, 4043 Wyoming st., St. Louis, Mo.; W. B. Richardson, Gen'l S. & T., 823 North 18th st., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railway. Meets subject to call of Chairman. R. L. Palmer, Gen'l Chairman, 95 W. Main st., Jackson, Ohio; D. R. Murray, Gen'l S. & T., Good Hope, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. A. Compton, Gen'l Chairman, Box 171, Denver, Colo.; J. C. Braanan, Gen'l S. & T., 1014 S. Union ave., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Ry. R. B. Morgan, Gen'l Chairman, Dearing, Ga.; J. P. Luckey, Gen'l S. & T., Dearing, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the 4th Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. M. Miller, Gen'l Chairman, 11 First ave., Greenville, Pa.; E. E. Keane, Gen'l S. & T., Box 103, Greenville, Pa.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets Saturday, June 15th, 1918, and each alternating Saturday thereafter at 6:30 p. m., 231-233 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Roberts bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. S. C. Phillips, Chief Tel., 2209 7th ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.; R. W. Bees, S. & T., 1417 Huron ave., New Castle, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway Pacific System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. T. Cull, Gen'l Chairman, 303-305 Pacific bldg., San Francisco, Cal.; A. M. Hammond, Gen'l S. & T., 303-305 Pacific bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; B. E. Nason, Gen'l S. & T., North Branch, Minn.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Rys. Meets 3d Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., Box 246, Navarre, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. G. L. Siebert, Gen'l Chairman, Valdosta, Ga.; F. H. Cason, Gen'l S. & T., Lake City, Fla.
- No. 57—Division covers Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. J. M. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, 408 Fourth National Bank bldg., Nashville, Tenn.; T. J. Hale, Gen'l S. & T., 408 Fourth National Bank bldg., Nashville, Tenn.
- No. 58—Division covers Louisville & Nashville R. R. S. E. Bryant, Gen'l Chairman, 408 Fourth National Bank bldg., Nashville, Tenn.; H. Moneypenny, Gen'l S. & T., Guthrie, Ky.
- No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Danville & Western Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman.

H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, Gen'l S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W. Charlottesville, Va.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., at 811 E st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. T. McKean, Chief Tel., 220 V st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; J. Webb Richman, S. & T., 1424 W. st., N. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System. R. K. Currie, Gen'l Chairman, 3400 Franklin blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. L. Braun, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, G. C. & S. F. Lines, Milano, Texas; J. S. Patton, G. S. & T., 14 Kress bldg., Emporia, Kan.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). J. W. Anderson, Gen'l Chairman, Oakdale, Tenn.; L. C. Higdon, Gen'l S. & T., Battelle, Ala.

No. 63—Division covers A. & W. P. and W. of A. R. R. E. Oates, Gen'l Chairman, 312 Columbus st., Montgomery, Ala.; J. A. Kirkland, G. S. & T., 51 Jackson st., Newnan, Ga.

No. 64—Division covers Gulf & Ship Island and Miss. Central R. R. R. F. Bass, Gen'l Chairman, Collins, Miss.; H. A. Warren, G. S. & T., Ora, Miss.

No. 65—Kansas City Terminal. Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 8 p. m., Room 304 Curtice bldg., 813 Walnut, Kansas City, Mo. C. H. Allen, Gen'l Chairman, 2445 Harrison ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Frank E. Hancock, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 2038 Jefferson st., Kansas City, Mo.

No. 66—Division covers Indianapolis Union & Belt Railway Companies. Wm. M. Lindley, Gen'l Chairman, 2209 N. Delaware st., Indianapolis, Ind.; E. J. Payne, G. S. & T., 54 Raymond st., Indianapolis, Ind.

No. 67—Division covers Union Terminal of Dallas. F. B. Whitis, Gen'l Chairman, Route No. 8, Box 399, Dallas, Tex.; Guy A. Littlepage, G. S. & T., 1426 First ave., Dallas, Tex.

No. 68—Division covers Lehigh & New England Railroad. C. J. Fehr, Gen'l Chair-

man, Box 466, Pen Argyle, Pa.; J. R. Cowling, G. S. & T., Wind Gap, Pa.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. O. Peavey, Gen'l Chairman, Meehan Jct., Miss.; W. A. Stennett, G. S. & T., Lake, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System. O. P. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, 355 Shubert bldg., St. Paul, Minn.; A. O. Olsen, Gen'l S. & T., 355 Shubert bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukee, Iowa.

No. 72—Division covers Southern Pacific Ry. Atlantic System. A. E. Laisure, Gen'l Chairman, No. 622 Euclid ave., Houston, Texas; F. W. Bush, Gen'l S. & T., 444 West 18th ave., Houston, Texas.

No. 73, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—A. C. Craighead, Chief Telegrapher, 1013 James bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wilson Hanson, Gen'l S. & T., 504 Temple Court bld., Chattanooga, Tenn.

No. 76—Division covers Chicago & Northwestern R. R. System; Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern Ry.; Wyoming & Northwestern Ry. Meets subject to call of General or Local Chairman. E. J. Thomas, Gen'l Chairman, Suite 547-548 Webster bldg., 327 S. LaSalle st., Chicago, Ill.; R. B. Boyington, Gen'l S. & T., Suite 547-548 Webster bldg., 327 S. La Salle st., Chicago, Ill. Chicago Terminal Levermen meet third Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., 180 West Washington st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo. C. S. Guernsey, Chief Tel., Apt. 16, 2018 Calif. St., Denver, Colo.; F. Eppelsheimer, S. & T., 2341 King st., Denver, Colo.

No. 80—Division covers the Gulf, Mobile Northern Ry. T. R. Craig, Gen'l Chairman, Falkner, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Gen'l S. & T., New Augusta, Miss.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. K. H. Stover, Gen'l Chairman, Beryl, W. Va.; D. O. Martin, Gen'l S. & T., Hampstead, Md.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Systems. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. A. M. McNair, Gen'l Chairman, East Dover, Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.

- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway system. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J P Abney, Gen'l Chairman, Longview, Tex.; R. E. Cecil, Gen'l S. & T., Bunkie, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Pilgrim Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. H. J. Bardol, Chief Tel., 2 Maple st., Franklin, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. Gardner Dal Jones, Chief Tel., 851 Oakdale ave., Chicago, Ill., W. E. Carter, S. & T., 5532 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. M. P. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, Falls Creek, Pa.; E. H. Eastman, G. S. & T., 532 Wood ave., Du Bois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; L. M. Elliott, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Rolling Forks, Miss.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, Gen'l Chairman, 1941 Thompson ave., Kansas City, Kan.; G. A. Ott, Gen'l S. & T., Box 83, Deerfield, Ill.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets on call of Gen'l Chairman. R. Richardson, Chief Tel., Timmins, Ont.; R. Workman, Gen'l Chairman, North Bay, Ont.; T. J. Baker, S. & T., Redwater Sta., Ont.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher. L. L. Lerch, Chief Tel., Knoxville, Pa.; E. C. Cole, S. & T., Westfield, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers Los Angeles & Salt Lake R. R. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. M. Hearn, Gen'l Chairman, Room 227, O. S. L. Station, Salt Lake City, Utah; W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 324 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. M. L. Klein, Gen'l Chairman, 74 Abeel st., Kingston, N. Y.; G. C. Hedges, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Pleasant, N. Y.; L. P. Riley, Gen'l S. & T., Highmount N. Y.
- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stan-
- ley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.
- No. 115—Division covers Quebec Ry. Light & Power Co.'s Ry. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. Richard, Chairman, 199a Crown st., Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Gifford, Quebec, Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in place designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
- No. 118—Division covers Kanawha & Michigan Railway System. A. P. Hines, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. 4, Gloucester, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 839 South st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, 2921 Chisago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. J. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Railway System. C. W. Leh, Gen'l Chairman, 39 N. West, Allentown, Pa.; M. M. Crane, Gen'l S. & T., 169 E. North st., Geneva, N. Y.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. Z. Talbot, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. 4, Alexandria, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., 712 Main st., Fredericksburg, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. F. Kay, Gen'l Chairman, Room 1, 304 W. 63d st., Chicago, Ill.; S. P. Ayers, Vice-Chairman, Windsor, Mo.; W. H. Dunnam, Gen'l S. & T., Room 1, 304 W. 63d st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Minn.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T., Calumet, Minn.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. F. Denton, Gen'l Chairman Sterling, Neb.; E. F. Todd, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Sandwich, Ill.; J. H. Rogers, Gen'l S. & T., 1505 Market st., La Crosse, Wis.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—A. Bois, Chief Tel., Thetford Mines, Que.; J. E. Marcoux, S. & T., Broughton Sta., Que.
- No. 133, GLACE BAY, N. S.—A. Ferguson, Chief Tel., Mira Gut, N. S.; C. H. Dow, S. & T., P. O. Box 4, Bridgeport, N. S.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. C. M. Armstrong, Actg G. C., Vaughn, N. Mex. E. P.

- Waples, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4459 Clarence ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. J. Hayes, Gen'l Chairman, Leeds Junction, Me.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Me.
- No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. H. Hepler, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Tex.; R. O. Little, Gen'l S. & T., Box 305, Wallis, Tex.
- No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. R. Olson, Gen'l Chairman, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.
- No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. C. Yancey, Gen'l Chairman, Cooledge, Tex.; N. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., Box 493, Teague, Tex.
- No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. G. C. Webster, Gen'l Chairman, Dalhart, Tex.; S. L. Greenwood, G. S. & T., Box 198, Bowie, Tex.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Owen D. Gorman, Gen'l Chairman, Mauk, Ga.; C. A. Pye, Gen'l S. & T., Ideal, Ga.
- No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Miss S. D. Taylor, Gen'l S. & T., care J. H. Williams, Wilson, N. C.
- No. 148—Division covers Lehigh & Hudson River Ry. J. S. Lawrence, Gen'l Chairman, Chester, N. Y.; F. H. Kelley, G. S. & T., Warwick, N. Y.
- No. 150—Division covers Colorado and Southern R. R. Rufus C. Bonney, Gen'l Chairman, Gorham, Colo.; Marcus L. Haines, Gen'l S. & T., 1844 Athens st., Boulder, Colo.
- No. 153—Division covers the Western Pacific Ry. V. W. Breeding, Gen'l Chairman, 770 Eleventh st., Oakland, Cal.; H. B. Marshall, Gen'l S. & T., Pleasant Grove, Cal.
- No. 155, HAMILTON, ONT.—Covers Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Meets 2d Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Temple bldg., Gore st., Hamilton, Ont. R. P. Nevills, Chief Tel., 221 Robinson st., Hamilton, Ont.; E. D. Armstrong, S. & T., 384 Aberdeen ave., Hamilton, Ont.
- No. 156, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets in Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass., 3d Thursday each month, day and night alternately commencing with the day meeting in July. Daylight meetings 11 a. m.; night meetings 7 p. m. Robert H. Buxton, Chief Tel. 8 Dresden st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.; F. J. Dansereau, S. & T., 65 Boylston st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.
- No. 157—Division covers the Rutland Ry. H. R. Clarke, Gen'l Chairman, East Dorset, Vt. E. V. Page, Gen'l S. & T., Chatham, N. Y.
- No. 158—Division covers the Panama Ry. A. V. Losca, Gen'l Chairman, Box 17, Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone; P. A. Freehan, Gen'l S. & T., Gamboa, Canal Zone.
- No. 160—Division covers the Florida East Coast Ry. A. F. Bauer, Gen'l Chairman, 716 Palm ave., Miami, Fla.; L. S. Cody, G. S. & T., Bunnell, Fla.
- No. 161—Division covers the O. W. Ry. and N. Co. J. V. Mitchell, Gen'l Chairman, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore.; O. R. McNabb, G. S. & T., 543½ Kerby st., Portland, Ore.
- No. 163—Division covers the K. C. M. & O. Ry. K. C. Pankhurst, Gen'l Chairman, Schulte, Kan.; D. O. Kennedy, Gen'l S. & T., Clinton, Okla.
- No. 164—Division covers the Ann Arbor R. R. H. J. Werkman, Gen'l Chairman, Box 59, Frankfort, Mich.; E. C. West, Gen'l S. & T., 2238 Erie st., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 165—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. J. E. Adams, Gen'l Chairman, Ignacio, Cal.; L. E. Green, Gen'l S. & T., Ross, Cal.
- No. 166—Division covers the Gulf Coast Lines, New Iberia & Northern and Houston Belt & Terminal Railroads. Meets Labor Temple, Houston, Tex., subject call of General Chairman. D. E. Young, Gen'l Chairman, Box 396, Eunice, La.; J. H. McLane, G. S. & T., Box "E," La Ferla, Tex.
- No. 167—Division covers the Georgia & Florida Ry. R. M. Cason, Gen'l Chairman, Uvalda, Ga.; D. F. Rush, Gen'l S. & T., Hazelhurst, Ga.
- No. 168—Division covers the C. & A. Ry. E. E. Gentz, Gen'l Chairman, Braidwood, Ill.; Thos. Riley, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ill.
- No. 171—Division covers Central Vermont Ry. H. J. Gibbs, Gen'l Chairman, Yantic, Conn.; L. J. Mannie, Gen'l S. & T., St. Alexander Sta., Que.
- No. 172—Division covers the Oregon Short Line Ry. R. H. Wagner, Gen'l Chairman, Pocatello, Idaho; S. B. Summers, Gen'l S. & T., Roy, Utah.
- No. 173—Division covers the T. & O. C. and Z. & W. Rys. F. H. Simon, Gen'l Chairman, 302 Georgia ave., Toledo, Ohio; W. T. Cox, Gen'l S. & T., 1061 Palmwood ave., Toledo, Ohio.
- No. 174—Division covers the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Ry. T. E. Corbell, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Salina, Okla.; J. F. Ringle, Acting Gen'l S. & T., Strang, Okla.
- No. 175—Division covers the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. A. R. Bean, Gen'l Chairman, Forest City, N. C.; C. G. Taylor, Gen'l S. & T., Box 235, Dante, Va.

- No. 177—Division covers the St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Ry. J. S. McMillan, Gen'l Chairman and Acting G. S. & T., Box 48, Prosper, Tex.
- No. 178—Division covers Tennessee Central Railroad. O. B. Cleveland, Gen'l Chairman, Lebanon, Tenn.; E. W. Eatherly, Gen'l S. & T., Lebanon, Tenn.
- No. 179—Division covers New Orleans Great Northern R. R. W. H. Carr, Gen'l Chairman, Abita Springs, La.; F. P. Barron, Gen'l S. & T. Angie, La.
- No. 180—Division covers Chicago, Terre Haute and Southern Ry.; J. R. Powell, Acting Gen'l Chairman, 1506 S. 17th St., Terre Haute, Ind.; W. D. Hyslop, Gen'l S. & T., 1312 K st., Bedford, Ind.
- No. 181—Division covers Kentucky & Indiana Terminal R. R. Geo. E. Diehl, Gen'l Chairman, 1606 Main st., New Albany, Ind.; W. L. Kilcourse, Gen'l S. & T., 1235 South 17th st., Louisville, Ky.
- No. 182—Division covers Missouri & North Arkansas R. R. James Roy, Jr., Acting Gen'l Chairman, Cotton Plant, Ark.; S. E. Brasfield, Gen'l S. & T., Searcy, Ark.
- No. 183—Division covers Louisiana Railway & Navigation Co. A. L. Broussard, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Sorrento, La.; E. E. Latell, G. S. & T., No. 7 Wickliff Apts., Baton Rouge, La.
- No. 184—Division covers Spokane, Portland & Seattle System. L. H. Freeland, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Washougal, Wash.; J. W. Beckon, Gen'l S. & T., Carson, Wash.
- No. 185—Division covers Georgia, Florida & Alabama Ry. J. W. Keen, Gen'l Chairman, Benevolence, Ga.; J. F. Stephens, Gen'l S. & T., Havana, Fla.
- TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB**—Regular meetings 2d Wednesday night of each month, Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves. G. W. Lewis, Pres., 2921 Chicago ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; S. H. Lester, S. & T., Flat 7, 912 South Sixth ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- CREAM CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB**—Meets the 2d Tuesday of each month in Film Operators' Hall, 226 Third st., Milwaukee, Wis. W. T. Houlehen, Pres., 363 Madison st., Milwaukee, Wis.; B. A. Gothonpson, S. & T., 738 Fortieth st., Milwaukee, Wis.
- PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF FREEPORT, ILL**—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at Ladies and Knights of Security Hall, 107 Stephenson st., Freeport, Ill. P. H. Murphy, Pres., 145 Delaware st., Freeport, Ill.; H. B. Kleester, S. & T., 60 Second st., Freeport, Ill.
- CORT CLUB (Chicago O. R. T. Club)**—Meets 1st Saturday of each month in Room 912, Masonic Temple. D. C. Smart, Pres., 2258 Lincoln ave., Chicago, Ill.; C. L. Craig, S. & T., 817 W. 64th st., Chicago, Ill.
- DES MOINES O. R. T. CLUB**—Meets in Assembly Room, Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, subject to call of President M. R. Davis, Pres., care C. R. I. & P. Ry. Des Moines, Iowa; S. S. Price, S. & T., Grimes, Iowa.
- CEDAR RAPIDS O. R. T. CLUB**—Meets 8 p. m., the 3rd Friday of each month at Room 12, 2d floor, Dow's bldg., cor. 2d ave. and 2d st., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. F. E. Conover, Pres., Low Moor, Iowa; J. L. Halpin, S. & T., 512 South Fourteenth st., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- LITTLE ROCK O. R. T. CLUB**—Meets subject to call of S. & T. C. C. Jacklin, Pres., Room 224, Union Station, Little Rock, Ark.; H. W. Gibbs, S. & T., 516 E. Eighth st., Little Rock, Ark.
- THE PANHOMA TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB**—Meets Saturday evening following the 21st of each month in Assembly Room, 2d floor City Hall, El Reno, Okla. J. E. Spurr, Pres., Rock Island Relay Office, El Reno, Okla.; R. S. Taylor, Vice-Pres., Gracemont, Okla.; W. R. Wilday, S. & T., 414 W. Choctaw st., Oklahoma, Okla.
- EVANSVILLE O. R. T. CLUB**—Meets 3d Sunday each month. L. E. Crandall, Pres., Chrisney, Ind.; C. McCleary, S. & T., 712 Mulberry st., Evansville, Ind.
- THE HOOSIER O. R. T. CLUB**—Meets 4th Thursday each month at 8 p. m., Room 109, Oneida Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. J. W. White, Pres., 2166 Avondale place, Indianapolis, Ind.; W. G. Brenneman, S. & T., 2327 Prospect st., Indianapolis, Ind.
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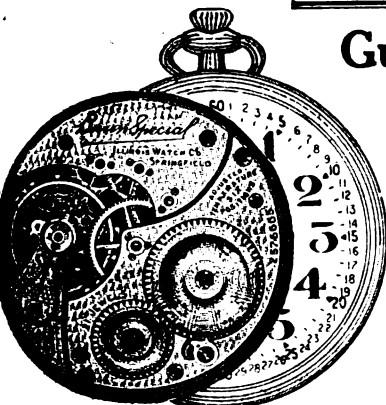
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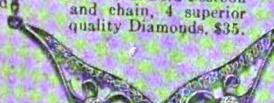
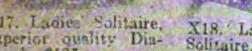
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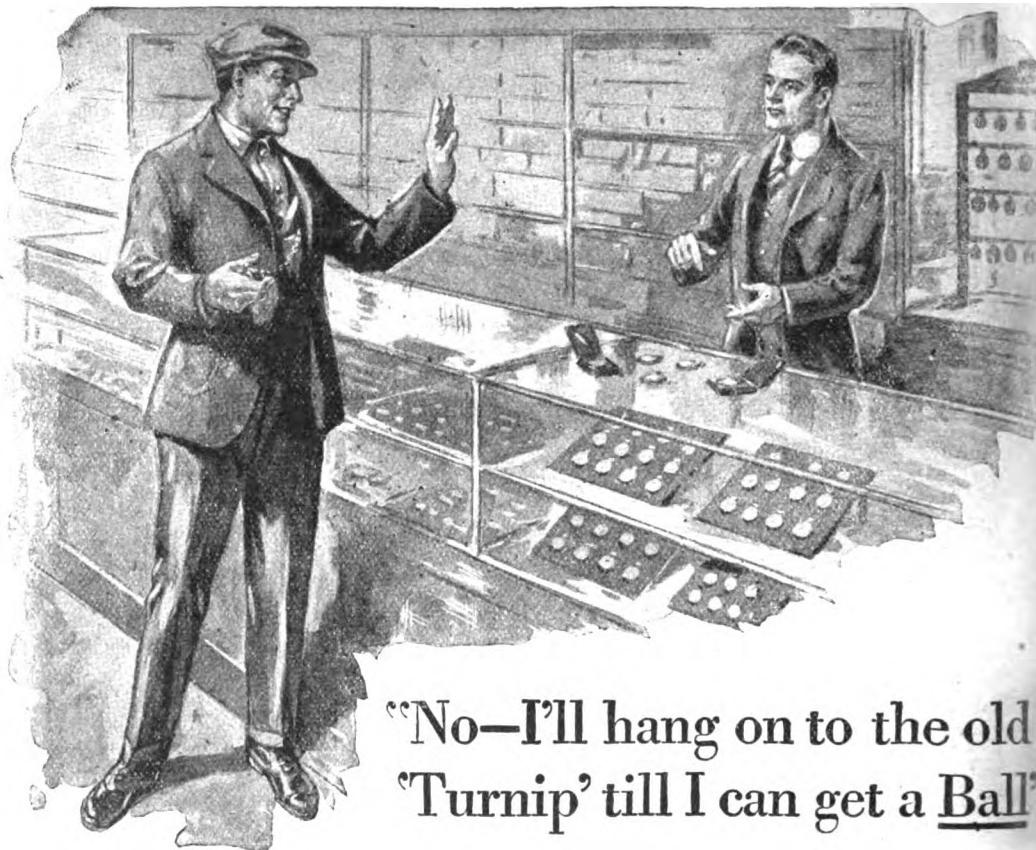
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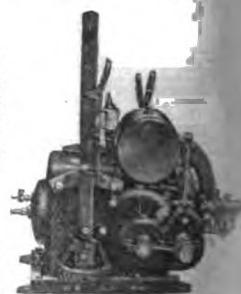
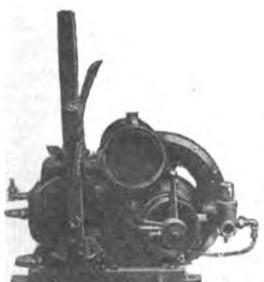
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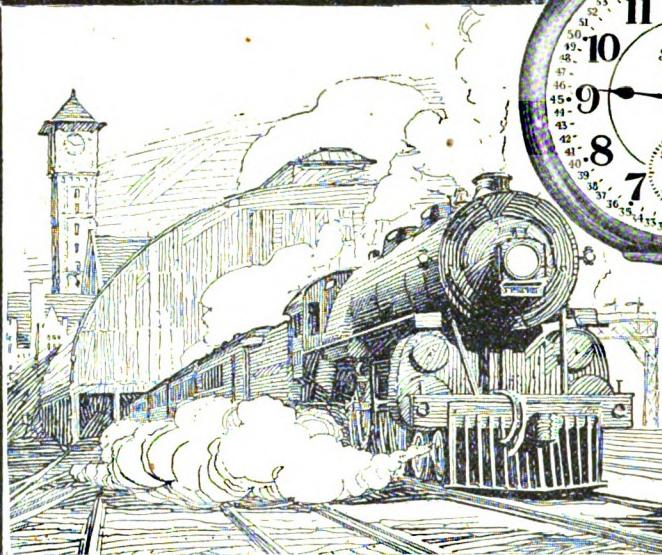
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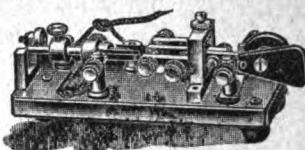
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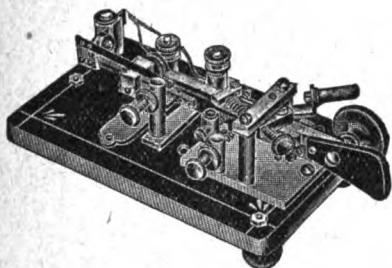
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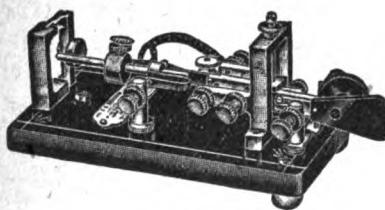
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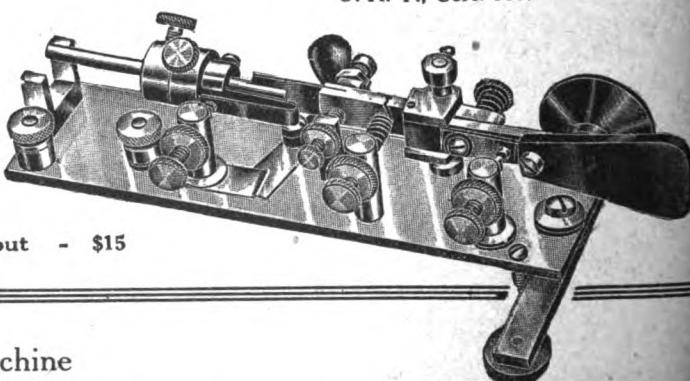


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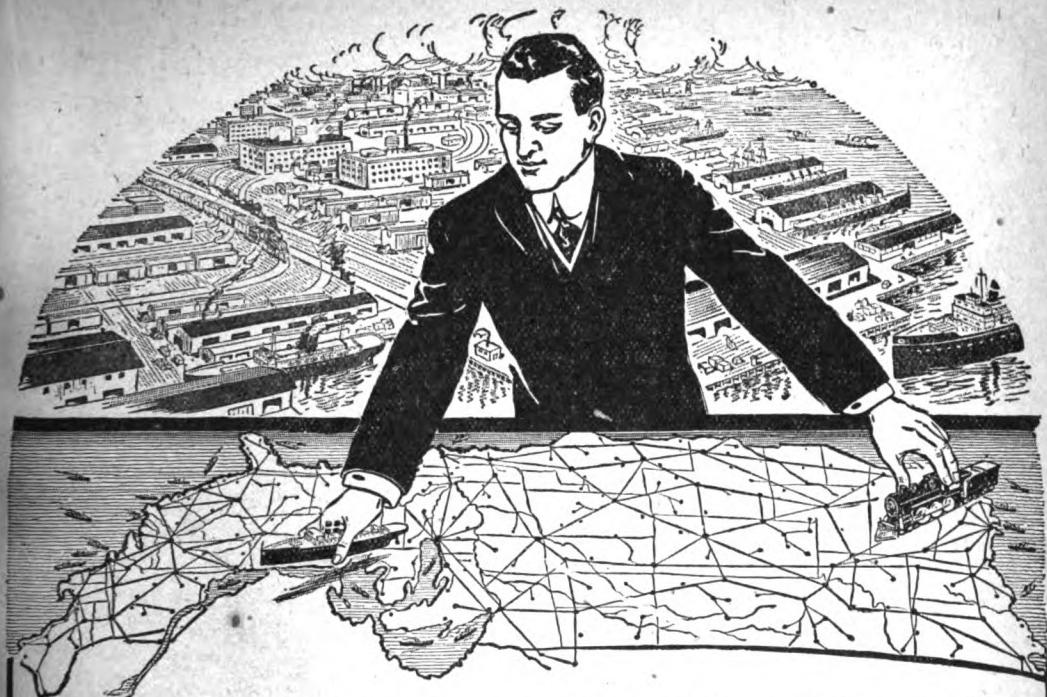
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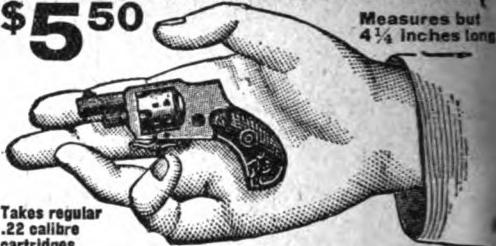
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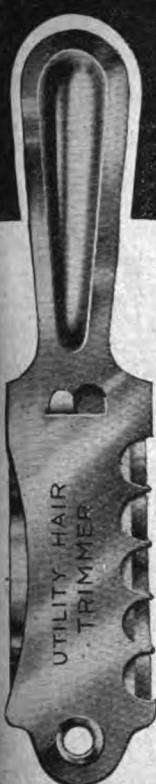
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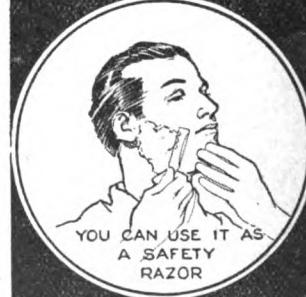
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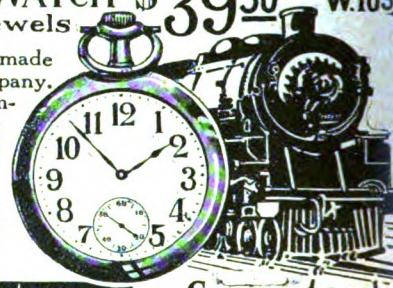
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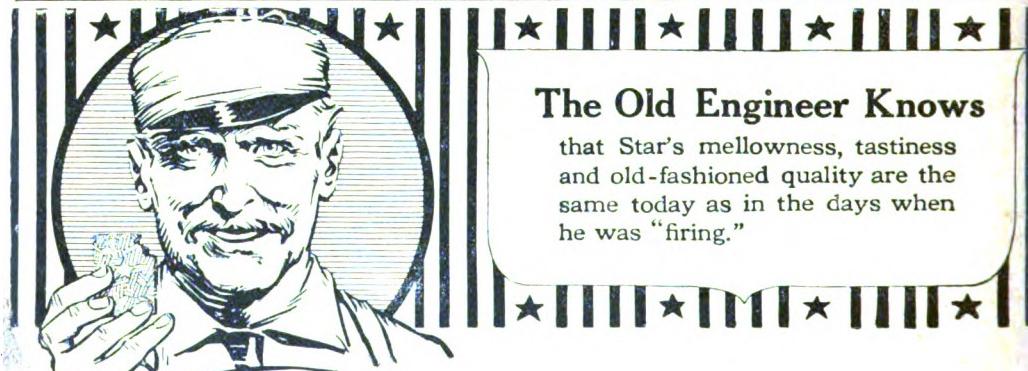
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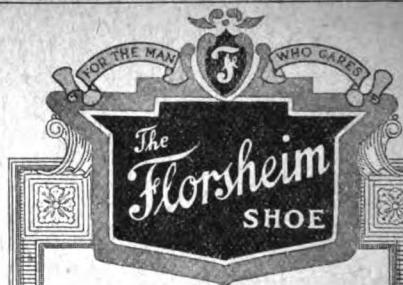
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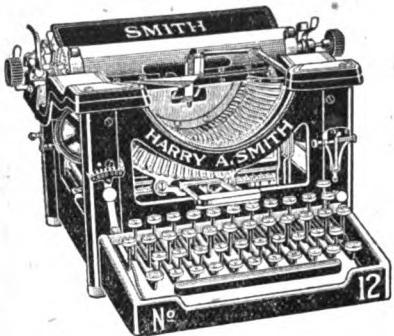
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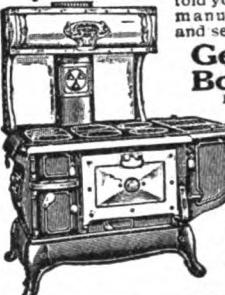
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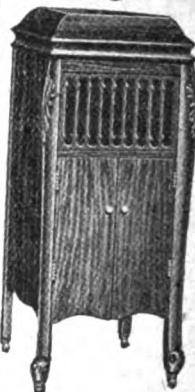
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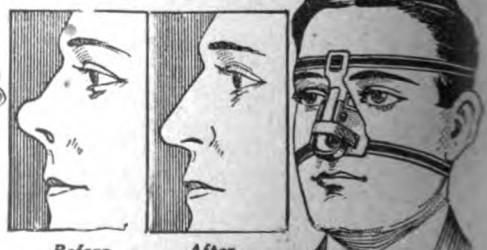
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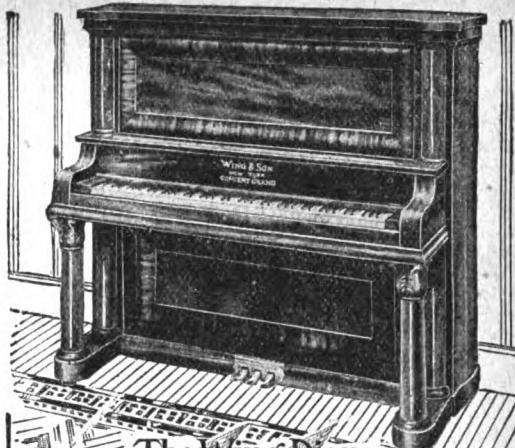
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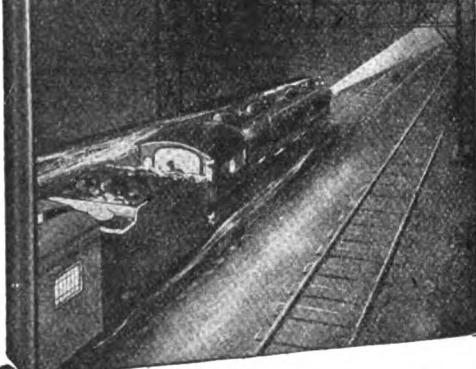
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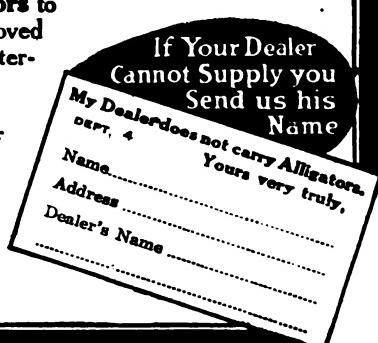
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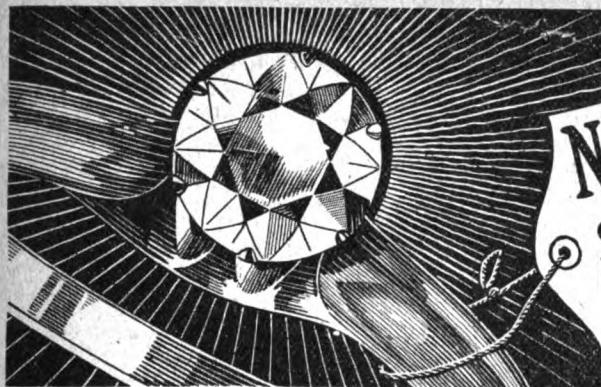
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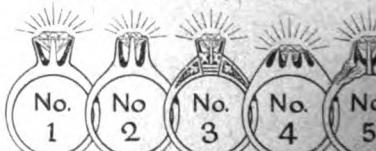
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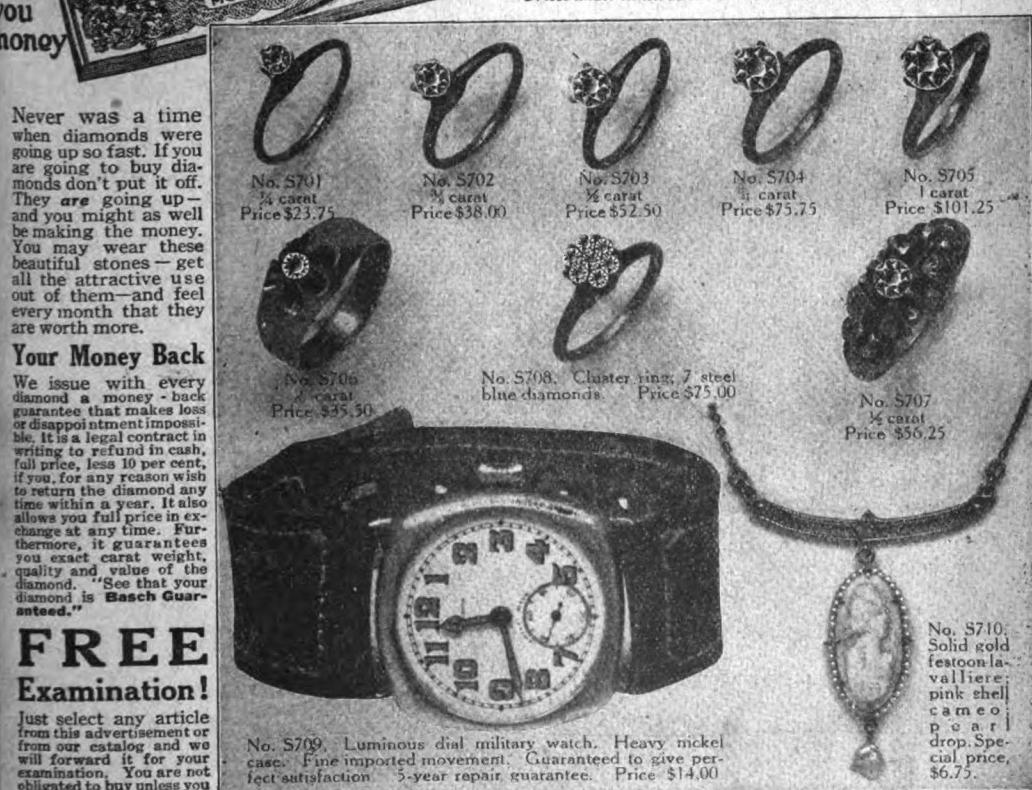
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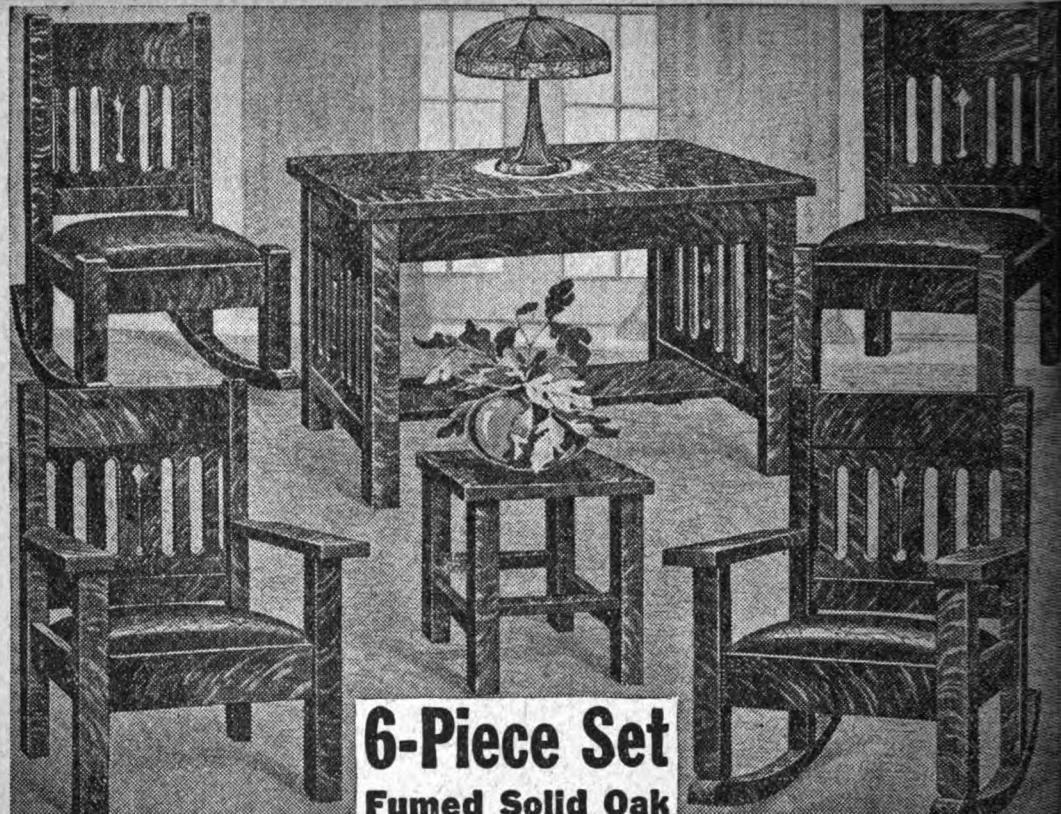
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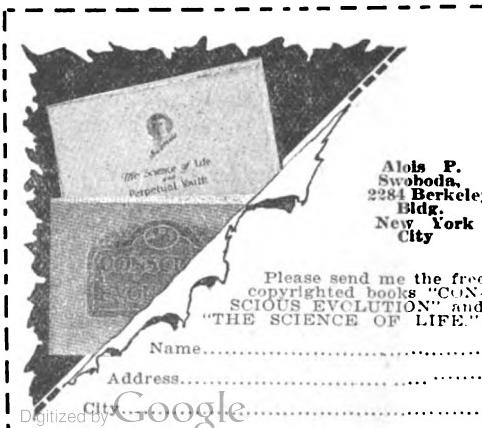
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I earnestly recommend Prof. Haddock's great work, "Power of Will," to those who feel that success is just out of reach—to those who lack that something which they cannot define, yet which holds them down to the grind of a small salary.

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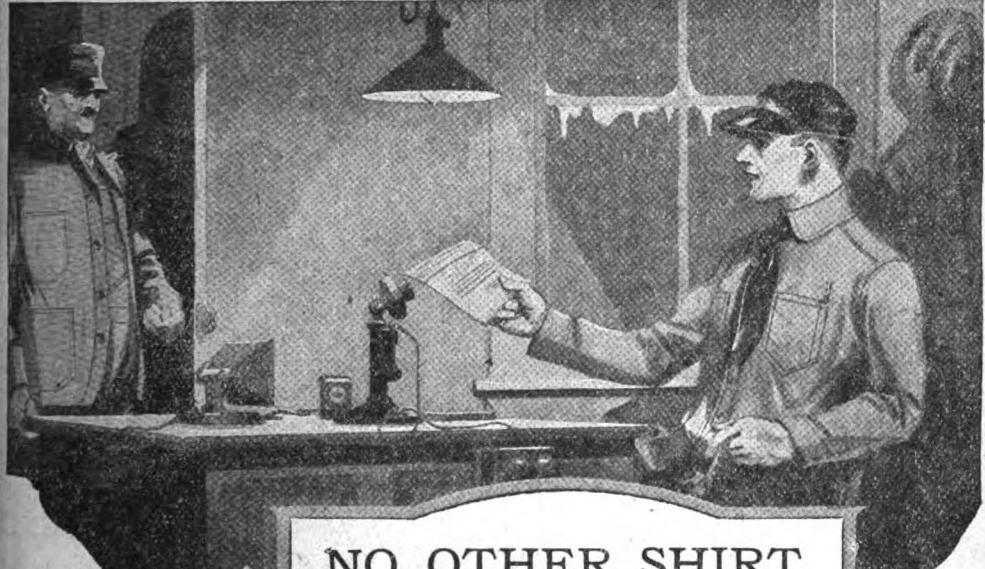
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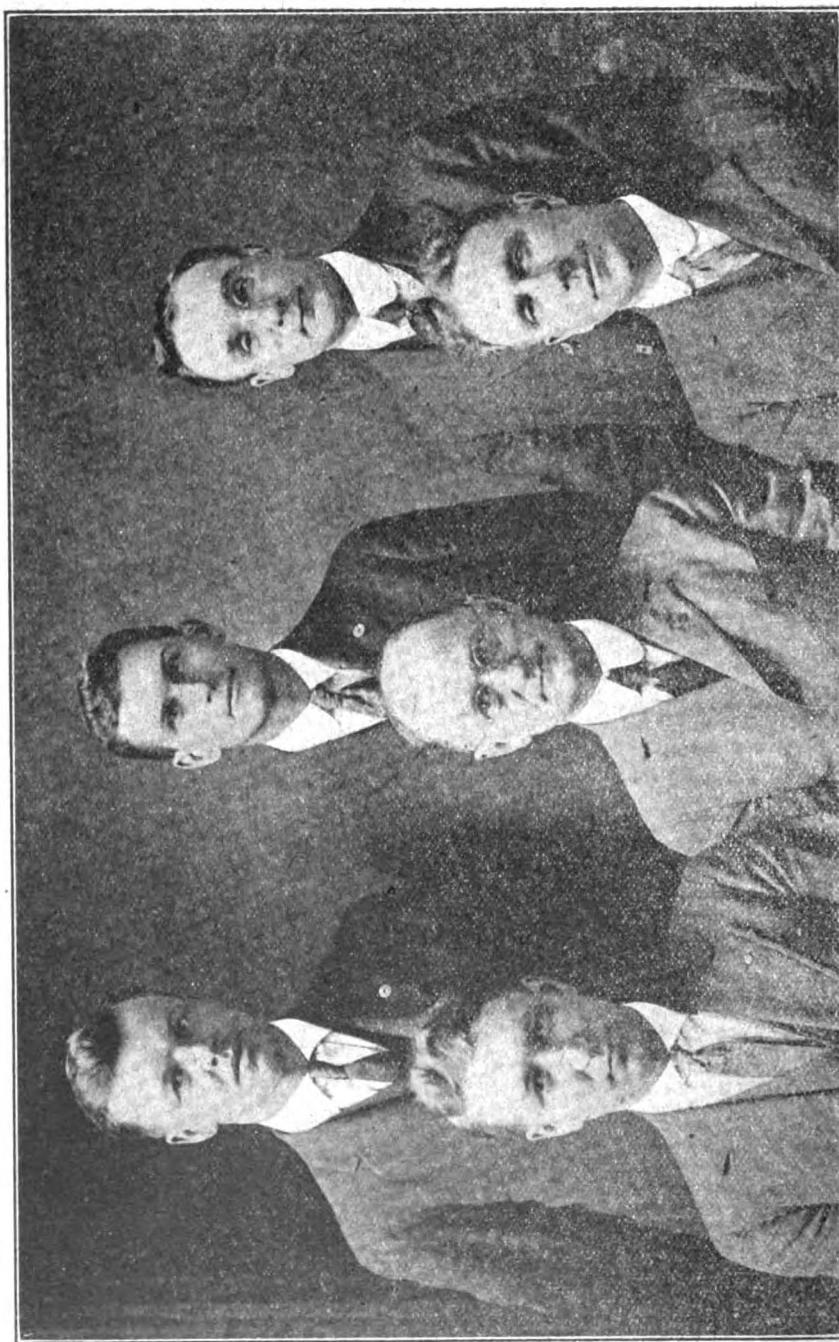


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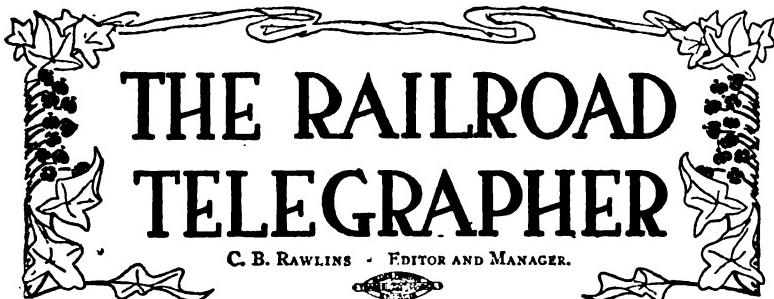
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## The word 'EDITORIAL' is written in large, bold, serif capital letters. Above it is a decorative illustration of a quill pen and an inkwell, surrounded by foliage and flowers.

## Government Ownership of Railroads

**A**S stated in the March issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, at a conference in Washington, D. C., on February 3rd, the chief executives of all the railroad labor organizations unanimously concluded that the railroads should be owned and operated by the Government, and A. B. Garretson, President of the Order of Railway Conductors, was selected to represent these labor organizations before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce on this question. It is important that our members familiarize themselves with the view of labor as expressed by Brother Garretson, therefore, a transcript copy of the hearings which commenced on February 10th is continued:

**Senator Townsend:** Mr. Garretson, with that statement, what has been done during the year's operation of the railroads by the Government that has induced the men to change their minds?

**Mr. Garretson:** Because they saw within that operation the germ of what it might be when it was perfected; practical men saw it. You take the members of these different organizations, for instance. I am only citing them for the very reason that the members of the shop crafts are not connected with the movement of trains in the same degree. You take ten thousand old engineers,

brakemen, yardmasters, conductors, firemen, that have been in the service for years, and there are no better judges of efficient operation on the face of the earth than they are. Ask some of them what the "five a. m. report" was, and he would not know anything about it; but he knows when trains are moved with efficiency and dispatch and economy.

**Senator Poindexter:** What would be your objection, Mr. Garretson, in the case you have mentioned, of a thousand mile road and an eight hundred mile road, between two points, with common terminals, to allowing those roads, under priv-

ate operation, to combine and operate as one system, with strict governmental supervision and control?

Mr. Garretson: Senator, your question brings out a thing that has not been touched on yet by me. That is the very essence of either private or governmental control; that is, valuation. There can be no honest combination of the two properties in question—and that is why I went into the question of differing capitalization—until it has been determined, the basis upon which those roads could properly be combined, to give each its fair share of the returns. It would be manifestly unjust to provide that the road that was capitalized twice as high as the road that had its capitalization at a figure that fairly represented what had been invested in the property should be allowed to earn on that unfair capitalization. Consequently, whether the roads are retained in Government control, or whether they are returned to private control, the very essence of regulation and of rate fixing has got to go back to the question of valuation. Why should posterity be burdened with a constantly growing account for transportation by adding to the capitalization of a property, when a means is plainly apparent that will wipe out the burden and will place transportation where it should be—on the cost basis?

Senator Kellogg: Take, for illustration, the Burlington road, which, I think, you know has very small capitalization.

Mr. Garretson: It was smaller before certain people got hold of it.

Senator Kellogg: It always has been comparatively small—and the Rock Island, which is large—and a good deal larger since certain people got hold of it—

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Kellogg: Why should the Rock Island be guaranteed, or why should the Government provide as big an income on its capital stock as the Burlington can earn?

Mr. Garretson: There you are going right back to the root of our claim in

regard to valuation. Valuation should be determined upon what? The Government should fix a rate that will permit a reasonable return—

Senator Kellogg (interposing): Why not let the Rock Island go on and make its small returns? It is not entitled to make as much as the Burlington.

Mr. Garretson: The facts are exactly true. Now, draw the parallel between two other roads that you are particularly familiar with. Take the Northwestern and the Great Western, lying side by side and penetrating the same territory.

Senator Kellogg: Why should the Great Western earn as much as the Northwestern?

Mr. Garretson: The Great Western, by no rule of equity, should be permitted to earn more or to be paid more for carrying a ton of freight a given distance than the Northwestern is paid; and yet the Northwestern will have full dividend returns and a large surplus on the same volume of business, where the Great Western gets no return.

Senator Kellogg: It gets no return on its stock?

Mr. Garretson: I mean on its stock.

Senator Kellogg: Or a small return.

Mr. Garretson: I think a good many of the stockholders would have heart failure if they even got a small return.

Senator Kellogg: Yes, I think so.

Mr. Garretson: There is what underlies the difficulty of meeting that, and none of those questions can ever be fairly and equitably determined until the valuation of the two properties in question has taken place.

Senator Kellogg: When you value the Great Western as a physical property and value the Northwestern as a physical property, the chances are that the Great Western would not earn as much on its valuation as the Northwestern, because it was built later into an old territory, that has not developed feeders into its line; so why should it ever earn as much?

Mr. Garretson: The fact is it never can legitimately do it, until it can acquire the volume of business that the North-

western has acquired, thereby reducing its overhead.

Senator Kellogg: Which it probably never will.

Mr. Garretson: Never will, in my opinion.

Senator Kellogg: Then, why should it have as much income as the Northwestern?

Mr. Garretson: That is what underlies the whole—well, I do not want to use an offensive word—the inconsistency of a return on a valuation fixed by the corporation itself.

Senator Kellogg: Yes, or fixed by anybody.

Mr. Garretson: So far as that is concerned, the doctrine of guaranties is utterly unjustifiable. If it is consistent to guarantee the returns on capital invested, or said to have been invested, in railroads, it is equally legitimate to guarantee the returns on every other line of business, differing only in proportion to the volume of business done.

Senator Kellogg: That is the point, exactly. If the Government made a physical valuation and bought in the properties on the basis of a physical valuation, such as it is now making through the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Government would then pay exactly the same return on the Great Western Railroad, which some people think never ought to have been built, as it would pay on the Northwestern, which was wisely built; and why should the Government do that?

Mr. Garretson: There is no reason why they should.

Senator Cummins: Mr. Garretson.

Mr. Garretson: Senator.

Senator Cummins: Suppose you had a proper valuation upon the Northwestern and the Great Western, with the value of each property accurately and justly determined; suppose that a rate on the Northwestern, that would earn six per cent upon that valuation, were prescribed, and suppose that rate would not earn operating expenses for the Great Western; what would you do?

Mr. Garretson: Under a system of

private ownership, the only thing that I could see would be that the rate making power must be empowered to deal with the individual case, instead of the general class—and there are only three thousand corporations—a little over that.

Senator Cummins: In such a case as that you would not advocate tearing up the Great Western and scrapping it, would you?

Mr. Garretson: No man can consistently advocate the tearing up or the non-operation of a road, without fully understanding the conditions, unless its usefulness had entirely gone. The communities along the line of the road have got to be served.

Senator Cummins: Surely.

The Chairman: The hour for adjournment having arrived, Mr. Garretson will return in the morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Garretson: I will be here, Mr. Chairman.

(Whereupon, at 12 o'clock noon, the committee adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, 1919, at ten o'clock a. m.)

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Tuesday, February 11, 1919.

United States Senate, Committee on Interstate Commerce.

The committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock a. m., Senator Oscar W. Underwood presiding.

Senator Underwood: Mr. Garretson, Senator Smith has an important engagement downtown and has not been able to get here, and Senator Pomerene is delayed for a while. If you do not desire to go ahead with so small a number of the committee here, we will wait; but if you are willing to go ahead, we will proceed.

Mr. Garretson: I am perfectly willing to proceed now.

Senator Underwood: Then the committee will come to order.

Statement of Mr. A. B. Garretson.

(Resumed.)

Mr. Garretson: In taking up the lines this morning, I desire, for a moment, to touch upon the question of the guaranteeing of returns.

It would seem that even if the question

of the guarantee of returns were taken under consideration at all, the very essence of a guarantee carries with the idea of liability; and before there could be a legitimate entering into an arrangement for that purpose, the guarantor would have to have an intelligent idea of the limit of his guaranty. There you come back to the question of necessity for valuation before that can be legitimately determined. If a blanket guarantee is entered into, there is, of necessity, carried with it the right to supervise not only liability issues—in other words, the issue of stock—but supervision of expenditure; and that carries with it supervision of operation, to determine whether or not operation is on both an efficient and an economical basis. Consequently, even if a proposition of this character were to be considered by the Congress, it seems to me that those things that I have mentioned must, of necessity, be considered in connection therewith, and proper arrangements made for the determination of those questions, before it could be legitimately done—if it could be legitimately done at all.

What reason is there why the Government of the United States should guarantee returns on an investment in railways when it does not undertake to guarantee an investment in a farming enterprise?

Senator Underwood: Mr. Garretson, so far as my own mind is concerned—and I think probably a good many members of the committee have the same viewpoint—I do not think anybody is looking to the question of the Government, as a government, guaranteeing the returns of the railroads; but the real issue, as I see it—and I want to get your view on it, and I would like to hear it from the standpoint of my mind's direction—is not so much a guarantee as it is a question, assuming that we do not go to Government ownership—of course, if we go to Government ownership, then it is all in the hands of Government—

Mr. Garretson (interposing): The

smaller questions are all absorbed in the greater.

Senator Underwood: Yes, and it is then just a question of Government operation all along the line; but assuming that you do not go in that direction and that you continue, in a way, the present private ownership of the roads, then the question is as to whether Congress should continue the present system of each carrier initiating his own rates, and the control of that system by way of appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission as to whether each particular rate is reasonable and just; or whether it is better to adopt a system of having the Government declare a budget for each railroad; that is, to say that each railroad shall have the right to earn out of its traffic a certain return for the operation of the road and the interest on its legitimate securities, instead of taking the matter in detail; saying that each particular road has got the right to raise a budget out of its freight rates, of a certain amount. It seems to me that is the real issue. Of course, that is a guarantee, in a way, because if you fix the law to say that a man can collect out of his property certain amount of money, you are guaranteeing him that amount; but it is not a guarantee in the sense of the Government and the whole people of the United States paying it.

Mr. Garretson: If an enactment of that character is made, by whatever name you call it, the result is the same.

Senator Underwood: It is a guarantee.

Mr. Garretson: In that it takes the speculative nature of the enterprise out of it, and establishes—well, to use a slang phrase that is expressive, "heads I win, tails you loose." In other words, it leaves the corporations subject to that guarantee free to win any amount of profit, but makes the Government a guarantee partner in the losses. That would be the result of it, by whatever name it is called.

Senator Underwood: I do not mean the proposition, when you establish a

budget, of saying "You can earn so much, and as much more as you want to," but when a budget is established there will be a limitation on both ends of the budget.

Mr. Garretson: If there is no limitation on profit, and there is an absolute limitation on losses, it is not a speculative enterprise any more; it is a sure thing.

Senator Underwood: That is the real question that my mind is directed to.

Mr. Garretson: When you take into consideration, Senator, the number of railway corporations that are in existence, any tribunal that attempted to pass on them in the individual sense, would have unfinished business on the judgment day. Here are three thousand railroad corporations, in one form or another, and this is what I referred to largely yesterday—the impossibility of individual legislation in regard to those properties, on account of their vast number. My own belief is absolutely that it can never be successfully disposed of until every mile of railway on the continent is under not only the regulation but control and operation of the Government. I cannot see any other method by which the conditions that obtain in our rate making can be equalized, except by the some power being able to avail itself of the surplus created on the easily operated property or the cheaply operated property—the one that has natural advantages; and natural advantages cannot be altogether overcome—to be able to avail itself of the surplus growing out of operation at a given rate, to meet deficits on those lines that are less favorably situated. In other words, a great common fund contributed to by every road that can operate at or above the line of operating cost, to perfect the financial accounts of those lines which, of necessity, at that rate operate at a slight or great loss, as the case may be.

Senator Underwood: I think you are correct about that. You cannot establish a uniform rate throughout the United States for every road, and not pay some roads an enormous amount of profit, or

fix it at a rate where some roads are going to lose, unless you have a reciprocating fund.

Mr. Garretson: The condition is best described by an attitude that is stated to have been the case in the old pooling days, before the war's regulation. It is a proverb in railway circles that a certain railway when it went into conferences for the purpose of fixing rates never participated to any considerable degree in the conference at all. Their representatives simply said to the others, "Fix a rate that you can live on, and we will make money." Now, that was where every operating condition was in favor of that property in that competitive territory; and where the others could break even, there was a handsome profit for that property at that rate. And while the power to fix rates has departed from the companies, the actual condition upon which that statement was founded will remain as long as there are railways, for topographic conditions, just for one citation, cannot be altogether overcome; they can be modified, minimized, but the fact remains that if one railway must climb to a high altitude, and then come down, and another one has a location that enables it to operate on the level, they will never be on a parity of operating cost. Moreover, the most serious thing in this question of guaranteeing rates seems to me to lie in this: You will remember in the discussion yesterday in some questions that you asked you went back to the underlying purpose in the enactment of laws that created the regulatory power, and the object that was in view. That was invariably the protection of the public against the abuses to which it was believed the public had been subjected. A guarantee in any form absolutely reverses the whole theory of that, and, instead of protecting the public against the abuses that existed at that time, or that have continued to exist, or that may arise, the guarantee is a demand that, at the public expense, investment shall be protected.

Senator Underwood: Now, let us see if that is so.

Mr. Garretson: Go to it.

Senator Underwood: Let us look at the logic of that.

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Underwood: I suppose we can agree on this assumption; that the first and primary object of a transportation company is to serve the public? That is what its charter was granted for—to move the freight of the nation?

Mr. Garretson: No, we cannot agree on that, Senator.

Senator Underwood: Well, I mean to move the freight and passenger business of the nation; that is the foremost purpose?

Mr. Garretson: That is the announced purpose, yes.

Senator Underwood: That is more vital to the nation than any other purpose?

Mr. Garretson: It is, to the nation.

Senator Underwood: Well, I am speaking of it from the national standpoint.

Mr. Garretson: Oh, yes; from the public standpoint, I will agree with you.

Senator Underwood: That is what I am speaking of, and, of course, we are treating this question here at this table from the public standpoint primarily, and the others are incidental. Now, if that is the case, that from the public standpoint the primary proposition in the operation of these lines is to serve the public in the movement of their freight and passenger traffic, and we step in and regulate the amount of the compensation for that passenger and freight service, we have got to fix that rate or set of rates on a basis where the railroad can pay for its operation, and a reasonable return on the money used in that operation, or the railroad cannot run and we scrap the system. Now, that was the condition in the beginning. In looking at it from the standpoint of the public, if the Congress in enacting legislation merely says that each operating line in the United States shall have sufficient money to properly operate the road—which, of

course, includes reasonable improvements and betterments and reasonable repairs, besides actual operating expenses—and a reasonable return on the money used in that system, why is not the public interested in that just as much as the security holders?

Mr. Garretson: In my opinion, they are just as much interested; but it is also, in my opinion, utterly inconsistent to follow that course, for this reason: If the railways, supposed to be operated for the public interest as the primary object—which is naturally in line with the public demand—have the speculative character taken out of the enterprise, then any other man who can set up a claim that he is serving a public interest is equally entitled to the same guarantee of a return on any money he may invest; and you kill efficient operation whenever you establish that condition; you kill competition wholly, Senator.

Senator Underwood: I agree with you wholly on that proposition, if you take anything but a public service corporation. When you come to a public service corporation, I think that modern thought and modern movement of thought is toward regulating public service corporations, rather than to encourage competition; that is, it is economy to do so? It is better to have one telephone line properly regulated than two telephone lines competing?

Mr. Garretson: In many cases that is true.

Senator Underwood: Then, therefore, when you come to a public service corporation, you take this problem out of the category of industrial enterprise and other enterprises, where you and I agree perfectly that competition and freedom of action is best for the public and best for the individual; but in this case we have already gone in; the Government has taken control of this public service and the corporations engaged in it, to a limited extent, and has said: "You can earn so much on a freight rate, and no more." Now, the only question is as to whether we shall make a budget of

those rates, or whether we shall handle them in detail? That is the thing that addresses itself to my mind. Now, so far as the security is concerned—and I am asking these questions because I want you to give me your viewpoint; my mind has not reached a verdict yet; it may have reached some conclusions, but I have not reached the verdict, and, therefore, I am still open to conviction—

Mr. Garretson (interposing): It is a Scotch verdict yet; not proven.

Senator Underwood: Yes, that is right. Now, you advocate Government ownership. I take it, of course, that you mean by "Government ownership" that the Government shall take over these properties and pay for them what is reasonable and right; therefore, so far as the ultimate balance of the ledger is concerned, the security holder, according to your plan, although he may not have any more control in the railroad, he is either going to be paid in Government dollars for his property, or he is going to get Government securities, with a fixed return on them, in payment for it; and, in that way, his returns on his investment are going to be guaranteed by the Government the minute we buy them and pay for them.

Mr. Garretson: They are, beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Senator Underwood: Therefore, I do not see the distinction between that and the other method, so far as the security holder is concerned. You are going to guarantee his return in whichever way you go?

Mr. Garretson: When we pay the Government dollars out to him, there is the line of cleavage as between his participation in a speculative enterprise, in which he was formerly engaged, and an enterprise in which the return is assured. His interest is speculative up to the date of purchase, in the absence of a guarantee; and he accepts, in lieu of that speculative interest, a guaranteed return to him of what is possibly a less amount, but without any speculative value attached to it. In other words, he

accepts a modified certainty for a possibly greater gain. He sells the speculative nature of his enterprise for a lower fixed return than he probably hoped to receive from the former investment.

Senator Underwood: It seems to me that means the same condition, under the proposition of fixing a budget. If you fix a budget on the reasonable value of the investment that he has made—I do not mean the issuance of stock, but the money used, and which he has invested—and say that he is entitled to earn, let us say, six per cent on what is declared to be the reasonable value of that property, that property ceases to be of any more value than six per cent will make it of value?

Mr. Garretson: That would be true, if the limitation were put on that it could not exceed six per cent, and that he must relinquish the entire fund above that. There you are coming again into the realm of speculation as to whether or not that limit would accompany it.

Senator Underwood: But I am assuming that the limit would accompany it. Now, of course, as one of the details of the proposition, you put a limit of six per cent on it; and it might be the part of wisdom for all that is earned above that to give the carrier a percentage of it, in order to induce him to give better service; but, for the purposes of this argument, I scrap that part of it.

Mr. Garretson: That is only a detail of the idea.

Senator Underwood: Yes, that is only a detail of it. The idea is that you declare to each carrier that he is entitled to earn a certain amount on the value of his property in addition to the operating expenses.

Mr. Garretson: I will phrase that a little differently, I think, Senator, and perhaps it will convey your idea a little better. He is entitled to earn not less than—

Senator Underwood (interposing): And not more than, too.

Mr. Garretson: If you put that proviso in, that would rob what is, to me, an

utterly undesirable plan, of only one objection—the top limit. That is only one of many objections to it. I am at variance with the whole idea of the public guaranteeing the returns on a private enterprise.

Senator Underwood: Well, you might put it another way and say it is a public limitation of return?

Mr. Garretson: A public limitation? We have placed many limitations—speaking now in the public sense—but whenever you establish the certainty of return, without taking absolute control of operating efficiency, in my opinion it is a fatal mistake, and will bring operation to the basis of a triumph of mediocrity.

Senator Underwood: Well, of course, when you come to operation I realize that the possibility of making money is a very good incentive for good operation; but operation, in the last analysis, is dependent on the appointing power?

Mr. Garretson: On what?

Senator Underwood: On the appointing power. It does not make any difference whether the President of the United States appoints the management of the railroads, or whether a director general appoints them, or whether a board of directors appoints them, made up from certain individuals by the corporations, or by certain individuals from among the body of men; in the last analysis it depends on the gray matter under the caps of the men who are the appointing power, whether you are going to have efficiency or not?

Mr. Garetson: That is a dual—well, I am giving "dual" a mighty wide application there; but I will say to you that it goes further than that; it takes gray matter under the hats of the team that is going to carry it into effect.

Senator Underwood: But the appointing power selects the team?

Mr. Garretson: No, it does not select the team for I am using the word "team" from top to bottom. It takes not only brains but desire to accomplish the result—the honest ambition that brings the best result from the material at hand. That was all involved in the

statement made by Mr. Plumb the other day—and bear in mind that this is one of those statements that is purely personal on my part—that no matter what the tools be unless they are well used, success in operation or in any pursuit will not come. The tools may be of the best, but they have got to be well handled. That bears out your statement.

Senator Underwood: Undoubtedly.

Mr. Garretson: If the intelligent units below be not utilized in unison with the directing power above, they can nullify all the ability that can be provided.

Senator Underwood: Undoubtedly; but if the appointing power has not the gray matter—the ability to select the units below—you will never have efficiency.

Mr. Garretson: There is where lies our objection to the idea of creating a governmental department, headed by a cabinet officer, because we want to carry it into the realms of operating men who have the absolute measure of each other.

Senator Underwood: Well, I am not differing with you on that proposition.

Mr. Garretson: Now, in regard to the five-year extension, we have held—and I use the word "we" now in the sense of the men who represent these organizations—varying opinions in regard to the desirability of an extension of the period; and I suppose that among the fourteen men on whose behalf I am speaking you could find all shades of opinion as to the period, from almost immediate return—to again quote the director general—"in an orderly way," to the limit of the five-year period or even beyond that; and that diversity of opinion will possibly be largely attributed to the angle from which the individual man approaches the idea. Now, to my mind, there are things in favor of that period and there are things that are against it. For instance, if, as one of the members of the committee drew attention to the other day, the enactment of the extension of time would simply result in deferring arrival at a conclusion, it would be a calamity. On the other hand, if that period were

utilized in study and the laying out of a definite plan of action, then it would seem to be desirable; but from my own standpoint, it seems that this is the real question that confronts the Congress: that at the earliest possible moment what is to be the policy of the country should be definitely described and laid down; that is, whether it is to be a return to private control, or whether it is to be a continuance of Government administration applied to all roads. It can only be justified on the ground of a war measure that a part of the roads were taken over, and certain other roads not taken. If it is the desirable method of operation, it is important that it should be applied to all. If it is not the desirable method of operation, it should not embrace any. The consequence of that is that if the policy is once declared, the question of whether it is desirable to extend the time or not becomes a purely secondary one; and all you need then is the period in which to work out the machinery that will make the plan that is decided upon effective. If it is to be private control, the machinery is in existence, and could be refurbished and oiled up and put in working order in a period of three or four months. If it is to be Government control, then the entire machinery for making it effective must be devised; and it should, of necessity, have the best and earliest attention from the Congress for the purpose of devising it.

Now, when it comes to talk about framing bills for the purpose, when it is once decided, then the task of framing a bill that will formulate the details of making Government ownership effective in all its branches, will become a herculean one. There is no doubt of that. There is no one interest that can frame a bill that will meet the principles of equity in dealing with all the interests involved—and all those interests are entitled to their "day in court" in the framing of that bill. The bill which is finally adopted must, of necessity, be a composite of the views presented by all the parties at interest, and

must embrace within it the elements of equity as applied to all. If any interest approaches it from the standpoint of its own private inherent right regardless of the inherent rights of others, the entire thing will be a misfit. Congress has got, in that event, to act as the mediator between these varied interests, and to decide what portion of relinquishment there must be on the part of all, to bring about a scheme that is fair, not only to the property interests and the labor interests, but to the public interests, because that is the very acme of desire. It is not desirable that there should be any return of these properties until it is absolutely decided as to what the future course of the Government is to be. No matter how well the machinery lying dormant may be suited for the taking back of the properties, there will be the same chaotic condition, for a time, as followed the taking over of the properties when they were taken over by the Government. Things will not be running smoothly for a period, and the public will suffer during that period of readjustment.

Now, valuation has been touched on, in connection with some of the other questions; but this fact remains in regard to valuation: Whether it be determined that the properties shall be returned to their present owners, or whether it be determined that they shall be operated by the Government, the question of valuation is of exactly the same importance, because all of the questions that arise in regard to Government regulation or Government control and operation are, of necessity, based on what constitutes the real valuation of the property. You cannot make reasonable rate regulation until you know the capital upon which your return must be provided; and that can only be determined by valuation. If it comes to a question of purchase, the purchase price cannot be determined until a conclusion has been arrived at as to what is the value of the thing to be purchased; and, therefore, valuation becomes an absolute necessity. In pursuance of the idea advanced by

the Senator from Alabama, that there might possibly be a budget provided for each individual road, the amount of that budget and the rate which would give it origin can only be determined upon an intelligent knowledge of the capitalization upon which such a return must be based. Therefore, whatever course is followed, valuation becomes an exact and absolute necessity, from every angle except the angle of the man who wants to sell, to use another vernacular, a "pig in a poke." It is worthy of a moment's consideration, what the tendency is in railway operation—railway ownership.

Senator Pomerene: May I ask you just one question in connection with that? You are discussing the question of valuation?

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Pomerene: I want to see if I understand your position clearly. Do you mean that after that is determined, there shall be a fixed amount, or do you mean that it may be an increasing or decreasing amount, depending upon conditions in a certain section of the country—that it may be?

Mr. Garretson: It might be either decreasing or increasing, Senator, in this: It would determine the amount of money—assuming one form of valuation that is under consideration by the power now delegated for that purpose—that commission determines what the actual amount of investment has been in the property; and that would furnish the basis upon which present rate returns would be founded, as far as that property was concerned.

Senator Pomerene: What I am trying especially to find out is whether you are taking account of this so-called "unearned increment?"

Mr. Garretson: I am not.

Senator Pomerene: That is what I wanted to make clear.

Mr. Garretson: Naturally, investment is my own standard for valuation. Bear in mind that I am not unmindful that many other opinions are held; but my own personal attitude toward it is that

they are only entitled to a return upon that which has absolutely been put into the property. I am not in accord with the idea that they are entitled to returns upon paper, but upon money.

Senator Kellogg: Let me ask you right there about that valuation.

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Kellogg: You say they are only entitled to a return upon what has actually been put into the property. Undoubtedly, that is true. But how are you going to determine just what money has been invested in every railroad in the United States? In many of them the records are lost; the properties have been reorganized; the stock has been cut down and perhaps squeezed out entirely, or perhaps increased; and there is no possible way of determining just how much money has been put into the property. Furthermore, no one could tell how many years the property went without earning anything, or how many years it earned too much. So, I do not see, if we are going into the matter to determine just how much money was invested in every property in the United States, how it would be possible to do it.

Mr. Garretson: I am perfectly free to admit that all those difficulties that exist. Records have vanished; there is not any doubt of it. They vanished over night in many cases.

Senator Kellogg: But some of those roads started fifty years ago.

Mr. Garretson: That is true.

Senator Kellogg: Let me ask you another question: Fifty years or forty years ago in the West, of course, the common way of building a railroad was to vote so many bonds and so much stock, and to give them to a contractor to build the road.

Mr. Garretson: Surely. I was there when they did it.

Senator Kellogg: The railroad authorities themselves practically kept no record of what the thing cost.

Mr. Garretson: No.

Senator Kellogg: The contractor probably did, if he ever kept any books at

all; but, of course, that has not been the process in the last twenty years, although it was, to a great extent, the case when I went west.

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Kellogg: So is not the process which the Interstate Commerce Commission is now using to determine the value of the roads in the United States really the most practical?

Mr. Garretson: Senator, are they not determining it in two ways at the present time? I mean, keeping two sets of data?

Senator Kellogg: Oh, unquestionably.

Mr. Garretson: One where they are able to determine the actual investment, and the other the replacement cost?

Senator Kellogg: Oh, undoubtedly. I do not say that they should not use the actual investment where they can determine it.

Mr. Garretson: It is a stupendous job to determine it where those records have vanished; but all that you say in regard to the old practice in the building, especially of the Western roads, is true. I grew up in the center of activities of that kind, when the so-called transcontinental roads were going west of the Mississippi, and I am perfectly familiar with that phase of it, and with the character of the people who were originally connected with the enterprises; but there is no question but what figures are easily available to establish the cost of the bulk of the construction performances at that period.

Senator La Follette: Even if the records have been destroyed?

Mr. Garretson: Yes, even if the records have been destroyed.

Senator La Follette: Or disappeared?

Mr. Garretson: Estimates are a common thing at this stage of the world, and they can be made in those instances, wherever in the orderly conduct of business records of that character have disappeared, for comparatively recent occurrences.

Senator Kellogg: Let me ask you another question, right there, on valuation, just to get your view: Suppose a road had been built in the West when

the country was new, and a million dollars actually invested in it, and that could be determined; and while the country was building up, for a period of ten years or fifteen years, it had no income at all; would you add interest at a fair rate of return, to cover that period, on the money actually invested, or not?

Mr. Garretson: I certainly would not, unless it was absolutely demonstrated that the stocks were now held—

Senator Kellogg (interposing): No; but I am supposing that you take a million dollars as the value of the property.

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Kellogg: And do not pay any attention to the stock or the bonds, and that while the country was developing, the men who put that million dollars into it got nothing for their money?

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Kellogg: And then came along the good years. Now, when we want to determine the value of that property, for the purpose of fixing rates, would you allow them any interest on their money to represent a return for the period during which there were no earnings, or would you fix it at a million dollars?

Mr. Garretson: As an abstract proposition, I would not; because that interest would not go into the hands of the men who missed the interest, nor into their estates. The ownership has changed hands. How many of the original promoters—and I am now taking you into a territory where you are familiar with it, as I am familiar with conditions in that same territory—I mean both of us, in a personal sense—how many of the original promoters of those properties, who invested that million dollars—if it ever was invested—are in any way connected today with any of those properties, or how many of them survive, in a financial sense, their connection with such ventures? If you could make the reimbursement to the men who had missed the interest, it might take on a different aspect; but as they do not hold it today, why should the men who now hold it have velvet at the expense of the public?

## An Important Conference

**A** CONFERENCE of great importance began in Washington, D. C., April 7th, composed of a committee of fourteen members, for the purpose of effecting an agreement on a schedule of wages and a uniform schedule of rules governing the more than twenty thousand employees who are members of the Order, working on these roads. There are more than one hundred railroads and terminals now operated by the United States Railroad Administration where the employees have not enjoyed a schedule of wages and working conditions, and it is expected that the committee, which consists of the following representatives, will reach an agreement whereby these employees will be granted the same privileges as employees now working on scheduled roads:

Eastern Region—J. N. Haines, assistant to general manager, Lehigh Valley; H. B. Perham, president, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Allegheny Region—F. E. Blaser, assistant to general manager, Baltimore & Ohio; J. F. Miller, general chairman, Pennsylvania.

Pocahontas Region—Geo. W. Jett, regional superintendent of Telegraph; H. C. Callaway, local chairman, Norfolk and Western.

Southern Region—J. A. Jones, staff officer, Southern Region; S. E. Bryant, general chairman, Louisville & Nashville.

### TELEGRAPH SCHOOLS.

The St. Louis daily newspapers announce that the president and general manager of the Union Electric Telegraph Company, with offices in the Railway Exchange Building, was arrested on a warrant charging misuse of the mails on complaint made by Post-office Inspector Price. It is said that literature containing the alluring statement, "We will accept Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps, or Coupon Books. Make your \$50.00 Liberty Bond pay you \$225.00 and \$250.00 a month. The best operators earn up to \$225.00 and \$250.00 under the bonus system," was used to attract students to this school. It is also claimed that prospective students would receive a form letter, reading in part as follows:

"We have our hand on the button; shall we touch it for you, to OBTAIN A GOOD PAYING POSITION, and the same to be had wherever you wish to be located, as soon as you qualify to accept?"

The editor has received the following

Northwestern Region—J. C. Rankine, superintendent of telegraph, Great Northern; Sam Johnson, general chairman, Northern Pacific.

Central Western Region—F. C. Fox, general manager, Eastern lines, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe; R. F. Currie, general chairman, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe.

Southwestern Region—J. H. Brennan, superintendent of telegraph, Frisco Lines; J. F. Seifert, general chairman, St. Louis Terminals.

The May issue of *The Telegrapher* will announce the final conclusions and agreement of this committee.

form letter from one of our Santa Fe members, claiming it was from the Bowling Green Business University, of Bowling Green, Ky.:

"Will you be in need of additional help at your stations in the near future? If so, please give this your careful consideration. We can furnish you one or more young men that have had thorough training and who can copy from main-line wires. They have more than a common school education, free from bad habits, perfectly honest and not afraid of work. We will pay you \$5.00 to \$10.00 for positions according to salary and opportunity for advancement. We have a number who have had practical experience and can render good service, and a still larger number who have taken our course in railway station work."

The above proves that the GOOD PAYING POSITIONS, promised by the Union Electric Telegraph Company as being so plentiful, are simply a myth and do not exist.

## Decision on Questions Submitted to the United States Railroad Administration

In accordance with our announcement in previous issues of THE TELEGRAPHER the following questions and decisions thereon will, no doubt, interest our readers:

**UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.**

Director General of Railroads.

Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3.

**UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD versus TELEGRAPHERS.**

### QUESTION.

Whether punitive overtime rate should be paid to employee called on Sunday to fill the place of another employee absent account of sickness?

#### JOINT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

A telegrapher in Omaha General Telegraph Office, where more than two shifts are worked, having regular week day assigned working hours, was called on Sunday to fill the position of a telegrapher who reported sick on that day. Some of the positions in this office are not assigned to Sunday and holiday work, and all employees, excepting third trick operators, rotate for Sunday work, so that employees will participate equally in the extra time on Sundays and holidays. The employee in question is one of those who rotate for Sunday and holiday work. In this case the employee whose turn it was to rotate this particular Sunday reported sick, and another employee was called to take his place.

#### EMPLOYEE'S POSITION.

The committee's contention is that the employee having no assigned hours for Sunday, and having been called outside of his regular assigned week-day hours, he is entitled to punitive overtime for the service performed that day.

#### RAILROAD'S POSITION.

There are thirty positions in this office, twelve of which are assigned to Sunday and holiday work. The position concerned is assigned Sundays the same as week days, but there being less work on Sundays and holidays, all operators, excepting third trick operators, rotate for the Sunday and holiday work. The employee in question did not work overtime, but took the place of another operator who was sick, and whose turn it was to work on this particular Sunday. The services were performed within prescribed hours of assignment, in which case a punitive rate is not proper within the provisions of the Order. We understand that punitive rate does not apply to Sunday and holiday work, except when the employee is called and works less than sufficient time to absorb the call, or until after eight hours within the prescribed hours of assignment.

#### DECISION.

Employees not regularly assigned to work on Sunday, who are notified or called to perform service on such day, will be paid as per call and overtime provisions of Article V, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

**RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,**

H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., March 19, 1919.

**UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.**

Director General of Railroads.

Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3.

**BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD versus TELEGRAPHERS.**

### QUESTION.

Application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

#### JOINT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

At the North Union Station, Boston, there is a Supervisory Ticket Agent in charge of the ticket office; there are approximately twenty employees classed as ticket sellers whose duty it is to sell tickets to the public and account for the money received therefor. These men have separate ticket cases and the monthly reports, while not made by them or in their name, are separate for each office. These twenty men are bonded.

#### EMPLOYEE'S POSITION.

For years the telegraphers' schedule and wage scale has covered the position as non-telegraph ticket agents and assistant ticket agents. That these employees at the North Station, Boston, are in every particular practically similar to listed bona fide ticket agents. They are bonded, have separate ticket cages, have a separate and distinct report and must account for all moneys in their charge as well as account for all shortages which may exist. Since Supplement No. 11 was released, the award

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under that Supplement was applied to these positions. Also when Supplement No. 13 was released the award granted by the same was applied to their positions. This increase has now been withdrawn by the company and increases awarded by Supplement No. 7 substituted.

Inasmuch as Supplement No. 7, in effect, excludes all the positions legislated for by the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and as these employes are similar to those to whom the award granted by Supplement No. 13 has been applied, it is, therefore, claimed by the committee that Supplement No. 13 and not 7 applies to these positions and that the increase in pay as awarded by Supplement No. 13 ought to be reapplied to the positions in question at the North Station, Boston, Mass.

It was the understanding of the committee that no classes of employes doing the same kind of work have been covered by two separate supplements.

## RAILROAD'S POSITION.

That these employes in Boston ticket office are not agents and do not telegraph and, therefore, do not come under Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

That they have not been included in previous agreements with telegraphers, only recently having authorized the Telegraphers' Committee to represent them.

That men similarly employed on neighboring roads are paid under Supplement No. 7 to General Order No. 27.

## DECISION.

Telegraphers have had agreements, and it has been the practice for them to legislate for the class of employes in question, who should be paid under the provisions of Supplement No. 13.

See Section (a), Article I, Supplement No. 7 to General Order No. 27, reading in part as follows:

"Excepting such as come within the scope of existing agreements or those hereafter negotiated with the Railroad Telegraphers."

The contention of the Telegraphers' Committee is sustained.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,

H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

March 20, 1919.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Director General of Railroads.

Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3.

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD versus TELEGRAPHERS.

## QUESTION.

Application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

## JOINT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In the ticket office at Northampton, Mass., there has existed a position designated in wage scale, which is a part of the agreement of September 29, 1917, between the management of the Boston & Maine Railroad and the committee representing employes in telegraph service, as clerk and operator. Recently the telegraphic part of the work of the position has been eliminated, but the ticket selling and clerical work retained and the management has reclassified the position as that of clerk and paid it accordingly.

## EMPLOYEE'S POSITION.

It is the contention of the committee that inasmuch as this employee, formerly rated as clerk and operator, but now designated as clerk, performs practically the same kind and amount of work as heretofore, that the changing of his classification from that of clerk and operator to clerk is in violation of paragraph (b), Article III of Supplement No. 13. It is further claimed by the committee inasmuch as Telegraphers' Schedule, September 29, 1917, revision, contains the following clause, "Employes who perform the same class of work by telephone heretofore done by telegraph will be considered telegraphers," and as the company now proposes to substitute the telephone for the telegraph in relation to this office, that this employee should receive the hourly increase as awarded by Supplement No. 13; that the position be retained in the Telegraphers' Schedule and that the same remain subject to the Telegraphers' Rules.

## RAILROAD'S POSITION.

That Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 does not prevent abolition of positions previously shown in wage scale and substituting therefor clerical or other positions.

At Northampton it was of some convenience to have telegraph wires in the ticket office as well as at the signal tower, but there appearing to be no necessity for continuing the telegraph wires in the ticket office, they have been discontinued and all wire work is now being done in the signal tower, and any messages covering ticket or other matters as to passenger station are telephoned or sent by messenger, and

position has been reclassified as clerk and rate has been fixed in accordance with that classification.

Also see Article I, Section (a), Supplement No. 7 to General Order No. 27, reading in part as follows: "Excepting such within the scope of existing agreements or those hereafter negotiated with the Railroad Telegraphers."

The contention of the Telegraphers' Committee is sustained.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,  
H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., March 20, 1919.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Director General of Railroads.

Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3.

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD versus TELEGRAPHERS.

QUESTION.

Application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

JOINT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Sunday hours of ticket agent at Rochester, N. H., previous to application of Supplement No. 13, were

7:20 a. m. to 12:00 noon  
1:00 p. m. to 8:25 p. m.

Under Supplement No. 13 the Sunday hours were rearranged and established as  
7:20 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.  
6:20 p. m. to 8:25 p. m.

and the management decline to pay other than for actual time worked.

EMPLOYEE'S POSITION.

It is the committee's understanding and claim that paragraph A, Article 5, of Supplement No. 13, provides for payment of overtime, for all time worked in excess of an eight-hour spread at offices where two or more shifts are worked, and inasmuch as the ticket agent at Rochester, N. H., is working as a two-shift office the committee therefore claim that he is entitled to overtime for all time on Sundays worked beyond the spread of eight hours. Paragraph D of Article 5 of Supplement No. 13 further states that "employees will not be required to suspend work during regular hours."

RAILROAD'S POSITION.

That Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 supersedes Articles 7 and 8 in agreement of September 29, 1917.

That employees are placed on an hourly basis by Supplement No. 13, Article 1.

That it is permissible to establish hours on a Sunday different from those established on a week day, and to pay only for such hours as are worked as has been done at Rochester, where under present arrangement we pay three hours and 45 minutes for Sunday.

The Director General's remarks as to reduction in Sunday and holiday work which are contained in and are a part of Supplement No. 13, as well as Article 1 of the Supplement outlining method of arriving at hourly rates, tend to show that all positions are paid for every day in the year, and if any work is done on Sundays it should be paid for, not at a punitive rate, but at regular hourly rate.

In this case the payment would be for the equivalent of 15 hours and 38 minutes, for 3 hours and 45 minutes' work if contention of committee is sustained.

DECISION.

Article V of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 governs.

Employees coming within the scope of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, who are regularly assigned to work on Sundays and holidays, will be paid a minimum of eight hours' pay for each day assigned.

Employees not regularly assigned to work on Sundays or holidays, who are notified or called to perform service on such days, will be paid as per call and overtime provisions of Article V of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,  
H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., March 20, 1919.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Director General of Railroads.

Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3.

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD versus TELEGRAPHERS.

QUESTION.

Application of Supplement No. 13.

JOINT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In the wage scale, which is a part of the agreement of September 29, 1917, between

the management of the Boston & Maine Railroad and the committee representing employes in telegraph service, there are several positions of non-telegraph assistant ticket agents.

#### EMPLOYEE'S POSITION.

Telegraphers' Schedule and wage scale has for years contained positions of non-telegraph assistant ticket agents and the Order of Railway Telegraphers has, during these years, legislated for such positions. These employes sell tickets, are bonded; work a trick, and are held responsible for all money and tickets handled; thus doing the same kind of work as a ticket agent. They are also required to use the telephone in connection with train movements and other work of the office. When Supplement No. 13 was received the increase awarded by Supplement No. 13 was applied to the positions of assistant ticket agents by the company. This increase has recently been withdrawn and the company has substituted the increase awarded by Supplement No. 7.

Inasmuch as Supplement No. 7 in effect excludes all employes legislated for by the Order of Railway Telegraphers, it would seem that Supplement No. 13 and not Supplement No. 7 covers these positions and that, therefore, the increase in pay as awarded by Supplement No. 13 ought to be reapplied to the said positions. It is the understanding of the committee that no class of employes has been covered by two supplements.

#### RAILROAD'S POSITION.

That Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 does not apply to non-telegraphic positions of assistant ticket agents. That all others about stations assist the agent, but their duties and responsibilities are not identical with those of the agent, and while in the cases which have heretofore been listed in the wage scale attached to Telegraphers' Agreement cover bonded employees, they are no more assistant (ticket) agents or as much so as chief clerks or cashiers at freight stations, who come under our agreement with clerks. The fact that a few employes are classed assistant ticket agents, are included in our agreement with telegraphers, there being no other agreement the scope of which included them heretofore, does not seem to justify including them with telegraphers, agents or others mentioned in Supplement No. 13 so far as increase in wages, hours and overtime provisions are concerned.

#### DECISION.

Telegraphers have had agreements, and it has been the practice for them to legislate for the class of employes in question, who should be paid under the provisions of Supplement No. 13.

See Section (a), Article I, Supplement No. 7 to General Order No. 27, reading in part as follows:

"Excepting such as come within the scope of existing agreements or those hereafter negotiated with the Railroad Telegraphers."

The contention of the Telegraphers' Committee is sustained.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,  
H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., March 20, 1919.

#### UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Director General of Railroads.

Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3.

#### ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD versus TELEGRAPHERS.

##### QUESTION No. 1.

Method to be used in adjusting back time payments under Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, in connection with vacation rule (see Article XI; paragraph (b), page 9, Revised Rules and Regulations for Telegraphers, etc.).

##### POSITION OF EMPLOYEES.

Fifteen days' vacation annually without loss of pay was granted all employes who have been in service continuously for two or more years, and the vacation year ran from November 10, except the employes whose two years' continuous service began after November 10, 1917, their vacation year ran from time of completing their two years' continuous service. A large percentage of employes entitled to vacation were either relieved, or paid additionally for the vacation period.

The employes hold that effective from October 1, the rate of fifteen cents per hour should be added to salaries in effect January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27; for the reason that, in fixing the hourly rate, Supplement No. 13 recognized that the abolishment of vacations should be paid for additionally.

and also recognized the fact that conditions were so different on the various roads in the country that the words, "applicable to all roads irrespective of present practice," were inserted, to make it clear that everyone coming under the provisions of the supplement were to be paid the two cents additional. Further, the two cents additional in lieu of vacations does not compensate the employes, in a majority of cases, for the loss of vacation.

#### POSITION OF RAILROAD.

We construe in the application of Supplement No. 13 that vacation settlements are to be made on the following basis: Where pro rata vacation is due, unpaid and not allowed, as of January 1, 1919, fifteen cents increase per hour will cover such period; for that portion of the unexpired term up to January 1, 1919, where vacations have been allowed, or paid for, the thirteen-cent rate of increase will be applied. For example:

The first vacation year for an employe in the service two years on November 10, 1917, would expire November 10, 1918. If allowed a vacation of fifteen days, say in July, 1918, make adjustments for such employe, in calculating back time, by applying the thirteen-cent rate from October 1 to November 10 and from November 11 to December 31, applying the fifteen-cent rate of increase.

#### QUESTION No. 2.

Should Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 be interpreted to mean that all work performed on Sundays and on holidays shall be considered overtime and paid for at the rate of time and one-half with a minimum of eight hours at rate of time and one-half?

#### POSITION OF EMPLOYES.

The employes hold that question No. 2 should be answered in the affirmative for the reason that Supplement No. 13 clearly recognized the right of overtime for employes for Sunday and holiday work when the fifty-two Sundays and seven holidays were eliminated from the working days of the year.

In further support of the plea of the employes, the words of the Director General in the concluding paragraphs of Supplement No. 13 are quoted as follows:

"Therefore, the employing officer will realize that he must pay additionally for every hour of Sunday and holiday work."

The word, "additionally," can properly have but one meaning in this connection—that of being in addition to the hourly rate for week day service. Time and one-half for Sunday and holiday work is the recognized rule in practically all organized crafts, and is recognized as the *regular* Sunday and holiday rate.

#### POSITION OF RAILROAD.

Upon careful reading of the Director General's remarks on pages 5 and 6 of Supplement No. 13, in connection with the rules prescribed in said Supplement, we are of the opinion that the change in divisor, arriving at a new hourly rate contemplated the elimination, as far as practicable, of Sunday and holiday service, and further, that any service that might, of necessity, be required on Sunday, would not be at punitive rates, and attention is directed to the following paragraph:

"Employes who have heretofore had to work on Sundays and holidays will get through this order a direct compensation for that condition, by reason of the fact that their hourly rates of pay in the future will be, to a large extent, substantially increased, as, from an examination of Article I, it will be seen that in determining the hourly wage a divisor of 306 days has been used, which will, in a large measure, compensate for punitive Sunday and holiday overtime."

The understanding of the railroad is that men assigned to work specified hours on Sundays or holidays, pro rata rate will be paid, even though the hours be less than eight; if worked more than eight hours, overtime will be paid for such work beyond eight hours.

#### QUESTION No. 3.

Should Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 be interpreted to mean that employes regularly assigned to work on Sundays and holidays will be paid a minimum of eight hours, at the regular hourly rates?

#### POSITION OF EMPLOYES.

The employes hold that as Supplement No. 13, Article V, paragraph (a) states that eight hours shall constitute a day's work, that it means just what it says, and that a day's work on Sunday or holiday is the same as a week day, and that any day on which a regular assignment is made, must carry a minimum of eight hours.

## POSITION OF RAILROAD.

The position of the railroad is clearly set forth in its answer to question No. 2.

## QUESTION No. 4.

*Should additional Station Agents' positions be incorporated in preparing new schedules?*

## POSITION OF EMPLOYEES.

For some years it has been the practice to incorporate into the agreement additional station agents' positions by negotiation. The employes hold that all station agents' positions (including ticket and baggage agents at stations) should properly be incorporated into the agreement, for the reason that the basis of incorporation heretofore has been that of representation, or written authority from the employe occupying the position at the time. The position does not properly belong to the employe, but should be open to all employes in this class of service, and the same rules applied to all positions of this character. The employes, therefore, aver, that all station agents' positions (including station, ticket, and baggage agents' positions) should be incorporated in the agreement.

## POSITION OF RAILROAD.

That Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 does not contemplate any changes whatever in existing agreements, except where the present agreement is in conflict with said Supplement. That no additional positions should be incorporated in the present agreement as no questions of this kind are involved in the application of Supplement No. 13. The railroad further holds that its present agreement is with Telegraphers, Agent-Telegraphers and Telephoners, and that other employes in its wage scale and under the rules are incidental. Baggage Agents have never been included. Only by concession has it, from time to time, in years past, permitted the inclusion of certain exclusive station agents (at no time all that were asked for) and its only duty now is to apply the provisions of Supplement No. 13 alike to all affected thereunder.

## DECISION.

## QUESTION No. 1.

Contention of Telegraphers' Committee is sustained.

## QUESTION No. 2.

Employes coming within the scope of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, who are regularly assigned to work on Sundays and on holidays, will be paid a minimum of eight hours' pay for each day assigned.

Employes not regularly assigned to work on Sundays and on holidays, who are notified or called to perform service on such days, will be paid as per call and overtime provisions of Article V of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

## QUESTION No. 3.

Answered in Question No. 2.

## QUESTION No. 4.

*Answer, yes. See Article IX, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, which provides that all positions for which rates of pay and rules are established by Supplement No. 13 shall be written into existing agreements.*

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,  
H. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., April 3, 1919.

## BRIEFS

Stay Organized.

A cure for the war curse—League of Nations.

At the time this TELEGRAPHER goes to press more than 67,000 members are in good standing to June 30th next.

The best dividend for our craft is procured through affiliation with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Why not reach a membership of 85,000 and thereby have a one hundred per cent organization?

The American Federation of Labor has increased its membership nearly one million since April, 1917.

Two thousand two hundred and thirty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of March.

Another result of the failure of Congress to appropriate funds to operate the railroads is shown in an order by the Railroad Administration to stop all new work that can be held up.

The Twelfth Biennial Session of the Grand Division will be held in St. Louis, commencing May 12th, with about 600 delegates. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Will the Junkers of American industry continue to fan the flame of Bolshevism by their autocratic actions in refusing to concede that the workers must have more than a living wage?

It is reported that the owners of factories, mines and railroads in Great Britain are recognizing that the workers should share equally in the management and earnings of these industries.

The union label is a standing declaration of the moral duty devolving upon the purchaser to inquire into the cost at which an article is produced, as well as the cost at which it is sold.

The evils of private employment agencies were recounted by trade unionists at a legislative hearing in Boston on a bill that would create free employment agencies. The workers protested against the theory of forcing a man to pay for information that would lead to employment.

The first labor law passed by the present New York State Legislature provides for the creation of a bureau of woman in industry in the State Department of Labor. The bill carries appropriations of \$2,500 for a chief, \$7,500 for five investigators and \$900 for a stenographer.

A new department has been created in the Government's Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The duty of this section is to advise soldiers and sailors carrying Government insurance of their rights and privileges with respect to continuing their insurance in force after their discharge.

Mothers' pensions were endorsed by Henry J. Gideon, chief of the Bureau of Compulsory Education, in a speech in Philadelphia. "If the mother," he said, "must depend upon her children for support, and the law says they shall go to school, and the law says they shall go to an income to secure food and clothing."

The State Workmen's Compensation Board is urging the Legislature to increase compensation for injured workers from 50 per cent of their weekly wage to 65 per cent. The board also favors decreasing from fourteen to seven days the length of time an injured worker must wait before he can receive benefits.

The House of Representatives at Jefferson City, Mo., has passed the Workmen's Compensation Bill which is being urged by organized labor. Missouri is the one State north of the Mason and Dixon line that has refused, so far, to accept the principle of workmen's compensation.

A majority of the nation's railroads plan to restore to employees who entered military and naval service the seniority rights which they sacrificed when they left the road's employment, according to an order by the United States Railroad Administration made public. Insofar as practicable, preference in re-employment and reinstatement will be given to soldiers and sailors as quick as they are mustered out of Federal service the order says.

A circular was recently received at headquarters purporting to have been issued by the chief officer of the so-called Order of Railroad Station Agents, announcing that Supplement 14 would take care of station agents with respect to wages and working conditions, regardless of the fact that these employees come within the scope of Supplement No. 13. Supplement No. 14 has been received and it pertains exclusively to the Police Department.

The suggestion comes to the United States Government from many sources that the sale of thrift stamps shall continue indefinitely. Why not? Wars may come and wars may go, though one hopes that this is the last of them; but thrift is scarcely less important in peace than in war time. And just now the thrift stamps have started, in countless cases, a good habit which it would be a misfortune for the individual and the nation to have discontinued.

A six-hour work day and a five-day week and nationalization of coal mines was urged by Frank J. Hayes, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in his address at the opening session of the policy committee of the organization. The trade unionist called attention to

unemployment and the hazards of employment under the present ownership. In urging wage increases he cited the cost of living and the lack of opportunity for miners to make an average wage because of idleness at the mines.

Company-owned towns are a failure, declared Dr. Frank E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller foundation, in a speech before the National Housing Association conference. He said these towns are unpopular, regardless of their attractiveness, because the average American resents being told what he must do. This statement is in line with organized labor's opposition to the whole system of welfare work and company "unions" that are so strongly urged by the Rockefeller interests, from which the Rockefeller foundation receives its financial support.

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Legislature to end charity grafting. Under the bill a charity promoter will have to secure permission before operations begin, with a public accounting afterwards.

The bill is the result of an expose of charity irregularities during the war. Millions of dollars were filched from the public. In a report to the United States Senate these promoters were graded from "100 per cent boys," who took all the money; to "we boys," who took not only money but everything they could reach.

In urging legislation that will eradicate illiteracy in this country, the United States Bureau of Education says:

"Striking facts regarding the need for the work have been voluntarily contributed daily by scores of agencies. The War Department has shown the relation of labor turnover in its war industries to illiteracy and unassimilated foreign born. The Surgeon General's Department has given out the facts regarding illiteracy in the National Army, making the problem much blacker than ever before by showing that 24.9 per cent of the drafted men were classed "beta"—unable to read a newspaper or write a letter home. The

Bureau of Mines has demonstrated the connection between fatal accidents and nonproduction in the mines with illiteracy."

A Maryland corporation has been formed to issue strike insurance to employers. The promoters have figured the number of strikes between 1881 and 1919 and think they are as sure of their ground as the scientist who predicts that the seven-year locust is coming.

The policy will provide indemnity because of strike losses to the employer. Net profits, as shown by the business records of the employer and the legal expense of the employer, if any, arising out of the strike, will be paid.

The plan can be used to smash a union, with the employer guaranteed his usual profits and the fees of his injunction attorneys. The company will have no proof that spies and company agents started the strike, but the insurance promoters will probably discover that strike insurance has angles they knew nothing of.

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Uncle Sam has embarked in the life insurance business during peace times. Secretary of the Treasury Glass has approved regulations governing the conversion to standard forms of life insurance policies of all war time term insurance taken out by soldiers and sailors since the entrance of the United States into the war. When this insurance is converted it will be known as Government life insurance.

A holder of the new insurance will have all the advantages of standard life insurance issued by private companies and Secretary Glass expresses the hope that the unusual values and liberal provisions of these policies will encourage all holders of war time term insurance to convert same as rapidly as their financial circumstances will permit, and in any event to continue without fail the largest possible proportion of their present insurance.

Premiums on the new forms of Government life insurance are payable monthly, but may be paid annually, semi-annually or quarterly.

Telegraph tolls have been increased 20 per cent by Postmaster General Burleson, who says wage increases are responsible for this advance.

Because of a clash between two financial interests it is very probable that the Postmaster General will not be permitted to use the workers as a shield.

These two groups are the Western Union and American Telegraph and Telephone Company (Bell System) on one side and the Postal Telegraph Company on the other. Only recently Mr. Burleson deposed President Mackay and other officers of the Postal for "refusing to obey orders," and now, when the Postmaster General says wages cause the 20 per cent increase in telegraph rates, the Postal people, through the Postal Telegraph, their official magazine, declare that Mr. Burleson has "very generously awarded to the Bell company, in addition to the very handsome compensation of \$65,248,641 which he gave them," has also awarded the Bell company an additional "rake-off" of \$16,000,000 from the subsidiary companies.

"The whole wire control arrangement," continues the Postal Telegraph, "has developed into a gigantic job whereby the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has been and will be enabled to exploit the public through the medium of the Post Office Department."

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The question of unemployment is at the bottom of all unrest in Great Britain, said E. T. Gundlach, head of the industrial commission sent to Europe by the Department of Labor to study after-war problems. Mr. Gundlach has returned to this city and in an interview in the public press expressed surprise that Congress did not appropriate funds to continue the United States employment service. He said that unemployment is the greatest problem the United States and other countries must solve. He expressed the opinion that unemployment insurance in Great Britain tends to temporarily allay trouble, but that a crisis might come when the insurance runs out.

"Our lesson will be learned from Great Britain," he said. "What the British employers are doing and will do, we will have to do later."

# PERSONAL MENTION



The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Hardenbrook of Little Falls, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Clyde Bartee of Little Falls, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. G. Davis of Lincoln, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Arthur G. Smith of Greensboro, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. H. Murphy of Delmar, Del., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Roy E. Stroup of Emporium, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Sheets of Cornwall Ontario, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Fillingim of Cantonment, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. D. Shafer of Pomeroy, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Meyers of Decatur, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. C. Clayton, Jr., of Clarkston, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. E. Rarick of New Ringgold, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Loehman of San Antonio, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. F. Martin of Trinidad Colo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Ray of Burlington, N. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. L. Hanson of Winthrop, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Frost of Palmdale, Fla., a boy.

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The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. E. W. Harvey of Div. 17 to Miss Roberta May Stokes.

At Newville, Pa., Bro. C. T. Woltz of Div. 82 to Miss Jennie Kyle.

Bro. R. E. DeLong of Div. 33 to Mrs. Overholt.

Bro. G. Y. Jones of Div. 57 to Miss Grace Yates.

Bro. E. E. Lyon of Div. 57 to Miss Annie Littleton.

At Schaeffer, Mich., Bro. L. J. Fish of Div. 76 to Miss G. M. Tousignant.

At Schaeffer, Mich., Bro. E. J. Seymour of Div. 76 to Miss C. M. Tousignant.

At Chicago, Ill., Bro. A. L. Adler of Div. 76 to Miss Emma Zand.

At Mayport, Fla., Bro. C. O'Donald, Jr., of Div. 28 to Miss Marion L. Burrows.

At Wilmington, Del., Bro. A. C. Hayden of Division 17 to Miss Anna D. Buckmaster.

Bro. A. J. Ranger to Sister Bertha Hoy of Div. 54.

Bro. R. E. Meriken of Div. 28 to Miss Poston.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

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The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Blue Canon, Cal., Bro. J. J. Mason of Div. 53.

At Cabinet, Idaho, Sister K. J. Kirch of Div. 54.

At San Francisco, Cal., Bro. A. W. Bissell of Div. 53.

Sister of Bros. J. A. and A. P. Sanderbeck of Div. 17.

Wife of Bro. S. G. Tresler of Div. 17.

Sister of Bro. Jesse Bone of Div. 17.

At Everly Iowa, father of Bro. A. O. Grendler of Div. 6.

At Edison, O., Bro. C. L. Miller of Div. 3.

Father and sister of Bro. J. F. McCartney of Div. 3.

At Massillon, O., mother-in-law of Bro. W. E. Kilbow of Div. 33.

At New Philadelphia, O., mother of Bros. J. R. and T. W. Davis.

In France, Bro. Lloyd Tryon of Div. 26.

Mother of Bro. Chas. H. Berry of Div. 33.

At Green Cove Springs, Fla., father of Bro. T. L. McDaffie of Div. 15.

Wife of Bro. George Donnella of Div. 37.

Bro. H. P. Magee of Div. 42.

Daughter of Bro. D. S. McKinnon of Div. 133.

At Bedford, Ind., wife and son of Bro. W. E. Hyslop of Div. 180.

Father of Bro. J. W. Sheriff of Div. 133.

Sister of Bros. E. B. and Gayel Sullivan of Div. 61.

Father of Bro. J. M. Mein of Div. 7.

Sister of Bro. C. R. Brown of Div. 76.

Mother of Bro. Leyerle of Div. 32.

Bro. Gern F. Hall of Div. 19.

At Bordeaux, France, Bro. Ray Marrs of Div. 26.

At Memphis Tenn., Bro. E. A. Lee of Div. 93.

At Beaver Falls, Pa., son of Bro. S. C. Phillips of Div. 52.

At Winthrop, Minn., daughter of Bro. F. L. Hanson of Div. 71.

At Felton, Del., wife of Bro. R. Vogel of Div. 17.

Wife of Bro. W. E. Carter of Div. 91.

At Brest, France, Roy M. Keever, brother of Bro. B. R. Keever of Div. 17.

At Rochester, Pa., son of Bro. G. E. Winters of Div. 52.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

#### WANTED.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Frank LeDuke. When last heard of was living in Cleveland, Ohio. "Frank, if you see this, answer through the O. R. T. as I would like to communicate with you."

CERT. 2559, Div. 130.

Present address of Otis E. Hayes, who worked as operator at Cordova and Winfield, Alabama, in 1913-14. "Hayes, if you see this, write me."

C. H. STUTEVILLE,  
1041 North 19th St.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

Present address of E. Richardson, last heard of working for the B. R. & P., Rochester, N. Y. "F" if you see this, drop me a line.

H. E. KEELER,  
Cardinal, Ont.

Present whereabouts of Jake Hadaway. "Jake, write your old friend who worked with you at York and Jasper. Have something good to offer."

J. W. BOONE,  
Nulato, Alaska.

Address of W. T. Anson, who worked on B. & O. Lorain yard in September and October, 1917.

A. A. HAMMELL,  
804 22nd St.,  
Chippewa Lake, Ohio.

Present address of M. J. Welch, formerly train dispatcher on the Rock Island in Iowa. Any information as to present whereabouts will be appreciated.

S. NELSON,  
1541 W. 8th St.  
Texarkana, Texas.

Present address of Hugh L. Stanfiel. Last heard of working for the Western Union in 1915.

W. H. SANFIELD,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Operator Joe M. Johnson, last heard of working as operator for the R. I. Railroad at DeValls Bluff, Arkansas, during October, 1918. Age about 22 years, 6 feet tall, blue eyes, dark hair. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated by his brother, Robert L. Johnson, Jr., Doswell Va.

Anyone wishing to communicate with ex-Local Chairman S. D. Jacobs may do so by addressing him as follows:

SERGT. S. D. JACOBS,  
Co. 16, 4th Battalion,  
First A. S. Mech. Regt.,  
A. P. O. 764, A. E. F., France.

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# Ladies' Auxiliary

## ORGANIZE THE GIRLS.

(By KATE E. CARR, President.)

The war and its consequences has placed a new meaning on some very old words. In our childhood days we used to write *service, sacrifice, economy and thrift*. We didn't think much about them as we wrote, and for the most part we have not thought much about them—until the war. When the boys began to step out one by one from the protection of our homes—step out to take their places in great ranks of others who were giving themselves up to *service*—the old word took on a new meaning. Economy and thrift came to be a part of our every day vocabulary. And thus we learned the meaning and practical ways of demonstrating words learned in childhood.

With this understanding still fresh in our minds, perhaps we will be able to apply their meaning to another condition in our industrial life, that is, the women in industry. It is economic pressure which causes and has made it necessary for our girls to step out from the protection of our homes to do *service* in the great ranks of wage earners. It is now estimated that we have between eleven and twelve millions of women serving perhaps in every trade and occupation designated by the last census. We are told that over sixty per cent of all our young women are self-supporting. These working girls are young, too young, their ages ranging from 14 to 24 years.

Think for a moment of this vast army of girls, unschooled in the need of organization, toiling away under various degrees of stress, in every nook of this great country, for the price of a distressing existence—half of them working for less than six dollars a week. Surely the conditions which permit these thousands of young, careless girls to be thrust out into the world as wage earners, without any protection but their womanly instinct, which is not always developed for the emergency, are serious enough to

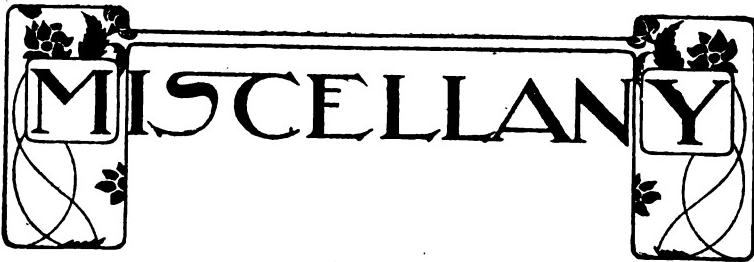
demand the attention of the thoughtful among the union men and women, legislators, teachers and preachers. In view of this sacrifice of unprotected youth and development—let us resolve to help them to help themselves. Organize them.

Every thinking woman or girl, who earns her own living, whether she washes dishes for three dollars a week, or fills a clerical position paying twenty a week, is bound to stand with all her sisters, for she will rise or fall as womanhood rises or falls. For the sake of the helpless, ignorant, unthinking ones, we must all work to organize unions of women to look after themselves. The girl who works must learn to realize that as long as she thinks she has to be *cheap*, she will be bought and sold cheap in the social as well as in the industrial world. Union men must understand that they cannot afford to ignore the women in their trades. They must help them to be co-operators instead of competitors. It is the only safe way to fight our industrial battles.

Whether you are a self-supporting girl, or a mother, if you would practice real thrift and economy in the welfare of the wage earner's home, you will affiliate yourself with this great movement of organization. If unable to give your active support, let her have the benefit of your moral support. The wage earning girl is helpless standing alone. She cannot make her individual bargain. She receives fair play only when she bargains collectively, or with the help of others. Girls who toil long hours, under all manner of environments destructive to their health and morals for six dollars a week, are, and cannot practice thrift or economy in the life and strength so necessary for the advancement of their country.

Will you help to give the working girl the wage she deserves?

Will you be an asset or a hindrance to the future welfare of your children? Decide now.



# MISCELLANY

## A SMART AGENT.

Several years ago, F. Quarrels was agent and operator at the little town of C——. It was a nice little station with a good many pretty girls in the neighborhood, all of whom liked young Quarrels. The company was paying him a splendid salary and, all told, he was well contented with his position, with just one exception.

It is a well-known fact that every little country depot has one or more bums, who seem to think something would be sure to go wrong if they should absent themselves from the waiting room any great length of time.

Long before Quarrels' advent into this town, a big, overgrown, red-headed, freckled-faced boy came into the depot one day to file a thirty-dollar claim for a twelve-dollar cow his mother owned until the "railroad ran over" said cow and "kilt" her. The agent at that time was a most courteous little fellow and he treated George Washington Bummer, the claimant's son, with so much respect that George got stuck on him then and there. He brought the little agent a bucket of water when the little agent respectfully asked him if he would, and that's where all the trouble originated. George thought that this service of his placed the agent, company and all under lasting obligations to him and that he might make the depot his loafing place for the balance of his natural life. He had loafed there from his sixteenth to his nineteenth year when Quarrels took charge.

Now Quarrels was one of these busy men who had always hoed his own row through life, and was so industrious himself that he could not endure a lazy man. He disliked George at first sight and when his predecessor told him the fellow would be his constant companion,

Quarrels began to figure up some plan by which he could get rid of him at once.

He tried all sorts of hints and every other scheme his mind conceived of, but all to no avail. George evidently had come to stay.

One day when Quarrels was up town delivering an important telegram, it happened that the Dispatcher wanted him for a train order. After calling for about ten minutes without success, he placed the order at the next office. When Quarrels "showed up," the dispatcher reprimanded him in strong terms for being off duty. Quarrels tried to explain. Dispatcher would not listen, told him he was N. G. and "we can get a man that can give good service," etc. Quarrels knew in his heart his excuse was a good one and would satisfy any reasonable man, and all this made him so mad he couldn't control himself and he gave the dispatcher a piece of his mind, using a few "cuss" words. This raised the dispatcher's ire sure enough. "No man can abuse me and get away with it. I'll be there on No. 1 and wipe up the platform with you," was what the sounder told.

Quarrels: "All right, come without fail, and I'll teach you to show some respect to a man if he is under you," was his answer. Quarrels fully intended to give him a terrible slashing on his arrival, but when his friend, the operator at the first station south, called him and told him: "Look out, he's as big as a house and got blood in his eye," his courage began to fail him at a remarkably fast rate.

No. 1 was due in ten minutes. How should he meet his adversary? Too proud to ask his pardon, too weak physically to fight him, something must be done quickly; only three minutes to train time.

Ah! suddenly a bright idea struck him.

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For once here was a chance to press George Washington into service.

"George, will you stay in the office a few minutes for me, I want to run up town."

"Why, of course, Mr. Quarrels, glad to oblige you, sir," he replied, coming into the office as though he felt greatly honored.

"If anyone comes in looking for the agent, just tell them you're the man, and wait on them," were Quarrels' instructions as he ran away.

No. 1 arrived the next moment, and as Quarrels saw a powerfully built man rush up the platform into the office, he was sorry he didn't ask George if he had any word to send to his poor old mother. On the other hand, George Washington was delighted to see the gentleman approach, thinking he would have at least one customer to wait on before the agent returned.

"Are you the agent here?" asked the giant as he ran into the office.

"Yep, anything—" the question was never finished. Something struck George fully in the face and landed him on the floor in the corner of the office. Something continued to knock and kick him about until "all aboard" was heard outside and then his antagonist hurried out and boarded the train.

This is just what Quarrels figured on. The dispatcher would come in and do him up while the train stood and then catch the same train out, lest his friends in the town should avenge his wrongs.

"Hello, George, how's biz? Has anyone inquired for me? Where are you, anyhow?" asked Quarrels entering.

"Business has been—lively. Yes, there was a gol-darned cyclone or something like it looking for you. Here's what's left of me under the desk," replied George, answering the three questions as asked.

Ten years have elapsed since the incident recorded above, and the depot at C—— has always been bumbless.

—By BOCK SCAR, in the *Station Agent.*

### THE OTHER BROTHER.

In the doorway the young woman paused a moment. The young man at the desk looked up inquiringly.

"May I come in?" the young woman asked.

"Certainly," said the young man, and pointed to the chair beside the desk.

- She was a pretty girl, with a bright look and a firm little mouth, and her clothes betokened taste and skill. The young man put down his pencil and drew back in his chair.

"You are Mr. Somers?"

"I am Robert Somers."

"I am Cecelia Thorne."

The young man bowed.

"Does the name awaken any slumbering memories?" the girl inquired.

He shook his head. "No," he replied.

"You might have added that the fact was a matter of regret," said the girl. "But I can see how it is. You are the retiring brother."

"The retiring brother?" the young man echoed.

"Yes. It is your brother who is bold and masterful."

The young man's eyes opened wider. A flush tinged his cheeks.

"Are you not making some mistake?" he asked.

"I think not," replied the girl. "Anyway, you must let me tell my story. I am Cecelia Thorne from Los Angeles. My home has been with my late uncle, James Temple. My uncle died six weeks ago. Perhaps you have heard his name?"

The young man nodded. "I saw a notice of his death. He was a retired capitalist and very wealthy."

"Yes," said the girl. "And he was also very eccentric." She paused. "Now I am coming to the point that interests you. My uncle's will was not opened until last week. In it he leaves half his wealth to me unconditionally. The other half will be mine providing I marry the son of the late Henry Carlton Somers, of New York."

The face of the young man grew red. He slightly gasped. "But why in the

world should your uncle insert such a preposterous condition?"

"Sir!"

"I mean such a singular condition?"

"That's better. It seems that when your father and my uncle were young men, my uncle in some way did your father an injury. This unfairness worried my uncle in later years—more especially after he heard of your father's death. He talked with me about it, and made me promise to do my best to right the wrong. Of course, he didn't allude to that interesting clause in his will."

She paused. "I'm a Western girl, Mr. Somers," she added with a quick change of tone, "and I believe I am a business woman. For a year or more I have had the handling of my uncle's estate, and that has been no easy task. Now I am treating this matter of the will in a business way."

"I want to be frank with you. I take you to be a gentleman. At present I have nothing to suggest. But later on I would be very glad to ease the burden my uncle has placed upon me by a suitable payment from the conscience fund he has placed in my hands."

The young man flushed again.

"That is quite impossible," he said. "I know nothing about this old debt. My father never mentioned it."

The young woman leaned forward a little.

"Well," she said, "the first thing to do is to get your positive refusal to consent to this matrimonial condition."

He looked into the eager face and drew a quick breath.

"I—don't think I could bring myself to do that," he stammered. "You must settle the—the matter to suit yourself. Why should you come here at all?"

"Because I am doing my best to carry out my dead uncle's wishes. I have a tender conscience, too. You will help me greatly if you say that it is impossible for you to marry me?"

"But I can't say that," he persisted.

"You are not thinking of the money?" she abruptly asked.

His flushed deepened.

"That is unkind," he said.

"So it is," cried the girl. "Forgive me.

Then you refuse to help me for purely quixotic reasons? Of course, you are not already married?"

"I am very glad to say I am not married," he replied.

"You shouldn't say it so seriously," said the girl, with a quick smile.

"Well, I am afraid I've failed with you. Now I want to see your brother."

"My brother? What do you know about my brother?"

The girl smiled.

"Not long before my uncle's death he sent a Western man to find out all he could concerning the Somers family. It is quite possible the glare and hubbub of the great city proved too much for this impressionable messenger. Anyway, he came back looking very tired. His report, too, was somewhat meager. He said that Henry Carlton Somers left two sons, and that the boys were radically different in dispositions. One of the sons was quiet, reserved and a hard worker. The messenger understood that the father's affairs were found to be in bad shape, and this quiet son was doing his best to straighten them out—working day and night to pay the creditors and save what could be saved. Then he heard about the other son. He was different. He'd been a famous man at his college—a great runner and football player. My uncle's messenger only heard about your other brother, he didn't see him. But he saw you and talked to you a few moments on some trumped up business."

"And may I ask how I impressed him?" the young man inquired.

"I will tell you what he said. He said you seemed lacking in spirit and apparently knew nothing about life outside your dull business grind. And now where can I meet your brother?"

"Here."

"And when?"

"I think I can find him in a few minutes. Will you wait?"

"Yes. I want this business settled as soon as possible."

The young man arose.

"I will bring him here."

"How old is your brother?"

"Our ages are the same."

"Twins! How delightful!"

"Not if we are rivals," said the young man steadily. Then he hastily added: "While we may differ in dispositions, you will find us a good deal alike in appearance, although it is quite possible you will consider Rupert better looking."

He bowed, and, taking his hat, passed into the hallway.

It was a fifteen-minute wait. Then a step caused her to turn. A young man was entering, a brisk young man who came directly toward her with outstretched hand.

"Glad to meet you, Miss Thorne," he said. "I'm Rupert Somers. Robert has told me all about you and your jolly queer mission. How do you do?"

Cecelia gave him a quick glance. He was very like his brother in looks. Perhaps he was a little taller, and there was a different shade to his complexion. That might have been accounted for by his gray business coat and his pale blue tie. But there was a wide difference in the facial expression of the two Somerses. Robert was quiet, almost grave. Rupert was suave and smiling.

"So your brother has told you about my uncle and his will, and—and about me?"

"He spun it out in a hurried way, but I fancy I grasp the essentials. Bob seemed precious serious about it, but the romance caught me."

"Romance?"

"Don't you regard it so?" he lightly asked.

"Certainly not. It's cruel. It's abominal!"

He laughed softly. "You take it too seriously," he said.

She resented his tone. "What is it that you think I take too seriously? The matrimonial suggestion?"

"Perhaps. At the same time that needn't bother you materially. It's all in your hands. It isn't as if you were facing poverty, you know."

"I don't think that would make any difference," she said with a little snap in her voice.

He looked at her in a lazy way and nodded. "I don't believe it would with

you. Perhaps you wouldn't mind telling me?"

"Telling you what?"

"Telling me what you forfeit by not carrying out your uncle's new way to pay old debts?"

She hesitated, and then lightly laughed. "Call it in round numbers two millions."

He softly whistled.

"That's surely a pot of money!" he said. Then he added: "Do you know, I don't think it was quite fair for you to come and tell us this fairy story. It's disquieting."

"You like money?" said the girl.

"Yes. Perhaps respect it, too. I never saw much of it. Dad had to scrimp to get me through college. When I came out I didn't seem to have any way of earning money, except by playing baseball, and dad wouldn't hear to my becoming a professional. Then dad's affairs got into a tangle—they had been going from bad to worse for a long time—and I had to give up what I was doing—it was something brisk and bustling that promised very fairly—and come into the office here."

She looked at him curiously.

"I have heard you were quite a famous man at college," she said.

"It was the sort of fame that shrivels in the autumn," he laughed.

He certainly was a pleasant fellow—and she instantly contrasted him with the quiet and subdued brother bending over the dingy desk.

"You are very unlike your brother Robert," she told him.

"That's not a discovery," he said. "Other people have contrasted us. But we are very congenial just the same. Bob never gets a dollar that he doesn't share with me. There are not many of them, but that doesn't impair the rule."

"And you live on Robert's earnings?"

"Yes. Why not?"

The girl's face clouded. His easy manner, his careless tone, his utter indifference to criticism, grated on her sensibilities.

"We are drifting from the business that brought me here," she said abruptly. "Your brother has told you what it is. I am trying in my own way to carry out my dead uncle's wishes. His heart

was set on it. I would be very ungrateful if I did not do my best." She paused and steadied her voice. "You will understand that I fail to regard the clause in my uncle's will from any sentimental point of view."

"If you did," said Rupert Somers, "you would not be here."

The girl brightened up.

"Thank you," she said. "That was nicely interpolated. And now I want you to help me still further. If you will say you have no desire to marry me, it will make my mission much easier."

He slowly smiled as he watched the flush rise in her cheeks.

"I'm a sportsman," he said, "and I take my chance when it comes. Bob has the inside track. Bob saw you first. I mean to play fair."

The girl tried hard to frown. Then she laughed, a laugh full of dimples and so infectious that Rupert Somers laughed, too.

"Anyway, I'm sorry I came," she said with a little pout. "I never expected to meet such silly boys. Your staid brother is quite as foolish as you are."

The man's face suddenly grew grave. "I may be violating a confidence," he said, "but I want you to know that Bob is hard hit. Don't blame him, please."

"I blame myself for coming here," said the girl quickly. "And as neither of you seem to take me seriously—"

"I'm sure Bob would," broke in the man.

"To take my mission seriously, I will go. All further business between us will be conducted by mail."

He looked dismayed as she arose.

"Please don't go yet," he said. "I fear I have blundered. Anyway, you will wait until Bob returns." She hesitated. "I—I know that Bob means to ask you out to dinner. It will be such an unusual pleasure for Bob."

She looked at his distressed face and laughed and sat down.

"Do you know," she suddenly said, "that if you and your brother could be

combined, you would make an unusually agreeable personality. You lack his steadiness, and he lacks your liveliness. It's almost a pity you can't make a composite of yourselves."

His face cleared. He suddenly laughed.

"Would the united Somers prove sufficiently agreeable to solve that bothersome clause in the will?" he asked.

She flushed again.

"Isn't it time for your brother's return?" she asked.

"Yes," he answered. "Bob allowed me fifteen minutes." He arose and seemed to hesitate. Then he walked quickly to the desk, and, seating himself, bent over the papers for a moment. When he looked up his expression had changed. The liveliness and sparkle had faded from it, his hair was pushed back, his eyes were grave and steady.

"So you have seen Rupert?" he quietly said.

The girl started up and stared at him.

"You!" she stammered, and came closer. "Are—you Robert or Rupert?"

"I am both," he answered. He slowly smiled. "I am the composite. Forgive me for the little play. I told you I was an amateur actor. When you seemed so positive there were two Somers, I suddenly determined to introduce the other one. I borrowed the coat and the tie, and the rest was art. Besides, I—I wanted to show that there was another side to my character. I resented that picture of me your uncle's messenger brought home."

She continued to stare at him. "That was very well done," she said. She paused a moment. "I hope you will not put away Rupert entirely when you put away the coat."

His face brightened. "I knew you hadn't detected me when you spoke of the—the clause."

"Bother the clause," said the girl.

He suddenly arose. "Will you let me take you out to dinner?" he asked.

She nodded.—By W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

# POETICAL

## Sunshine and Shadow.

Whatever is our calling in this earthly life  
of ours,  
We never need expect to find all sweet and  
thornless flowers;  
The shadows follow sunshine, and, to make  
this life complete,  
We all will have to learn to take the bitter  
with the sweet.

My life is full of sunshine, of brightness, for  
you see,  
My husband is a member of the worthy  
O. R. T.;  
And yet our married sisters know an oper-  
ator's wife  
May find some very vexing things to mar  
her quiet life.

For instance, when she's settled down, the  
autumn cleaning through,  
And wintry blasts begin to sweep around  
the chimney flue,  
It isn't just the nicest thing to have an or-  
der come  
To break all up and move away and seek  
another home.

Of course, her husband wants to go, is glad  
of the promotion;  
But she is thinking of her home with all  
things in commotion,  
And all the trouble, toll, and care, before she  
gets them right;  
Just then the 'sunshine in her life don't  
seem so very bright.

And if she has some guests to tea, the trains  
are surely late;  
So if they have his company, the supper has  
to wait.  
She sets her heart on going to the party,  
church, or play;  
The train is late—he cannot go—so she at  
home must stay.

And in the middle of the night he's called up  
from his bed  
A washout to report, or else somebody's sick  
or dead;  
And she will listen nervously when she is  
left alone,  
Expecting sure some burglar fierce will come  
while he is gone.

And so I might go on and tell the many ills  
of life;  
The many trials that beset an operator's  
wife;

But we must bear them patiently to make  
this life complete;  
We always have to learn to take the bitter  
with the sweet.

By MRS. C. C. COLEMAN,  
Onalaska, Wis.

## The Vision.

I had a dream of conquest  
In which myself appeared,  
Commanding armored millions  
Where mighty ramparts reared;  
But when the foe surrendered  
His horde of beaten men,  
The angel Death stepped in before  
My eyes, and asked, "What then?  
The sword of mighty foeman  
Is tendered now to you;  
Is this the pinnacle of fame  
That tempts men brave and true?  
And have you, then, no pity  
For the loved ones of the dead?"  
I woke, once more, in peaceful scenes,  
Far from the rivers red.

I had a dream of riches,  
And viewed myself a peer;  
The doors of ease and grandeur  
That wealth had opened, near.  
By kings and nobles honored,  
Center of envious eyes;  
Again the angel Death stepped in  
Between me and my prize.  
"Have you no thought of those whose lives  
In poverty are spent,  
That you may lounge on cloth-of-gold  
In base abandonment?  
Does not your vision picture  
The hungry face of them  
Whose toil has earned your millions?"  
Thank God! A dream again.

I had a dream of service  
To all my fellow men;  
My time was spent in helping  
All those within my ken.  
I cheered the weak and faltering  
And helped them on their way;  
I found no time to loiter,  
But toiled from day to day.  
Than blessing of my fellows  
I craved no other gain,  
And counted each day wisely spent  
I eased another's pain.  
And while I dreamed of service  
For naught but friendship's sake,  
An angel fair appeared and said,  
"Peace, Sleeper! Do not wake."

GEO. A. MEYER, Cert. 2219.

# FACETIOUS

## The Way Out.

"Madam, your husband footed the bill."  
"There! I knew he'd kick about it."

## Early or Late.

Nipp. I saw the sun rise this morning. Do you ever do that?

Tuck. No, it never dawns on me.

## Not Very Fetching.

He. The doctor says Mayme has acute indigestion.

She. I don't see anything cute about that.

## He Settled It.

"I'll say this for the great war."

"What?"

"It didn't last long after my boy got into it."—*Detroit Free Press*.

## Its Oddity.

"There is one thing distinctive about advice."

"What is that?"

"It is about the one thing free which people don't want to take."

## Her Status.

Friend of the Family. How is the baby sister getting along, Henry?

Learned Little Boy. Pa says she's a cataclysm in the family; she's such a cry-sis.

## Generally the Way.

"He married money."

"Wasn't there a woman attached to it?"

"Too much attached to it, he found out later."—*Pearson's Weekly*.

## Room for 'Em.

"There are a great many tiers in this jail."

"Yes, and there ought to be another kind."

"What is that?"

"Profiteers."—*Baltimore American*.

## In the Fell Clutch.

"I am sensible to the honor you do me, Mr. Johnson, in the proposal of marriage you have just made," said the haughty young lady, "but circumstances over which I have no control compel me to decline the honor."

"What are those circumstances?" demanded the young man.

"Your circumstances, Mr. Johnson."—*Edinburgh Scotsman*.

## Cut it Short.

The editor dropped into a barber's and asked for a hair cut.

The man with the shears was inclined to be talkative.

"I don't know sir," he began, "whether you have heard that story about the boy who— Then, with a sudden recollection of his professional duties, he interjected: "Like it short, sir?"

"Yes, yes," said the editor, eagerly. "A brief synopsis will do."—*Answers*.

## Not Far From It.

"Our new nurse must be a Bowery product."

"Why?"

"She speaks of the nursery as the nosery."

"Well, she's about right at that."—*Kansas City Star*.

## A Necessity.

E. Berry Wall was walking on the Biarritz promenade when a young lady in one of the new blouses passed.

The blouse was cut very, very low in the neck, the short sleeves did not reach the elbow, and the material employed was of the finest, sheerest gauze.

"There goes the young Countess de la Tour," said Wall's companion. "What airs she puts on!"

"Well," said Wall, "with a blouse like that it's necessary to put on something, isn't it?"

**From the Chestnut Tree.**

"Didn't your brother, the preacher, have a church in Minneapolis?"

"He did, but he was ousted."

"Why?"

"One Sunday morning he took his text from St. Paul."

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**Good Reason.**

A staff officer tells a good one on General Pershing. It seems that a German had been captured from whom it was hoped to extract some important information, but Fritz was glum.

"What's the matter," demanded the general. "Are you sore at France?"

No, Fritz wasn't sore at France, or England, or Belgium.

"It's dot Christopher Columbus. He discovered America!"—*K. C. Post.*

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**Too Deep.**

At a dinner in Washington the French ambassador was enthusing on the popularity of the Yank in France. As an illustration he cited the case of a Yank on leave who entered a jewelry store in Paris and asked: "Can you take the name of Mable off this ring and substitute Joan?"

"Yes," said the jeweler, "but it will cost something, the letters are cut so deep."

"All right," said the Yank, "go ahead and fix it, but don't cut 'em so deep this time."

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**The Pikers Suffer.**

"Who is that poor fellow with the guards watching him?" asked the visitor to the penitentiary.

"Oh, he's a desperate criminal," replied the warden. "He is doing twenty years. He wrecked a train."

"And who is that trusty who seems to have so many privileges?" asked the visitor.

"Oh, he's a financier," replied the warden. "He is doing two years. He wrecked a railroad."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

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**What He Did.**

The conversation turning to the beauties of Chaucer, a spirited discussion en-

sued. Not one of the members of the Christmas gathering had ever seen, much less read, a line of that gentleman's works; but they all had to pretend they had.

Grandma, however, was foolish enough to confess her ignorance.

"Who is this Mr. Chaucer?" she asked. "Is he very popular in society?"

"Madam," solemnly responded one of the debaters, "that man did something that forever shuts him out from society."

"Heavens!" exclaimed the worthy dame. "And what was that?"

"He died, madam, several hundred years ago!"—*Tit-Bits.*

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**Had a Reason.**

Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, paymaster of the navy, said the other day:

"Graft disappears from army and navy contracts with the disappearance of the grafting middleman. Of course, most middlemen are honest, but the grafting ones we warn off."

"We take up the position of Smith, who cut an extract from his paper one morning."

"What are you cutting out?" Smith's partner asked.

"An item," he answered, "about a chap who secured a divorce because his wife went through his pockets."

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Put it in my pocket," said Smith."—*Washington Star.*

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**WHY HE EMIGRATED.**

Sir Douglas Haig, the Scottish Commander in Chief of the British armies, once said at a London dinner party:

"A Scot bored his English friends by boasting about what a fine country Scotland was."

"Why did you leave Scotland," a Londoner asked, "since you liked the place so much?"

"The Scot chuckled.

"It was like this," he said. "In Scotland everybody was as clever as myself, and I could make no progress; but here—and he chuckled again—"here I'm getting along verra weel."

# Our Correspondents



## AN EMBLEM OF HONOR

If you will kindly allow me space, I would be glad to have you take up the question of membership service in our Order for discussion through THE TELEGRAPHER. I have been a loyal and faithful member of the O. R. T. for 27 years and feel there should be some recognition given to members who have rounded out 25 years or more in our Order.

When I joined the Order, June 27, 1892, it was done in secret. Had the company known of it I would have stood a good chance of losing my job, as they did not permit anything of the kind in those days. I understand the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen give their members a gold pin for 25 years' membership. Would be glad to hear what the Brothers think of the idea, and in what way recognition should be shown.

Cert. 65, Div. 33.

## MORE GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

It is to be hoped that the brothers and sisters will bear with the cranks (are we?) on this question of Government ownership of railroads. It is only by discussion that the merits or demerits of the matter can be settled one way or the other. Not the discussion of high financiers, but of the everyday worker like ourselves. It is to be hoped that the members will take the criticisms of their views in the spirit they are given and not fly off the handle, calling the other fellow a numskull, ignoramus, or worse. It is laughable and interesting, at least to me, to read some of the articles on this question and note the inconsistencies of them. An instance will be found by reading the article written by Cert. 162, Div. 88. He recounts therein the experience of not only

our own organization, but what can be taken as the experience of organized labor throughout the entire railway industry. The trials of the past are compared with the great advantages gained during the past year during Government operation. He then jumps to the question of profits and concludes by saying that the roads should be returned to private ownership and left there until the people in general are ready for public ownership with the profit cut out. How does he know that the time is not already here? Give the people the facts and they will be ready for just that thing. The only way that can be accomplished is by publicity, and it follows that the labor periodicals and press of the country must be used to the full for that purpose. I am therefore attempting to show what may be reasonable to expect were the Government to own the roads outright and cut out the profit. It must be strictly remembered, however, that this is all estimated, but the figures have been placed so low that there is every reason to believe that the total saving would be far in excess of what is here given. Also I am no authority on railroad matters, but have done the best I could with the material at hand and feel confident that it is very conservative. The basis for this computation will be found in the "Report to the President by W. G. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads of the work of the United States Railroad Administration for the first seven months of its existence, ending July 31st, 1918." The saving therein set forth is that in officers' salaries which amounts to \$4,614,889, to which we add 10 per cent as representing a reasonable further saving under complete Government ownership, making approximately \$5,114,889. Next comes the Law Department, where \$1,500,000 has

been saved. Add ten per cent as above and it gives \$1,150,000. Consolidating ticket offices has saved the sum of \$23,566,633. In eliminating unnecessary passenger trains there were saved 47,420,000 miles traveled by these trains. Without unduly inconveniencing the public we can add to that an additional 6,000,000 miles or a little less than 13 per cent for a total saving of 53,420,000 miles traveled by unnecessary passenger trains. Using 15 cents per mile as a cost basis, and we know that 15 cents will not begin to cover the cost, we find that there would be saved annually the small sum of \$8,342,000. Estimated saving in the consolidation of freight and passenger terminals we feel would add another \$20,000,000 per year. We will now add \$100,000,000 for the following: Shortening of freight routes, intensified use of freight cars, standardization of equipment, elimination of competition in the purchase of supplies, through way-billing, abolishing the per diem car rental system, and uniform accounting system. Of the above items Mr. McAdoo says the railroads of the country spend annually between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 for supplies on which a considerable saving has already been made by eliminating competition in the purchase of them, so it will be seen that the amount stated as a possible saving is ridiculously small. In fact, we feel that anyone who makes this problem a study will question the figures quoted, but that is their privilege, as it is not my intention to try to show the total prospective saving under Government ownership. We now come to the most important item of all and the one responsible for the 25 per cent increase in freight and passenger rates to pay our increased wages, viz.: capitalization. In the report above referred to, the railroads had outstanding on December 31, 1916, the following: \$10,875,206,565 of bonds and \$8,755,403,517 of stock (par value), on which interest and dividends must be paid. Let us assume that the average rate of both interest and dividends amounted to 4½ per cent. The

total capitalization on above date then was \$19,630,610,182, bearing an annual interest charge of \$834,300,932. It must be borne in mind, however, that were the Government to purchase the roads today this would, of necessity, have to be carried for a few years to pay the interest on the Government bonds which would be issued for the purpose and also to establish a sinking fund with which to redeem the bonds at maturity. But, had the roads been purchased twenty years ago the bonds would have been in process of redemption now, which would eliminate that annual interest charge of nearly a billion dollars, together with the other savings which would have been made, could have been used to increase our wages to the present level and at the same time reduce instead of increase freight and passenger rates. It seems fatuous for anyone to say that the public is not ready for Government ownership of railroads, with profit eliminated, when they have never, at least generally speaking, had the matter put up to them as to just what could be expected to be accomplished in better service, lower freight and passenger rates, as well as better wages for all railway employes. We certainly cannot expect the public to be ready for such a move when our large daily press seldom mentions the subject and when it does to yelp like a whipped dog on the inefficiency of Government operation on the showing made during the last year. They forget to say that when the roads were taken a good per cent of them were tied up in such shape, due to the abnormal weather conditions in the early months of 1918, that it took four to five months to get matters straightened out to normal conditions, causing an enormous loss, and that the roads were operated primarily for the winning of the war instead of trying to show the public what could be done under Government operation. I am strong for Government ownership until it has proven beyond doubt that it will not work under normal conditions and that proof has not and could not by any stretch of the imagination be given under

conditions as they have been for the last year. Do not understand me to say that Government operation will prove to be the best solution of the railroad problem, for no man in this country can truthfully say that when the proposition has never been tried. But, brothers, answer this question, and answer it fairly and honestly: If the Government found the railroads so terribly inefficient that the roads had to be placed under Government operation in order that troops and the necessary war material could be moved with the utmost dispatch and precision for the winning of the war, why should it not be just as necessary for the continued well being of our people in peace times to continue Government operation, plus Government ownership with profit eliminated? Bring the matter as outlined above before the public and Government ownership would be a success tomorrow. It is our job, as I see it, to get figures on this line before the people in order that they may form their own opinions on the matter from an unbiased source and not from papers wholly committed to private ownership. Perhaps you say that I am biased, but such is not the case. I want the best possible method of transportation and communication for the country, regardless of whether the solution is Government ownership or otherwise. No man can be honestly biased in his opinions on a question when only one side of it has been tried. We cannot use the Government railways of Europe for a comprehensive comparison, for Europe is trailing us in more ways than one. It matters not if it be better service or worse in Europe than in America; America's problems must be solved by Americans. Let us get down to business and make the trial, as that is the only honest test of its success or failure we can accept.

Cert. 4321, Div. 17.

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#### AN ADVOCATE OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

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In a recent issue of THE TELEGRAPHER there appears a letter by Cert. 2080 in

regard to Government ownership of railways. With your permission, I would like to say a few words in this connection.

I don't quite agree with Cert. 2080. Why anyone at this time of rapid changes and advancement should advocate private ownership of our railroads is beyond me. No, let the people be the owners; let the systems be run by efficient heads appointed by the people; let the people derive the benefits therefrom and not a few of the favored ones.

To begin with, your correspondent says that the end of the war means the end of "Autocratic Government and Serfdom." That is still an open question and it remains for the people to say whether or not it shall be. "Autocracy," according to our dictionaries, means "Supreme Authority." How can autocratic government end if we still allow a few to get rich beyond all requirements from the efforts of the workers. Isn't it natural for the few who have that authority to exercise it? It is human nature. You and I would do it were we in the favored position.

Cert. 2080 also states that "Ownership and Power begets bigotry and oppression." I quite agree with him. This has been demonstrated in every walk of life under private ownership. Surely, if the people had "ownership and power," they would not turn around and oppress themselves. It is reasonable to think not. No doubt, conditions at the present are much better than they were only a few years ago, and, as our brother puts it, some of these corporations are, to a certain extent, regulated by the Government; but what has caused this? It is because of the noise of the workers, clamoring for better conditions, and not because the few wanted to give us any such thing. Had they really wanted to even be reasonable with us, our unions never would have existed. That is why you and I have these precious little "cards" tucked away in our vest pockets. These are the "arms" we bear when we step on the field of battle to fight the autocrat with his "supreme authority."

The fight is on now, so let us see that every available man is "bearing arms." However, I had better not "wax eloquent."

I wonder, Cert. 2080, did you ever ask yourself this question? "Why did the Government take over the railways?" and that in the most eventful times, too. Here is how I have it figured out: Transportation was going to be the heaviest the country had ever heard of in the way of moving troops, ammunition, food stuffs, etc. Railways at some points were likely to become "plugged," while at others, through competition, we were likely to see a wastage; that is, cars being hauled half loaded, while at the same time a competing company would be doing the very same thing, from and to practically the same points. Another thing: In cutting out competition a great number of men could thereby be released from the railroads and were at the service of the Government. In other words, the Government took over the railroads so as to insure an A1 service and have everything and everybody working capacity. Now, if the Government can make a success of it in the most strenuous of times, surely they can do so in normal times. As to the men referred to above being released, in peace times, in place of being released, let the working hours be reduced and have all men working. This applies not only to railroading, but to all trades.

Short as the government ownership duration has been, it has been pronounced a success. It would be interesting to see it put to a real test and give them a chance to get it down to a "fine thing." I am sure the roads would never go back to their original owners. No doubt some of us would be made to step a little faster than we do now, but that wouldn't harm us a bit and it would all help to a better service.

Cert. 2080, there is nothing in the world to hinder any government from taking over any corporate enterprise. Let us get them all and run them all for the good of all.

Then you talk of dishonest politicians.

Alas, there are too many of them, but do not let that stop us from taking a step forward. Our unions are getting stronger all the time and will soon be in a position to do that. We must have faith in our own strength.

As to the public being greater in number than ourselves and imposing something on us they do not understand, I do not think it will work that way. When government ownership extends to all corporations, which it will do eventually, the workers will take a bigger interest in one another than they do now, as they will all be under one master, and that master, themselves. Yes, let it be a government of the people, by and for the people. When that time comes, financial gain is naturally cut out. The concerns run by the Government will be run for service and service first. The previous financial gain will then be used up by raising wages, bettering service and working conditions, reducing rates, etc.

And all this brings us to that other point you mention, viz: "Great Brains." Too well do we know now that these great brains have been used to our disadvantage in the past, or why should we kick. "Stunt and prematurely die," you say. Let them die, or better still, let us help kill them, and in so doing give our own brains a chance to become great under the "sunlight of opportunity." Then, when brains are used to the advantage of all, and then only, can we truly call them great. Cert. 1337.

#### PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATION.

In considering government operation of railways, the only fair proposition is to compare what has taken place under government control with our past experience under private control, and figure for ourselves what would have happened had railways remained in private hands during the war.

We have certainly gained more during the past year of government operation than during many years before. We

have organized some of the largest systems in the country, whose private managements have heretofore successfully resisted our efforts. We have increased our membership at a rate that would have been impossible except under an administration favorable to our aims, and perhaps most important of all, the eight-hour day has been established.

A good portion of this progress must, of course, be credited to our past efforts in building our organization to a point where it could be effectively used; but, judging from past experience, we would have had no such opportunity to organize the Santa Fe, the Pennsylvania, the Great Northern and other lines but for government control and Mr. McAdoo's friendly attitude; and probably no such increase in wages without a terrific struggle. Please remember that at the beginning of the war the cry of big business was: "Labor should not demand better pay and working conditions during the war; it is not patriotic!"

And it appeared that the private managements were inclined to fight it out on that ground.

The operation of the railroads as a war measure, however, is no criterion of what might be done under public ownership; in fact, the first principle of public ownership, namely, the elimination of profit, was set aside, and the Government in taking control burdened itself by undertaking to guarantee profits all around, and no questions asked.

Entering the war, the Government found itself crippled by the railways having fallen down, and being unable to give the necessary service. In order to carry on, it became necessary to take over the roads, pay a billion dollars a year rental or profit, and raise wages; this involved a big increase in rates, and the public naturally became dissatisfied. A great many people said: "There, you see public ownership won't work," when in fact no such thing as public ownership has been attempted at all.

If the Government is to take over, own and operate the railroads, it should be done at a time when conditions are nor-

mal, not as a hasty war measure to save the country from peril and privation; when the cost of living is nearly stationary, and increasingly high prices do not make it necessary to abruptly and repeatedly increase wages; last and most important, profit must be eliminated. Under these conditions government ownership could be given a fair trial.

The present experiment of private profit under public operation gave us higher rates; it had to, if the profit was to be paid and wages kept up. Another time, under an administration unfriendly to labor, it might bring lower wages.

The only thing to do, then, is to return the roads to private ownership and let them alone until such time as the people are ready for public ownership with the profit cut out.

There is no half-way ground between private ownership and public ownership.

Cert. 162, Div. 88.

#### THE BROAD INDUSTRIAL VIEW

The United States is primarily an industrial nation. While its chief source of wealth is agriculture, the majority of its people derive their living through industry. The great cities of the country are built upon manufacture and commerce. When the factories close and commerce is stagnant the cities soon show a pinched face. The easy, carefree swing of the people passing to and fro disappears, and in its stead the parade ambles in slouchy lines, unkempt, ambitionless, apparently without purpose. Dogged responses replace cheerful greetings; sullen silence chides merry laughter.

The sunlight of nature cannot penetrate the gloom. Men's souls are heavy with the burdens of life. Plans for the future are thrust aside. Selfishness clutches at the heart.

The attitude of mind changes. Men think of themselves and of their own small interests. Confidence is lost. Industry has received a severe blow. It has cliffs to scale to reach its normal level.

Against this attitude of mind, against this poison in the blood of industry, the United States Department of Labor raises its voice and bids men to look forward, upward, beyond the scope of their own vision.

The world is passing through the greatest economic change in its history. And in this change the workers of the world have already advanced to a new position. They have taken a place in the constitution of the League of Nations. Their interests and their aims have been recognized by the countries of the world.

Never before in the life of this republic have so many agencies been put to work to relieve labor, to tide over the rough passages of the world-wide economic obstructions that have arisen from the war.

The United States Department of Labor has established employment agencies everywhere to unite the job and the job hunter; it has applied its energies to urging the Governors of all the States, the Mayors of all the cities, and all public spirited organizations in the country to resume the public work that was stopped by the war; it has, after careful scientific surveys of industry, selected building as the basis for restoring the country to its normal pursuits.

The Department from its investigations and its understandings of conditions, knows that confidence now is the basis of industry. Busy industry brings happiness to the people.

This country is the richest in the world. Its influence is universal. Its industrial advantages were never so good, for never before has it had the chance of entering the markets of the world through the gateway of sentiment. Its ideals and its purposes in the great war command the gratitude of civilization, and the writing of those ideals and purposes in the constitution of the League of Nations places it at the head of world affairs, political and industrial.

Viewed in its broad aspect, America today occupies the highest points of human progress. The world, and all the interests of the world, look to her for guidance.

Americans shall rise with their country. They shall burst through the primitive shell of their past vision and look out upon the vast forces that call upon them to release their tremendous industrial powers.

But hope must supplant misgiving.

Confidence must take the place of doubt.

Americans must know their own industrial capacity as the world knows it, and, knowing, live up to it.

The broad industrial view, supported by the logic of her position, discloses American industry leading the world, her ships weighted with cargo for every land, her people prosperous and her way to progress cleared by the force of her national character.



# FRATERNAL

## NOTICE

All items for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 25th day of the month in order to insure their insertion in the following issue.

### St. Louis, Mo., Div. No. 2.

#### St. Louis, Mo., Division No. 2—

At the regular meeting on February 17th the election was held for local officers, as follows:

Chief telegrapher, L. W. Quick; and secretary and treasurer, R. J. McElhinney (re-elected); first vice chief, Will C. Long; second vice chief, R. L. Evans; and the ballots were counted for officers of the roads in the jurisdiction of Division No. 2, and declared elected, as follows: Local chairmen—Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Ry., St. Louis District, R. E. Johnson, Jerseyville, Ill.; Peoria District, H. C. LeMasters, Bath, Ill. "Clover Leaf" (T., St. L. & W. R. R.), St. Louis District, H. A. Carmichael, Charleston, Ill.; Toledo District, H. S. Walters, Marion, Ind.

Delegates to the convention to be held in St. Louis, commencing May 12, 1919: H. S. Walters, Marion, Ind., and J. V. Livesey, Sorento, Ill., and alternates, Elmer Tanner, Charleston, Ill., and G. W. Fislar, Swayzee, Ind.

At the following meeting, on March 17th, the local officers heretofore named were installed.

R. J. McELHINNEY, S. & T.

#### Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R.—

Brothers, keep after the nons closely. There are only a few of them left. All are getting good money now and there is no reason for them remaining out any longer.

The agent who, it is claimed, is running a "ham factory" in his depot; the "dog fancier" and the "prize poultry raiser" who "can't afford to join" the order; the West End brother who says he only pays his dues "as a donation to the O. R. T." and the one who went delinquent in order to save the \$5 extra assessment, notwithstanding the increases he has received; also those who promised recently to join but have not yet done so, are the ones who should receive our special attention just now; and don't forget, either, that "No card, no favors" works wonders in such cases.

Bro. Elson has returned, relieving Bro. Sampson, who relieved Bro. Leitch, who went to Charleston for a few days, thence

to Cayuga. Later Bro. Cleary relieved Bro. Sampson, who relieved Bro. Bumgardner, who went to Fillmore on account of sickness. Bro. Lindvell, we regret to note, is still on the sick list, and Bro. Delong, agent Greentown, is down with the "flu," relieved by J. P. Alexander, who previously relieved Bro. Paulson while off several days with erysipelas, Bros. Ruffy and Delong doubling until his arrival.

Be sure not to forget to keep after that non with or near you. We want to make the road solid O. R. T., and it won't take long to do it if every member will do his or her duty.

CERT. 215.

### New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

#### New Haven Div., N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—

The newly-elected officers for the ensuing year were installed at the March meeting by Past Chief Telegrapher F. A. Brown, after which Chief Telegrapher O. S. Culver appointed Bro. J. J. McNeil as marshal, Bro. E. Conroy as inside sentinel, and the undersigned as division correspondent.

Seven applications for membership were favorably acted upon, three of whom will be known as sisters.

Dan J. Callahan, Associated Press operator in New Haven for nearly 22 years, died February 19th after a few days' illness of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. During his early experience as operator on the old Berkshire Division he became a charter member of old New Haven Division 241, and, despite the fact that it was almost a capital offense to belong to the organization in those days, he insisted upon being relieved to attend the meetings. His employers and friends, in their publications, honor his memory and attest to his loyalty and devotion to duty.

The remains were brought from his home in Meriden to St. Lawrence cemetery, New Haven, for burial on February 22. He leaves a wife and five young children.

Leets Island and Lyme towers, also Leets Island, Millstone and Pine Orchard agencies on the Shore Line, and Leonards Bridge on the Air Line and several more tricks abandoned on the Canal, and a couple of

new tricks added on the Hartford. Bro. Moody, first Leets Island, took second Branford, and Bro. Bruhns, first Lyme, is now regular relief out of Saybrook Jct.

Bro. C. S. Dean, chief dispatcher at McCloud, Cal., an old time employee of the New Haven, pleasantly surprised many of his friends in this territory with a recent visit. Sorry he could not remain long enough to allow us to return the same brand of hospitality we received at Seattle and along the coast, where we last met.

New Haven Terminal sheet is the last to take over the 'phone. The New York Division 'phone has been installed but will continue the key until the aerial cable line is completed, some months hence.

Secretary and Treasurer Bro. McCormack, who has been down with double pneumonia, has passed the crisis and is now regaining strength. Good care should just about put him in good condition for the convention in May.

Bro. Kelly, dispatcher in Hartford, has resumed duty after a week's layoff with neuritis, relieved by Bro. Brennan.

Bro. C. C. Carey, formerly relief agent on the New Haven, who went to France in the Signal Corps a year ago, has not been heard from for a long time. Any brother who has recently heard from him, or who can advise where his relatives reside, kindly communicate with Secretary McCormack and thus favor the division.

Bro. Gibbons, second "PF" Brigeport, bid in Pier 39, East River, New York.

Bro. Gaffney, second trick leverman Mill River, has been bumped and is looking the ground over for a younger man than himself.

W. B. SHOLKOF, Div. Cor.

#### Brothers, we must prevent accidents.

Using all our faculties at all times to avoid accidents is a good way to prevent them. To us this means thoroughness and giving all our attention to our duties. Do one thing at a time so perfectly that there is no possibility of any error or misunderstanding. Persistence in exact and thorough work begets the habit of thoroughness. We must co-operate with one another. Even nature requires and commands pooled effort. The strongest man is weak alone; only by working with others can we achieve worth while results in our work. The biggest effort is bound to fail unless all co-operate, which means to join hearts as well as hands and look out for the other fellow. Carelessness is inexcusable. It is either disinterest of the heart, or disqualification of the head.

The careless worker is as impotent as the dead past, as worthless as the foam in the center of the broad Atlantic. When a man lives right, he plays fair with himself. When he works right, he is square with everybody. We must take pleasure in our work; to help our fellows is to be happy. It is imperative-

ly essential that we work together. Co-operate with heart and hands and we will prevent accidents. F. J. RYAN, Cert. 768.

#### Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

There was a good attendance at our March meeting, General Chairman Ross and Local Chairman Joslin being among those present.

Several applications were received and favorably balloted upon.

The chief telegrapher announced that the grand secretary and treasurer had ruled that Bro. W. J. Brenner, being delinquent in the M. B. D., was therefore not eligible to act as a delegate at the St. Louis convention in May, and Bro. J. D. Vanderbeek having received the next highest number of votes, was declared elected as delegate No. 3 to represent this division.

W. R. Williston secured the "ball" \$100 watch. This announcement is all that it is permissible to be published. Details can be learned from members who attended the meeting.

Monday, March 17, by invitation, Chief Telegrapher Haddock and Past Chief Vanderbeek visited the Ladies' Auxiliary and assisted them to move to their new, up-to-date hall farther down town. They have a large field here to work, and we wish them success. Madam President Sister Haddock is a hustler but needs the assistance of the membership.

Bro. Charles R. Weeks, whose wife is one of the hustling members, also visited them on this their moving day.

Our Beneficial Association now has a membership approximating 400, and no one on the sick list. During the "flu" epidemic we took care of the few who had the disease handsomely.

The amount of good the association has already accomplished cannot be measured, and, coupled with our charity box system, helps the worthy ones in need without having to use any of the division funds as formerly, or by a worse system, that of trying to raise money therefor by subscription.

Secretary-Treasurer Callis resumed as agent-operator at Tonisset on March 14th after a two-weeks' siege with the "flu." Meanwhile his O. R. T. work was ably taken care of by Bro. W. E. Moore, agent-operator at South Swansea.

Bro. McCarthy to Cranston agency, vice Bro. Holt, transferred to Elmwood Station, Providence, vice Bro. Petraca to operator Chartley, Mass.

Div. Cor.

#### New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—

On account of sickness in my family I could not attend the last regular meeting.

Bros. Ross and Tiger reported that we

would soon receive some of our back time. If you want to know what's doing, attend the meetings.

It is with a feeling of profound sorrow that we report the death of Mrs. Emily Donnella, wife of Bro. George Donnella, at her late home in New York City, on March 3rd.

Through the press we hear the hue and cry, "Make a job for the soldier," while in every industry, from the tin shop to the railroad, it is a case of "cut and slash," "close down" and "close up," neither the soldier nor the civilian having a chance to work.

Three telegraph jobs in "HY" Harlem River abolished. Two men out of the service entirely; one on the extra list, and one goes to the woods.

Bro. Carter of Redding goes to Glenbrook.

Two regular relief agents' jobs abolished, and Relief Agent Brown goes to Stratford.

Bro. Jack Shields of "HY" Harlem River goes to Georgetown, Conn., for about two weeks.

Bro. John Ollery is still on the regular relief job, but he probably won't do much relieving, as he cannot begin to cover all the special work assigned to him.

Bro. Gibbons of Bridgeport goes to Pier 39, days; closed nights.

Bro. Jim Corridon, second South Norwalk ticket office, we are pleased to say, is very much improved.

Remember that recent \$75 minimum dream? We never hear about it any more; that's why we mention it. If some of the members think it over enough, perhaps they will send in their dues out of what they now get over that amount. The organization has done good work everywhere; but nowhere much better than on the New Haven, and the work has only just begun.

CERT. 187.

#### New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

The new correspondent wishes to say that our delegates are now getting ready to go to the biennial convention at St. Louis, Mo., which convenes the second Monday in May. Great things can be expected.

Increased attendance at our meetings shows that our old enthusiasm is coming back.

The few nons can no doubt be converted from their infidelism and try to help put their shoulder to the wheel to help us get better living conditions, if the brothers will insist on those working with or near them getting into line.

Bros. Tomlinson and Flaherty attended our last meeting and their strenuous elocution was vociferously applauded. A brother who does not attend meetings should not be allowed to hold office or elected as delegate to the Grand Division.

It costs "Uncle Sam" \$2,000 a year to keep a soldier abroad. As broad-minded Americans we should be willing to do our share by purchasing Liberty Bonds.

All the members reported sick last month have returned to work.

Brothers, by all means keep your fire and life insurance paid.

Bro. Sullivan is on vacation through the N. E. States. P. T. MACNIN, Cert. 204.

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#### Chattanooga, Tenn., Div. No. 73.

Local division officers elected February 27th: A. C. Craighead, chief telegrapher; W. Hanson, secretary and treasurer; W. T. Roush, first vice; B. D. Stone, past chief; J. A. Standifer, second vice. Other officers appointed by the chief telegrapher: R. R. White, marshal; M. R. Holmes, inside, and H. E. Timmons, outside sentinel.

W. T. Roush elected delegate to Grand Division, and R. R. White alternate.

A very good crowd attended this meeting and many visitors were present from the Southern, Central of Georgia and T. A. G.

Many important matters were brought up and discussed in connection with the Club, and a benefit committee of three, with Bro. Stone as chairman, was appointed to start a fund for members or families of members who might become sick or in need of help otherwise. Further details of this will be given out later.

We have regular weekly gatherings at the Club and some special entertainment every Thursday night; regular business meeting for the local on the 22nd of each month.

We want those who have not visited the Club quarters to come up and see it, and join. We want you as a member.

Already we have fifty members in and around Chattanooga, employed on the Southern, C. of Ga., T. A. G. and Terminal Co., with a few not in active service; but so far we have not been fortunate enough to land any N. C. & St. L. operators.

Everybody should boost the Club. Any members desiring to transfer to this local division at Grand Division rates (*who are not in active service*), or any members desiring to join the Club, communicate with Secretary and Treasurer Div. 73, 504 Temple Court Bldg., Chattanooga, or write W. T. Roush, secretary, same address.

CERT. 2.

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#### Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

Bro. John J. Couillard, Cert. 423, Falmouth, Mass., resumed his former position as ticket agent and operator there, February 18th. His dues as well as the assessments in the M. B. D. department were paid by Division 89 until June 30, 1919.

Writing to have his address changed from the U. S. S. Magnet, Newport, R. I., Bro. Couillard says: Division 89 is very proud of the twenty-four members who served un-

der the "Stars and Stripes," and that he is proud to have been one of them, and is ready to serve again should a national emergency arise in the future, as he has not been discharged but placed on inactive duty for the remainder of his four years' enlistment.

When he enlisted, December 12, 1917, he was sent to the Naval Station at Newport, R. I., for two months' military training; thence to sea on the destroyer Ward, and later to the Nantucket Shoals lightship during the German submarine activity there last summer.

He says: "Radio may be great stuff, but much prefer the Morse key on the old New Haven to being rolled around."

THE EDITOR.

#### Virginia, Minn., Div. No. 127.

*D. M. & N. Ry.*—

Bro. A. W. Anderson is relieving Bro. H. Flola a few weeks.

Bro. Granley, now at Missabe Jct., will be back at "DK" as soon as the ore season opens.

Some brother in the vicinity get after the levermen at "MA." Understand they have joined the Maintenance of Way Order, but they belong to and are willing to join us. Bro. Granley is doing his bit, but one man cannot do it all alone.

New members: H. C. Gilderman, chief lineman; Agent Webb, Mt. Iron, and G. A. Rutter. It will not be long now until we will be 100 per cent; then stand by our motto: "*Stay Organized.*" We are all wearing a smile, owing to the back pay. Let's work for the future now. Lots of things can and should be adjusted.

Bro. C. I. Campbell is about to start a bee farm.

Of course! We all wear union-labeled goods.

Bro. Bernet, who left recently for points on the Omaha, wants a good, live man to run his "pop" business at Pengilly this summer, where pleasure seekers, fishermen and tourists spend many pleasant hours.

Bro. C. S. Ross and family, who went to Paridine, Cal., for several months' visit, expected to return about April 15th.

Bro. Frances has gone to Winnipeg permanently.

Bro. Brousseau, first Coleraine Jct., is relieving Agent Ross at Burnett, on vacation.

Bro. A. M. Maloney had to walk to Coleraine to test wires recently, closing Coleraine Jct. first until he returned.

Thanks to Bros. Granger and Granley for notes this month. I wish some of the other brothers would do likewise. Address to Agent Burnett.

Old motto, "*No card, no favors,*" is still in force. Don't forget this.

CERT. 52.

#### NOTICE!

##### To All Canadian Members:

On account of embargo having been lifted, we can now furnish you with emblems.

C. B. RAWLINS,  
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

##### Grand Trunk Ry., Div. No. 1.

###### Ottawa Division—

A largely attended meeting was held at Ottawa, Sunday, February 23, some 25 members responding to the roll call, including Secretary Joyst.

Schedule negotiations under discussion with the management were thoroughly explained by Local Chairman Parent, as well as other local questions of importance. It is expected that as many members will endeavor to assist at all future meetings, thereby giving all the encouragement possible to officers of the division in the maintenance and improvement of working conditions.

We sincerely regret the demise of Bros. Boss of Carlsbad Springs and Campbell of Chaudiere Jct., both active members of the Order. To the bereaved families the membership tenders its most sincere sympathy.

Sorry to hear of Bro. Harris' illness. All hope to see Bill's familiar face on duty at "RN" in the very near future. Relieved by Bro. Oates.

The lure of the West, it is rumored, is attracting some of the boys who are unable to resist the temptation.

Bro. McFarlane of Wilno gets Carlsbad. If Mac can see his way clear to offer special inducements, we might hold a meeting in that "burg" when summer rolls around again. Above subject to previous invitation from Bro. Swanston.

All track records were broken at Rockland ice races this week, according to Bro. O. Parent's report. Reports received from the division representative indicate the track to be 200 yards short of the mile. We expect an explanation at our next meeting, "O. P."

Bro. St. Louis of Maxville is assisting auditor at "SY." Understand Bro. Hanley has accepted that agency.

Regret to hear of Bro. W. J. Marchand's accidental death at St. Constant. We tender to his brother J. W., of St. Louis our heartfelt sympathy.

Bros. Ritchie of Galetta and LeVoguer of Greenfield have signed up for a year. Glad to have them with us again.

If Folkard, Smith of "BO" and Mills of "NW" have received same consideration as other telegraphers they should assist in the maintenance of present rates. The war being over, it is going to be rather hard to find excuses in the future.

Coming, coming—special assessment to cover schedule negotiations. A word to Ot-

tawa Division members is sufficient. Other local divisions, please note.

Bro. F. A. Parent of Casselman has been elected your local chairman, by acclamation, for two years. Bros. Parent and Mathews are candidates for delegates to the St. Louis convention, and Bros. Joynt and Robertson for alternates.

Bro. Skebo of Killaloe is relieving Agent Mills at Aubrey, on honeymoon.

Bro. Gleason is waiting to be transferred from Whitehall before becoming a benedict, and Bro. Robertson has been transferred into his new station.

Our "Scout" reports that George could not get a room at any of the hotels and took possession of a van which the shunter placed for "unloading" in Fraser's lumber yard. However, George reported for meeting sharp on time, although on the verge of exhaustion.

Bro. Bert Asselin, who has been laid up with influenza, resumed duty recently. Glad to hear his familiar "sine."

Let us remind the members to keep station surroundings in good condition. Take care of tariffs properly. Show the officials that we are up to date in everything and have the interests of our employers at heart.

CERT. 609.

#### *London Division—*

The eight-hour day has been inaugurated on this territory, creating a number of new positions; and third hours have been bid in at Junct. Cut by D. D. Robertson; Dundas, J. J. Howard, agent London East; Cope-town, R. C. Kirchen; Lynden, E. Fonger, operator Alford; Paris Jct., J. R. Atkinson; Woodstock, A. R. McArthur, agent Beachville; Ingersoll, W. H. Kinder; London East, W. C. Nichols; Komoka, L. G. Swales, operator Watford; Strathroy, C. H. Brocklebank; Wyoming, J. C. McMurray (non); Sarnia Tunnel, H. G. Evans, operator Brantford.

We hope our committee, now negotiating for a revision of schedule, will include the train dispatchers and secure a raise in pay all round.

The dispatchers in the London office are solid with the exception of first trick man on the west end.

Bro. Owens has been appointed third trick dispatcher Brantford. Congratulations.

Bro. P. B. Wade has been re-elected local chairman by a large majority, and also elected delegate to attend the St. Louis convention.

It is now Bro. R. C. Simpson at "W" office. There are still a few nons in this territory. Don't forget the slogan, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Miner, Dunnville, is the proud father of a pair of twins, and also sports a car.

Bro. Lamont of Kingscourt Jct. is, we regret to report, still off duty, suffering from

rheumatism of the eyes. We hope he will soon be around again.

Bro. Hurley, Dumfries, has resigned on account of ill health and the station is closed.

Bro. McMillan, Longwood, has left the ranks of the bachelors; also Bro. Fields, Harrisburg. Congratulations. They have set the pace for Bro. Patton.

Bro. Dakins has returned to Dorchester second after a spell as agent at Longwood.

Bro. Stuart, Komoka, will make the trout suffer this summer, now that he will get away at 8 p. m.

Bro. McAlister third West End, is going in more than ever this season for chickens.

CERT. 1417.

#### *Section No. 3—*

A meeting was held at Belleville on February 19th, Local Chairman Granger presiding, with about ten members present.

Bro. Bell recited reminiscences of the early days and the schedules of the Order from the first one obtained up to the present, and spent an hour or more figuring up his back time due him under the new schedule. He is some monologue artist and has wasted a lot of time working for a railroad if it was his ordinary stage speed he struck on this occasion.

Bro. Granger went into details on the workings of the new schedule, which was discussed at some length, and the boys went home with their minds relieved.

The following night a similar meeting was presided over by Local Chairman Granger at Brockville, with about eighteen in attendance, including Local Chairman Paulin of the Ontario Division of the N. Y. C. at Cornwall Jct. Bro. Parker was appointed secretary.

The schedule was discussed, the twists and crooks ironed out, and its workings explained.

A collection of \$4 was taken up to defray expenses of the room and smokes.

It was decided to hold meetings regularly, where the boys can meet the local chairman and ventilate their troubles. He is the man to prescribe for them. CERT. 2704.

#### *Section No. 11—*

Bro. C. C. Hoover, Cert. 2638, Birmingham, Mich., wishes to thank the brothers of this section and friends for their kindness and assistance during the recent sickness of himself and family.

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Would suggest to the district correspondents that they write on one side of the paper only; send in their contributions more frequently, and make them brief and concise. Our Journal is overburdened, and you can help the situation by condensing.

Write plainly and give names of places instead of office calls; place personals on separate sheets to insure prompt attention and insertion in the personal mention column monthly.

Be careful as to the correct spelling of proper names. Many of them are strange to me; and have your correspondence in not later than the 15th of the month.

GEN. COR.

#### *Second and Third Districts—*

Brothers, get right after the "nons" at your respective stations and give them no rest until they join. I presume Bro. Auclaire will get that night man at "CA."

The reward for good work is coming our way, and we are going to have both the eight-hour day and good pay.

Send your notes to our local chairman every month so we can have a good write-up.

CERT. 2781.

#### *Fifth District—*

Bro. Jones of Cardinal and wife spent a recent week-end in Montreal, meeting G. H. Chambers, brother of Mrs. Jones, who came home on the Royal George after spending three years in the trenches.

Bro. H. Boulger, agent Cedars, slipped on the ice and a 600-pound box he was helping the brakeman of No. 25 to carry across the platform fell, smashing Bro. Boulger's leg from hip to knee. He was taken to the Montreal hospital.

Chief Dispatcher, Masse has been putting on the third trick operators. Now, boys, be on hand, and if the roll is called as in olden days every thirty minutes, answer at once.

Bro. E. N. Granger, Scarboro Jct., has been re-elected local chairman of Section No. 3. His work in the past speaks for itself, and he has our hearty congratulations. Keep after the few nons on this district and see that your mate has an up to date.

I have been appointed correspondent for this district, and any items of interest will be appreciated and receive prompt attention. We want to have a good write-up every month, and as I am not in a position to know all the happenings in the district, kindly keep me posted.

CERT. 965.

#### *Sixth and Seventh Districts—*

Eleven members attended our recent meeting in Belleville, called to order at 8:30 p. m. by Bro. Granger, who described the difficult task the committee had in getting the revision of schedule settled. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 to enable some of the brothers to catch their trains. The Seventh District was well represented, but Bro. Parker was the only member there from the Sixth. Boys, take a little more interest in the meetings; try to attend, and make

them a success. You will then be fully advised as to what is going on.

Bro. Willis, relieving at Port Union while Bro. Farrell was overseas, has been transferred to second "RK" Toronto Terminals, retaining two-thirds of his seniority standing on the Seventh District, one of the many benefits the Order has secured for us. We are glad to have Bro. Farrell as well as Bro. Napolis, Oshawa Jct., back with us after having done their "bit" at the front.

C. E. Raven, Pickering, and M. A. Halliday, Brighton, are the only nons on the Seventh District. Remember, "No card, no favors." Let us make it 100 per cent solid for the first time in its history.

Bro. Burd, the veteran of the Order on the G. T. R., has been a member for over thirty years. When you think you are not getting what is coming to you, ask him how many years he paid dues without deriving any benefit.

CERT. 961.

#### *Fifteenth, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Districts—*

We should have a few notes each month. This can be accomplished with a little effort by all concerned.

The final settlement of the negotiations, now in sight, include an eight-hour day, a substantial increase in wages, retaining holidays with pay, and back time. Our committee is to be congratulated for its untiring efforts. Special mention is due Local Chairman Middleton. We trust in the near future we will be able to express our appreciation of his services in some practical way. He was relieved at Breslau while on negotiations by Bro. R. D. Ranney.

Render the company the best possible service and show the officials that they did not yield to our demands in vain. Our motto should be, "Get the business and get the nons."

We are proud of our present membership, but still have a few belonging to the "Awkward Squad"—about five on the Fifteenth, two on the Twenty-second between "WT" and "FC," and one on the Twenty-third.

Bro. Slee, agent Wiartion, and wife have returned from a vacation South, relieved by Bro. A. McKay, and Bro. Squires, agent Rockwood, from holidaying, relieved by Bro. J. Wagner.

We are glad to welcome back Bro. T. G. Connell from overseas who has resumed duty as agent at Pinkerton, vice Bro. F. Phillips to relieving staff.

Bro. A. Webster, dispatcher Stratford, went to Toronto recently to welcome home again his second son, returning from overseas.

Bro. Reid, agent Chasley, who also went to Toronto to welcome back home his returned soldier boy, was relieved by Bro. Ranney, who also relieved Agent Hamilton,

Lucknow, whole off two weeks with the "flu."

Bro. F. S. Edmonds spent a pleasant evening at the show in Toronto recently. One's company greatly enhances such pleasures.

The case of dispatchers not being represented by the Order is being referred to the War Board for final disposition.

Let us have the proper officers arrange to hold monthly meetings. Transportation is at our disposal for the asking, and the many brothers now working at three-trick stations would be able to attend without any inconvenience.

In this first attempt I am unable to give you a more detailed account of the happenings, but hope to do better in future issues.

CERT. 1733.

#### *Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Districts—*

Absent on leave: Bro. Reauck, Elsdon, 60 days, relieved by Yanet; Bro. Snyder, Climax, several days, relieved by Goltray, and Dispatcher Bro. Tyler, Cruhon, three weeks, relieved by Kirley.

Bro. Thompson is wrestling with the "flu," relieved by Miller, and Bro. Burns, Flint, on sick list, Bros. Butler and Puh doubling.

Bro. E. D. Hann, third Flint, is back with us again after having been in the Navy as wireless operator at Gibraltar, Spain.

Brothers, instead of letting the conductors make a business of using the 'phone and thereby assuming some of our duties, we should make a grievance of it in the proper way. If any of us should do anything pertaining to the train service they would make a grievance and see that it did not occur again.

I am indebted to Bro. Hixson and Dispatcher G. M. Kay for the above items.

CERT. 2613.

#### *Grand Trunk Pacific Division, Winnipeg to Watrous—*

There were 32 members present at the meeting held in Melville on March 9th at 10:30 a. m., to discuss the new schedule, the general committee, Bros. Gurwell and Walsh being with us. The manner in which they carried the negotiations through was greatly appreciated. Congratulations were in order all round.

Local Chairman Triplett presided.

The three district local chairmen were among those present, and during recess they met and re-elected Bro. Gurwell general chairman and Bro. Harrington, Regina, was appointed local chairman of that newly created district for the 60 days.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

Bro. Lytle is being congratulated on the recent arrival of Dispatcher Lytle, Jr.

The W. N. boys are very much pleased to have been included in our schedule.

On account of the new eight-hour day

there are three tricks now at Portage, with Bro. Hues, lately returned from U. S. service, on first, vice Bro. H. A. Thompson, appointed agent Semans, and J. McMinn, also returned from "overseas," on second; Sister Graham remaining on third.

Bro. Thompson was given a nice sendoff at the home of Mr. Laurie and presented with a handsome clock. He will be greatly missed in his home town.

There are also now three tricks at Pembina, Bro. W. A. Graham, back from military service, taking third.

Bro. Phillips, agent Goodeve, transferred to Central Butte, succeeded by Bro. Redford. We are sorry to lose his genial presence from the main line.

FLORENCE M. GRAHAM, Div. Cor.

#### *Watrous to Wainwright—*

Our new schedule, signed March 6th, effective October 1, 1918, pleases us all, especially the "eight-hour" part of it. Our committee deserves credit for the way it "engineered" the business.

Glad to see Bro. Goulding back again from the hospital; also welcome our new brother, Balmer, to Redford.

Bro. Craggs from Biggar is now at Swalwell.

If each brother would send me some notes every month, it would be greatly appreciated.

CERT. 815.

#### *"Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 3.*

Mrs. Moore of Maud, Ohio, whose husband, Bro. C. W. Moore, held Cert. 1410 in this division prior to his demise last October, desires to express her thanks for the donation received from the brothers of this division.

GEO. LAVENGOOD,  
Gen'l Sec. & Treas.  
Alexandria, Ind.

#### *C. U. D. Division—*

The telephoner-levermen throughout the "Ditch" have well upheld the organization against all undercurrents to separate them from the union movement. Among the latest propaganda that has come to my notice is the statement credited to one of the telephoner-levermen "do not copy one train order in a year," which is supposed to have the effect of convincing the men they do not belong in the O. R. T. However, for the information of the membership both locally and on foreign lines, I wish to make it plain that "any order regarding the movement of a train is a train order," and it makes not a particle of difference whether the order is written or verbal.

The officers in charge of union affairs of the O. R. T. have years of experience at their disposal, as well as an unlimited sup-

ply of advice from men whose purpose cannot be questioned.

Word comes at the last minute of the operation on Bro. Walsh at the Setan Hospital for appendicitis. "Tom" is our local chairman and the best liked man in the crowd. His recovery is wished for with anxiety by all.

Drv. COR.

#### Cincinnati Northern Division—

Local Chairman Hapner has asked me to act as correspondent until one can be elected.

The ice harvest at Manitou Beach successfully closed the week of March 15th, the ice company having filled its big house with over 500 cars and shipped nearly one hundred cars to various other points. The wire service being cut out recently with some other stations, in line with the company's new policy, made it very inconvenient for Bro. Ellis, the agent.

Cement City is receiving ten carloads of stone daily from the Lewisburg quarry, for cement making purposes.

Bro. E. E. Vesper, formerly of "SA," writing from Audeur, France, on German paper, with German ink, but an American pen, states he is working in a little depot about three miles out from Audeur, doing his own cooking and living a free life; but will be willing to return as soon as he has the opportunity. Address, Priv. E. E. Vesper, Co. I, 21st Engr's, Am. Ex. Forces.

There will be a list of the nons out in a few days; then we must get busy.

Section men got their back pay March 15th. We expect ours shortly.

Brothers, let's have a write-up each month. Items to date from 15th to 15th.

Thanks to the brothers who handed in items this month.

Slogan: 100 per cent organized May 1st, 1919.

WAGONROD, Cert. 2437.

#### Cleveland Division—

Bro. Ed Whalen, elected general chairman, immediately celebrated by getting the "flu," together with Bro. Lavengood, but are both back on the job again.

There has been quite an improvement in the "fone" situation as regards trainmen doing the work of operators. Watch this, brothers, and let's stamp it out.

Bro. C. L. Miller, third Edison, died March 17th of the dreaded "flu." The entire membership extend to his bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy.

Bros. A. H. and W. S. Scott are also laid up with the malady, Bros. Quay and Gallagher relieving.

Our case at Washington will have to take its turn on the roster, and as there is so much to be adjusted there, it would be a waste of time and money to place a schedule on the road until it can be gotten out complete. We are asking that our hourly rate

be based on the ten-dollar increase promised us in the fall of 1917, as other roads who signed up just ahead of the "Big Four" got the benefit of this increase. We also request double time for Sundays and a lot of other good things.

Members called in for investigation are entitled to assistance from the local chairman or any brother they may choose. General Chairman Whalen will try and attend all investigations. Keep the chairman posted.

I wish to thank the members for the support given me in the past, and will try and serve you to the best of my ability for the coming term. Will welcome any inquiry as to my work as chairman, as my files are open at all times to the membership.

"No card, no favors."

H. T. SLOAN, L. C.

#### Cleveland Division Notes—

We have the division 100 per cent. Let's try and keep it that way in the future. There are a couple of nons left yet. Let's get after them and line them up.

Bro. Sloan was off a few days on account of the election of officers at Indianapolis.

Bro. Craley, third Turner, was off several weeks recently; Bro. Dodds, third Leonardsburg, several days, and Bro. Clutter, third St. James, a few nights.

Sister Miss Corwin, third Rush, resigned.

Walsh, Lewiscenter, Cardington, St. James, Rush, Nelson and Columbia closed on Sundays.

CERT. 1499.

#### Chicago Division—

I herewith express my thanks to the boys of this division for the demonstration of their confidence in electing me local chairman. Nothing in my power will be left undone for the progress and betterment of the Order. I have very little patience with any person of anti-union views, therefore get all the nons on the line ready, for I am coming after them with a full head load of steam. There never was a time when there was an excuse for any laboring man not carrying a union card; now there is ten times less no excuse. All increases in wages, generally or specially, are attributable to union demands, and every one especially in railroad work, is now getting a rate of pay that will enable him to carry a card.

We are living in the most critical period of our history with reference to the question of labor and capital. No person is able to prophesy just what the future will bring forth. The "great thinkers" of the times are all puzzled as to the outcome of the turmoil. Therefore, we should awake to the situation confronting us and prepare for the issue.

Bro. C. O. Morlan was relieved several days by H. W. Chenault.

Bro. J. W. Insko is back from the Navy

on third Donovan, and Bros. G. C. Cooley and A. L. Broshears, returned from the Army in France, are on their old tricks at Swanington, displacing Bros. Headlee and Palmer.

The Vandalia took over third Colfax, displacing Non Paul, who went to Brant, vice Bro. Tucker, who displaced Bro. McLinn, third Earl Park. Donovan first abolished, Bro. Hughes displacing Agent O'Connor there, who went to Beaverville agency vice Bro. Adams, displacing agent Iroquois.

Several new members have joined this first half of 1919, but there are still a few nons left, offering their time-worn excuses of insolvency, who pass by me in their automobiles like a pay car passing a tramp. Their elimination will only be effected by a strict application of "No card, no favors."

Brothers, keep after them and give them no peace until they line up.

G. S. RAINY, L. C., Cert. 1876.

#### C., St. P., M. & O. Ry., Div. No. 4. *Western Division—*

March was a busy month for yours truly, the annual report covering all members initiated, dropped, transferred or died; all money transactions during the year; election ballots to get out and their returns counted; auditing committee and their reports, and also attending conference at St. Paul in connection with the general committee, in addition to our regular daily routine duties, made it a "regular job."

Surely it must be as gratifying to you as to your local officers to note the growth of the organization on our road during the past year. We now have the largest membership ever attained in Division No. 4. Your auditing committee, composed of Bros. J. P. Sisterman, A. R. Bone and L. M. Kilburg, have given us a clean bill of health to start the new year with; they also acted in the capacity of election judges and as a result found the following were elected local chairmen for the ensuing year: W. J. Liddane, D. O. Tenney, V. B. Mitchell, R. A. Coyle, A. R. Bone of the general telegraph office; C. A. Eckman, representing the linemen, and S. S. Brodt of Rice Lake, representing the exclusive agents on the general committee. The following delegates were elected: W. J. Liddane, D. O. Tenney, V. B. Mitchell and R. A. Coyle, to attend the convention in St. Louis in May. Their alternates were M. J. Harpold, J. F. Jansen, S. S. Brodt and C. J. Weygandt.

Some one on the Sioux Falls line failed to sign their name to items sent in last month, which were too late for March issue.

Bro. S. B. Dickey, Fulton, decided he did not care to accept the position of rate clerk at St. Paul, and I. J. Moyer, former agent at Amboy took it.

Sister Mallard, who relieved Bro. Lewis at Sioux Falls when he was taken down with

the "flu," was later relieved by Sister Whitcombe, returning from a visit to her parents at St. Clair, who went to Heron Lake when Bro. Lewis recovered.

Bro. M. N. Benton relieved at Montrose, later relieving Bro. F. D. Everett at Ash Creek on a trip.

Bro. P. W. Mynard is visiting his parents at Eagle Lake.

Sister R. G. Merritt is relieving on third Bingham Lake.

Bro. Hoff, who relieved Bro. Tenney while on general committee work, later relieved on vacation.

Several of our soldier boys have returned and taken their former positions.

Sister Szlowtschki lost her pocketbook recently, containing some money, her O. R. T. card, and other valuable keepsakes.

We have the smallest number of delinquents now since Division No. 4 was instituted.

The father of Bros. C. F. and E. T. Brady, at Blakely, was killed recently on the track between Blakely and Belle Plaine, and Bro. G. E. Price, of Belle Plaine, was called home owing to the death of his father. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved families.

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#### *Northern Division—*

Every local chairman has been re-elected, also our general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, which is an indication that the membership has faith in them and their work. Your support has given me encouragement and an inspiration toward greater efforts. "Stay organized," is the watchword now. I thank you for the many kind words, and ask you that these conditions may continue to exist. I will try to serve you in the same fair and impartial way as in the past.

Furnish me before the 20th of each month with the happenings in your territory. This will insure a good respectable write-up.

After two weeks' deliberations of our sub-committee beginning February 27th, with the management revising the schedule and incorporating Supplement No. 13 therein, an adjournment was taken subject to the call of the general superintendent.

Bro. S. S. Brodt, agent Rice Lake, has been elected to represent the Exclusive Agents, vice Bro. J. P. Sisterman. Give him every encouragement possible.

Bro. Kingelm, Tuscbolia first, is now on third Turtle Lake, relieved by Sister Zurbrick, who with Bros. Jenkins and Jann are at Tuscbolia, now made continuous. We are glad to note that Sister Zurbrick has recovered from the severe burns to her face and hands, caused by one of the stoves exploding when she was at Shell Lake.

Bro. Moratto, we understand, is now conducting a "ham factory" at Duluth.

Bro. Strausberg has returned from the

army and resumed on South Range second, established when second Rockmont was eliminated; Sister Svobodsy going to Turtle Lake second. C. F. Harback to Rice Lake, and Frank Matchenszki to second Deer Park.

Bro. Jacobs was a recent Minong caller, and Bro. Hagen, Washburn, visited friends and relatives at Superior over Sunday.

Bro. F. D. Sinclair, owing to reduction of force in the dispatcher's office, is back on third "K."

Another trick established at Ashland "N," making the jobs there eight hours per day. Bro. Imslund likes the change, although it cuts out his overtime.

Our chief dispatcher has agreed to in future to bulletin war jobs temporarily instead of permanent. This will eliminate the dissatisfaction relative to these conditions.

Don't forget the watchword: "Stay organized," and our motto: "No cards, no favors," and we will profit thereby.

"X," CERT. 330.

#### *Nebraska Division—*

Preparations are under way for opening up First Street office again at Sioux City, instead of having it joint with the Milwaukee.

The annual reports of the general chairman and general secretary show what great efforts have been made by these two worthy officials to perfect our organization. Each member should take the time to read them and then decide to do all in their power to help them in future.

Bro. W. H. Roper and Sister Davenport, of Oakland, have both resigned. Rumor has it that the wedding bells have rung; If so, the Nebraska members wish the bride and groom a long and happy life.

Bro. A. E. Morrell, of Division 23, is now cashier at Emerson.

Bro. W. R. Lawler has been relieving at Bancroft agency, vice Bro. Whittaker, who has a lucrative government position.

Let us try and clean up the delinquents on this Nebraska Division, and start out again upon our hundred per cent basis.

CERT. 305.

#### *Kansas City Southern R. R., Div. No. 5.*

Brothers First District:—I feel honored by the confidence you have manifested in electing me your local chairman, and will at all times work for the betterment of the division. It is my intention, with your assistance, to have a good strong write-up in the journal, keeping us familiar with the general items. The percentage of nons is very small on this division, and it's my intention to eliminate them entirely, so please get after that one working with you, and give him no rest until he comes in.

Bro. T. E. Hoff, of Grandview, and G. R. Bixler, of Richards, have been appointed as

the other two members of the board of adjustment of this district, to assist the local chairman when necessary in the adjustment of grievances.

Bro. Bixler was off several days with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Marsh, who later had an attack of the malady, relieved by Bro. Dixon, who also relieved Bro. Hoover, laying off.

Sister Briggs, who relieved her father, Bro. Briggs, second Amsterdam, a few days, on account of sickness, later went to Oskaloosa second, relieved by Bro. Buchanan, Neosho.

There have been several violations of contract by vacancies not being bulletined. Brothers, when you know of a place not bulletined according to schedule, let me know.

J. R. C., Loc. Chrmn.

#### *First District Notes—*

Bro. Ray Griffith, third Drexel, visited home folks at Pittsburg, Kan., Sunday, recently.

Bro. J. E. Dixon, out of service a year, reinstated before going to third Richards, visited home folks at Stotesbury.

CERT. 161.

#### *Third District—*

Burns' Hall has been rented at Heavener for meetings second and fourth Sunday, 4:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. We hope the members will help us make a success of this by attending. Everyone come and bring someone with you.

Bro. Keck, first Westville, relieved by Bro. Martin, while in hospital several days, later bid in third Watts, relieving Bro. Davis, who is relieving Bro. Alexander, first Panama, off sick.

It will be Bro. H. B. Black, back from "Over There," as soon as pay car comes along. He has resumed his trick at Sallisaw, relieving Bro. R. D. Newell, who bid in third Westville. Bro. H. P. Wright, just back from France, who relieved Sister Willey a few days at Page, later went to Second District. We are glad to welcome back from the army Bro. Dick Fretwell, third "DS" Heavener. Bro. Joe Wilson writes from France that he is at the "Watch on the Rhine," but would like to be back on the K. C. S.

Bro. Grant and Bennett to double while Wentz, first Stilwell, sick a few days. No available operators.

Bro. W. T. Leach, agent Gans, is back on the job after a round with the "flu," relieved by Bro. B. C. Austin, third Spiro. H. B. Black and D. L. Wentz are the only nons on this district.

Bro. H. R. Preddy, Heavener, relieved by Bro. J. O. Hazel, for ten days.

Bro. Chastain, who relieved Bro. Bennett, third Stilwell, several days, and Bro. Lee, third Gillham, while sick a few days, also

relieved Bros. Moss, third DeQueen Yard, several days. Sister Merchant got second there on bid.

Former General Chairman Ocheltree writes that he is improving rapidly, and expects to soon return.

F. Moore is the new assistant chief dispatcher at Heavener, Okla.

Bro. H. S. Foote, Heavener, Okla., is the new local chairman for this district. Tell him your grief.

The same "old bosses" were re-elected general chairman and general secretary and treasurer. Let's help them as well as each local chairman and make the line solid. O. R. T. Division correspondents will be appointed, and we hope for a good monthly write-up from each district.

CERT. 161.

#### Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.

##### *Second District, Nebraska Division—*

Bro. H. R. Snyder, third Lexington, is relieving in "GD" Grand Island.

Bro. Hansen in Texas "Humble Fields," looking after oil interests, relieved at Sheldon, by Bro. Root, relief agent, several weeks. Sister Hill relieving at Lexington and Gibbon a few days.

Bro. L. E. Dewhirst, second Gibbon, on February 25th, while delivering a message to an eastbound extra was struck by a westbound extra and painfully injured, receiving cuts about the head, but was able to go to Gibbon on March 3rd, from Kearney Hospital.

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##### *Colorado Division, D. P. District—*

Bro. Thompson, agent Brighton, attended the O. S. & D. meeting in Denver.

Bro. Venneri has returned from army service to first Eaton, and Bro. C. A. Vick-Roy to first LaSalle.

Bro. Kane, agent LaSalle, and wife, were recent Denver visitors.

Bro. Link, agent Hazeltine, is sporting a new Buick six.

Bro. Matthews is being congratulated on the recent arrival of a little visitor. The division sent flowers to the wife, who returned her thanks.

Bro. Dunlap, second Carr, was relieved several days by Bro. Mellon, a new man, from the South owing to his daughter's illness, whom we are glad to hear is recovering.

##### *J. B. District—*

Bro. Kullman, first Sterling, goes to Crook agency, and Bro. Henry, extra, to Sterling ticket position.

Bro. Burnett, agent Merino, while attending the safety meeting at Denver, visited the boys in "UD." Bro. Jones from "U" Omaha, and Bro. Shanafelt, from Bennett, also called on the boys in "UD" recently.

##### *K. P. District—*

Bro. Hunter, extra, is now in the D. & R. G., Denver general office.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Murch's wife at Cedarpoint is getting better. The division furnished flowers for her sick room, and Bro. Murch wishes to thank us for the kind remembrance.

Bro. Martin, agent Deer Trail, now has an auto and can go to Denver without waiting for his annual pass. He was relieved recently by Bro. Paul.

Bro. Anderson has returned from the army to first Hugo; Bro. Davis is back to second there from Eaton, and Bro. Holland, second Sharon Springs, to first Sterling; Bro. Larson, to third Oakley, vice Bro. Duenwig to second Eaton.

Sorry to hear of Bro. Niswangers' mother being very low. Bro. Dent relieved him at Winona agency when he went to her at his home in Ohio.

Bro. Bailey, agent Collyer, is having the "flu," relieved by Bro. Thom, out of the service, but always willing to help in case of an emergency.

Local Chairman Sutherland is busy settling up differences in back pay, etc.

The boys coming home from the army causes lots of bumping. We are glad to have them back, as they are all up-to-date.

Keep after the two nons on this division until you land them.

Send me your notes brothers, and let's have a little write-up each month.

"FROSTIE," DIV. COR.

##### *Members Central Division—*

I wish to thank you for your support in the recent election, and assure you that I am always ready to assist you in every possible way.

W. B. TOMPKINS,  
Local Chairman.

##### *Central Division Notes—*

Bro. Allen, third Carleton, went to Fairbury first, while Arnell was sick.

Remember, boys, "No card, no favors." Let's practice that strong.

Bro. Winsor, formerly agent Oneida, now on second "Upland Heights," has gone home on account of sickness. Bro. Whittenberger, Carleton, and Bro. Hart, Hiawatha, off several days with the "flu," this being the latter's second attack, Bro. Nolan, Upland Heights, relieving.

Bro. Porter, third Seneca, to second Marysville relay, displaced by returning soldier, causing the move of six men. Bro. Pinet is back on first Onaga, and Bro. Allen, on third Frankfort, from army service.

Bro. Fist, agent Schroyer, is again on the job after two weeks' battle with the "flu."

Bro. Griffis goes to Fairbury, vice Bro. Roberts to L. K. and W.

We have secured fourteen new members

recently, including Miss Edna Corsaut, Seneca, Kan. Div. Cor.

#### **Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.**

##### *Medicine Hat Division, Alberta District—*

Forty-five members attended the meeting held in Medicine Hat, Sunday, February 16th. It was called for 14K, and took up the greater part of the afternoon, the proposed new schedule being thoroughly discussed, and a few minor matters settled.

The boys were all "well heeled," having all drawn their back time on the 15th, and were literally "Rearing to Go."

In anticipation of this feeling a banquet had been arranged at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, which proved to be a great success. The dining room was artistically decorated with festoons of hyacinths and other beautiful flowers, while music was furnished by Mr. Joe Leonard's orchestra, the best in the city.

During the evening, Local Chairman May was presented with a purse of gold, in appreciation of his splendid and untiring efforts during his term of office, to which he was re-elected at the meeting earlier in the day, by acclamation. Bro. Le Fleur, of Dunmore, made the presentation, with very fitting remarks, which conveyed the exact feeling of the members.

After the banquet we were very pleasantly entertained by Bro. Bestard, who rendered several selections on the piano.

The eight-hour day which we all are now working is a great step forward, to which we have been looking for many years. I will refrain from further remarks on improved conditions and salaries until after negotiations have been concluded in Montreal.

We are all ready to give a hearty welcome to the brothers who will return shortly from France. Bro. H. F. Morley will probably return to Medicine Hat to work April 1st.

N. K. BLACK, Cert. 4066,  
Div. Cor.

##### *Saskatoon Division—*

Our schedule committee has secured another raise in wages, the eight-hour day, and a few improvements in working conditions.

About a dozen of the brothers held a very lively meeting in Wynyard, Sunday, March 9th, and another one in Saskatoon, Sunday, March 16th, with double that number present. Local Chairman McOrmond presided at both. A number of the members have been laid up with the "flu," Bros. Roux and Webber having died from it. Their families have the sympathy of the entire division, where they were so well known.

Bro. Martin, of Insigner, was so very ill that he was obliged to go to California. While convalescing we are glad to see him with us again. Bro. Dickson, Biggar, in Saskatoon Hospital six weeks, recovering from a very serious operation, is improving

rapidly, and we hope he will soon be back at the old stand. Our membership on this system is increasing by leaps and bounds on account of the increase obtained for assistance through our recent negotiations. We hope they will comply promptly with the request of the committee to remit Bro. Willton \$5.00. All other telegraphers are requested to send him the \$12.00 special assessment as soon as possible. Any member failing to do this within the proper time is liable to suspension. This also applies to members who have not as yet remitted their first month's increase obtained in 1917. There are very few delinquents on this division. We trust they will also remit their dues with the \$12.00. CERT. 477.

##### *Alberta District, Lethbridge Division—*

The eight-hour day is now a reality. Bro. Cullen, agent Bow Island, who weighs about 210, claims he is gaining some since the inauguration. According to the press reports many other unions are after a six-hour day, which we may yet see embodied in our schedule.

Bro. MacCormack, agent Coaldale, is being relieved by Mr. Strong, recently promoted from assistant agent, and Bro. MacBride, agent Taber, by Bro. Reid, relief agent, later by Bro. Tallman, from Gadsby.

Bro. Gagnier, Taber days, being relieved by Bro. Hovan, who later took his bed with "flu," Bro. Reid having to look after the telegraphing.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Vincent's wife of Purple Springs has fully recovered from her recent serious operation in Lethbridge hospital.

We hear that wedding bells will soon ring around Winnifred.

Bro. Dooley, agent Whitla, has been elected mayor of that enterprising little town. We all wish him success.

Bro. Law, agent Seven Persons, bid in Sidewood agency. We hope "Shorty" will "get busy" on the couple of new men who lately came on his end of the division.

Bro. MacKinnon has returned from schedule work in Montreal. Kipps, Burmis, Pincher and Aldersyde, new three-men jobs, created by the new schedule.

Bro. Wason, agent Pincher, is now in his new station. Quite a pleasant change after the cramped quarters he had to occupy while it was being built.

Bro. Dispatcher Patterson, our crack amateur billiardist, is sick with the "flu."

Drop a line and let me have your notes in time, so I can get them to St. Louis before the 25th.

CERT. 861.

##### *Revelstoke Division—*

The Revelstoke Division "Jazz" band furnished the music on Hawaiian guitars and ukeleles for the Royal Engineers' dance there the night of March 12th. The mem-

bers of the "orchestra" are Bros. Bob Fair, H. G. Reddish and S. R. Smith. The same trio previously dealt the "Jazz" for a well attended "hop" at Albert Canyon, March 6th, escaping unscathed, and were equally successful in the later encounter heretofore noted.

One of the largest back time cheques on the division was paid to a "non." Can't some one suggest something?

Most of the boys favor more frequent meetings.

If you have any kicks to register, get 'em off your chest. You will always have a supporter.

New members: D. W. McMillan, W. R. Fisher and I. Proctor.

Bro. Weir, on sick furlough down in the Okanagan, is reported better. He is being relieved at Illicewalt by Bro. Chas. Foster.

Bro. Bassett, relief dispatcher Revelstoke, is visiting friends on the coast.

Bro. Kemmerling has returned from a visit to his mother in St. Paul, who was ill; and Bro. Reddish from a visit at Seattle.

Bro. Ingle, on vacation in Los Angeles, is being relieved by Bro. Hyham.

S. R. SMITH, Cert. 4912.

#### *Portage Division—*

Our new schedule of wages and rules relative to telegraphers, assistant agents, clerks, and linemen went into effect January 11th, with back pay from August, 1918.

Too much praise could not be given the committee for its efforts in our behalf in closing up the negotiations so successful and satisfactorily. From experience I know it is no easy task, and any who thinks it is will only have to serve on a committee once to be convinced of the fact. We should all do our utmost to give strictly first class service and thereby show our appreciation to the company for the concessions we received.

Bro. Houton has returned from training in the Royal Air Force in Toronto, and resumed duties relieving Bro. Ulrich, now in California on his vacation. Glad to see Bro. Houston back, as he always took a great interest in supplying me with notes for our write-up. We are indebted to him and Bro. McRae at Deloraine for these. Bro. J. Walsh, just returned from overseas, is at Deleau.

Reston agency is held temporarily by a new man, account A. D. Anderson being overseas on H. M. S. W. R.

Bro. A. A. McRae relieved McBurney at Deloraine, on three weeks' vacation.

Bro. T. J. V. Brown, on vacation taking in the sight at Reston, relieved by Bro. A. A. McRae.

Bro. R. A. Kelly to new third, put on at Virden. Bro. Donald, second trick dispatcher, is back after an attack of the "flu." Quite a number of the brothers off with the malady are back to work. Bro. Newcomb,

agent LaRiviere was off a week on account of his whole family being down with it at the same time, relieved by Bro. Stoppell.

Bro. Reese, third trick dispatcher, is back at Souris.

A. S. DORSEY, Cert. 3644.

#### *Algoma Division, Eureka Lodge, Chapleau, Ont.—*

Over twenty members were present, and every office on the East End represented at the meeting held here, Saturday night, February 1st.

The meeting was of special interest on account of changes effected by the new schedule, and many subjects of interest were brought up and discussed.

All the new and hitherto unfilled positions were requested bulletined, and have since been filled. The question came for third trick Chapleau being reserved for relief dispatcher; but after some discussion it was decided that it be advertised in the regular way; any local ruling being considered a contravention of the schedule.

The housing accommodations for the extra telegraphers was taken up, and Bros. Duclue and D. J. Bolton appointed a committee to take the matter before the company's officers.

Bro. Touchette's case on account of the Military Service Act, was read to the members and discussed. Decided to await further particulars from the brother himself before taking matter further.

Bro. Meseck, absent on account of M. S. A., is back on second Metagama.

Local Chairman Hogg, after attending the Bonspiel at Sudbury for a week, went to Montreal for further schedule negotiations.

Bro. Bates was elected correspondent.

Bro. McCormack goes to Heron Bay agency. He will be greatly missed by all the boys who wish him success.

Bro. Ferguson has been unable to take his assignment on Metagama third, on account of lack of housing accommodation. The new schedule embodies a clause covering this matter, and it will no doubt shortly be adjusted.

CERT. 846.

#### *New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8. Electric Division—*

Our regular morning meeting March 12th, was well attended, but we had plenty of room for more. We rent our meeting room for a place to gather and discuss our affairs. Why not a larger attendance?

The following officers were elected at this meeting: Bro. John Holloran, chief telegrapher; Bro. C. E. Hackett, re-elected secretary, and Bro. R. J. O'Brien, re-elected treasurer for the ensuing term, although both brothers declined to serve another term. Their past records re-elected them.

For our Entertainment Committee: Bros. F. Williams, A. E. Combs, J. F. Gambee,

R. J. Stover and F. H. Lester, Bro. Lester being re-elected chairman. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the officers for their efficient work during the past term.

New members: Miss S. Brown, Mrs. E. T. Keegan, E. A. Borner and J. J. Flynn.

It was decided by a unanimous vote to tender a reception to our returning soldier brothers when they all arrive, a reunion with refreshments, etc., as deemed best by our entertainment committee, expenses to be defrayed by popular subscription and staged before July 1st.

Bro. Stover expressed his sincere thanks to the brothers for keeping his membership in good standing while "over there" for our Uncle Sam. Bro. Bell also expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Bell, and himself, for the generous financial assistance from the brothers on the Electric Hudson and Harlem Divisions on account of their recently losing their home by fire and declared he would never be caught again without insurance.

Cert. 2034.

#### *Mohawk Division—*

Bro. A. S. Galbraith, agent Oneida Castle, W. S., in the service over forty years, was placed on the pension roll March 1st, succeeded by his son, and he as cashier there by Miss E. M. Mason, of Leroy.

Bro. F. M. Benjamin, agent Wampsville, N. Y., passed away February 19th, after a brief illness with the "flu." His family has our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. Bro. R. Farley is covering the position.

Bro. Joyce, relieved by Bro. Brown, relieved first trick dispatcher Trim, at South Utica, while off a few days with the "flu."

Bro. Hopkin collected \$438.00 from various departments on this division, which he turned over to Bro. Grisdoll, formerly at S. S. Mo. Mohawk, one of the oldest operators on the division, who has been laid up some time at his home in Utica. This action was taken to show in a practical manner our sympathy for him in his illness and trouble.

The non on the Safety Committee in Albany has paid up, making Little Falls 100 per cent.

Feura Bush, Pattersonville, Fort Hunter, Annisville, Randall, Sprakers, South Fort Plain, South St. Johns ville, Mohawk second and third abolished, will be opened on the W. S., all three-trick, as soon as business will permit.

Bro. Ingham, second "CG" Little Falls, is expected back soon from the South, where he has been for some time for his health.

Brothers, keep on trying to get the lady operator at S. S. "FA" Little Falls, into the Order. If she refuses remember, "No card, no favors." This also applies to the operator on second "FV" Fultonville.

The closing of second and third tricks at

nine signal stations has caused a lot of displacing.

General Chairman Morey is in Washington, D. C., looking after our interests.

Sister Ferra is convalescing after an operation on her throat.

S. S. "NE" South Schenectady, burned to the ground March 2nd, and the operators there are now occupying a box car until a new signal station is ready.

Brothers, send your news to Bro. E. H. Bogardus, Fultonville, N. Y.

E. H. B., Cert. 1890,

Div. Cor.

#### *Syracuse Division—*

Bro. Art Mabie was bumped off the a. m. trick at Pittsford, by Rich, the "ham factory professor," returning from Texas.

Several "nons" I understand are posing as members. If you meet them ask to see their up-to-date cards, or show you their receipts for their dues and remember, "No card, no favors," and live strictly up to this.

Our sub-committee on last report was in New York getting our schedule revised; General Secretary Treasurer Blim being relieved at Chili agency by Bro. Stoltz from the T. O. & C.

Bro. Charley Wentz, agent Byron, while attending the Sunday School Convention in New York City, was relieved by Bro. Winnestern, of second there.

Sister Cole, third Byron, was a recent Syracuse visitor, and Sister V. N. Tilton visited in Geneva several days.

Bro. Jack Remery, Port Byron, was a recent Shortsville visitor.

Sister V. N. Tilton has purchased a hound to protect her going to and coming from work, and named him "Pat." Beware of the dog.

Montezuma nights closed. Sister Cowell taking second Port Gibson, vice L. W. Helmarr.

Some of the morning tricks were closed on the W. S., also Bowmansville third, Mrs. Wm. Goerke going on the extra list. Other third tricks closed: Alabama—Bro. J. F. Barney going back to Churchville third, vice Bro. Garrighan, back to Clyde; Sister Hes-senthaler, back to Amboy; Elba vice Bro. Park going on as helper and Nolan on extra list. Byron—Sister Cole also to extra list. Churchville Jct. third; yours truly preferring the extra list to East Bergen agency. One of Bro. Kelley's helpers has been taken off at Bergen and he now makes an hour overtime each day.

Nearly, all the crossing flagmen have been put on eight hours, losing the big pay they have enjoyed so long.

Bro. Dewey has gone to Batavia ticket office on afternoon trick.

The new towers at Port Byron and Jordan are nearly completed also the new electric towers at SS-25 and SS-28A. The tower

at Warner's burned down and the brothers are now located in a shanty.

Bro. Church has returned from "overseas," and expects shortly to resume duty at Port Byron W. S. He was very fortunate during the rough times on the front in getting by without any injuries.

New members: Sisters Kate Nachtman and Laura E. Duke and Bros. M. Guinan; Wm. D. Erwin and J. C. Miller.

I thank Sisters Tilton and Hessianthalier and Bro. Fess for their items.

Keep after the "nons," don't let any get by. "HO," Cert. 1949, Div. Cor.

#### Beech Creek District—

Bro. Hoover, honorably discharged from military service, has resumed Mill Hall agency, vice Bro. Fredericks, back to Orriston agency. Mill Hall second discontinued, vice Conser to third "BN." Some good brothers there; get busy. Bro. Watson displaced at Gorton days by Meredith when Gillentown second closed, went to Irvona agency, vice Bro. Caldwell to "DY" second, vice Miss Murry. Bro. Osborne to Glen Campbell agency, vice Tubridy to Kerrmoor, vice Gegnot.

Assistant trainmasters and dispatchers assumed duties yard master and clerk at Cherry Tree, vice Bro. Long dispatching on C. & I., Bro. Hendricks dispatching at Cherry Tree, Bro. McLaughlin to "YA" second. Dispatcher Heitzenrether visiting homefolks at Lumber, relieved by Dispatcher Marshall.

Bro. Welker relieved Mr. Throne while his daughter was undergoing an operation at Clearfield Hospital.

We have not had a write-up for some time, but we can have one in every issue if the brothers will send notes of all changes from the river line to Bro. Graham, agent Lumber.

CERT. 1789.

#### Philadelphia Division—

On the P. & R. and the C. R. R. of N. J. properties, there are sixty safety committees. To date over 1,500 subjects have been acted upon by these committees. There is every indication that all concerned fully realize that with the spirit of progressiveness, harmony and co-operation, the accident prevention movement is sure to be a complete success.

The annual report of the handling of passengers by the crew of Engine 549, between Hog Island and Thirty-first street and Girard avenue, from January 10th, 1918, to December 31st, 1918, show that the crew on this train carried 688,714 passengers without a single accident. This is certainly an enviable record. The highest number of passengers carried on a train one way was 21,159; the highest number of passengers carried on round trip, 3,322; highest number of passengers carried one way a week, 14,217; highest number of passengers on one

round trip, 23,010 a week; highest number of passengers carried a month (26 days), 78,210; number of passengers carried from January 10th to December 31st, 1918, 688,714, one round trip a day.

The new plant at Erie avenue has supplanted the old works at Berks street, and what has been known as the North Penn terminus of the P. & R. Railway, will soon have passed into history. The man-power and machinery have already been moved to the new plant. The work at the latter place is rapidly nearing completion, which will, when completed, be a model of perfection in railroad industry. The shop buildings are large, well lighted and ventilated, with modern facilities for sanitary conditions. Large groups of men of various capacities will be needed for the operation of the plant under normal conditions.

A banquet was held at the Hotel Walton, Broad and Pine street, Thursday, March 13th, by the Pennsylvania Railroad boys in honor of Bros. H. P. Perham, J. J. Dermody and J. F. Miller.

The election resulted as follows: For local chairman and delegate, O. L. Farlow; for alternate, A. L. Byler.

Fair Hill Junction closed indefinitely and Bro. Fitch bumps D. Byrens to first Nicetown Junction; Bro. Charlesworth goes to "AV" Broad street; Bro. Lutz to Green street; Bro. Schieffel to third Park Junction; Signalman Hoyte to third Belmont, and Bro. Reigther to second West Manayunk.

We have received our back money from \$60 to \$125.

Not a single non should be allowed to remain on this division. Line those up on both sides of you and in your office. This back money leaves the few left no excuse whatever to remain outside another day longer.

Bro. Slattery, relieved by Non Leonard at Wayne Junction, took second at Manayunk, vice Bro. Reigther to second West Falls, vice Bro. Kreasky to the last trick there, vice Bro. Boyle.

A. L. BYLER

#### New York Division—

Keep in mind the regular meetings, morning and evening, fourth Thursday of each month at 1315 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia.

Bro. Harry E. Hiney elected local chairman and delegate and Bro. Yocom, alternate by a large majority.

W. D. Binner has returned from the service and resumed duty at "YM."

Germantown tower closed. Two new towers under construction at Skillman and Weston should soon be in service.

The new selector telephone has been installed on the new line. Years of experimenting, however, by the Pennsylvania and other roads have proved the telegraph far superior to telephone for train dispatching.

Bro. C. N. Johnson, member of a P. R. R.

division, has pardoned me for listing him as a non.

Bro. Link, Eisenhart, was visiting in Reading recently.

Brothers, see that the women station agents on our division are invited to take out cards. We already have a large percentage of women members in our organization.

Bro. Chas. Burkart recently secured eight applications.

Bro. C. M. Kepler is preparing his garden for a bumper crop of truck this season.

Signalman Whittaker has returned from service abroad and resumed duty at "BU."

I have been appointed division correspondent. Please forward your notes for the journal to me at New Britain before the 15th of the month.

FRANK M. ROYAHN.

#### Atlantic City Division—

I have taken it upon myself to give the A. C. a write-up this month. If you all mail me a few notes each month before the 15th I will do my part to have one monthly.

We must line up the few nons we have at once. We want a 100 per cent membership on this division and that can be accomplished if every one will do his duty. Remember, "No card, no favors." See that this slogan is strictly adhered to then you will soon see a decided change for our betterment as well as theirs. They should invest \$7.83 of that nest egg just received.

Bro. Brown, don't give that one on second near you any rest until he joins.

Some of you brothers that have cars and work first tricks, run down and look him over—that agent-telegrapher. He is a good fellow; just needs a little talking to. And don't forget Pigott at Winslow and North at Hammonton. His mother is reported very low. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. M. J. Egan was elected local chairman and delegate, and Bro. C. H. Smith, alternate. Give your chairman and General Committee your united support. They are all working for our interest. Bro. Egan worked hard for us when we had practically nothing to work on, labored untiringly for us and will continue to do so. He attended the meeting March 14th.

Clementon, Haddon Heights and Greenwich put on two 8-hour tricks. Geo. Pino, second "CN," a clerk, second "HG." Bro. Smith on his usual hours. No one bid on "GN."

All the boys are sporting bank books lately, Bro. Hartman buying a touring car. Our old faithful Bro. Horace Angelew is a happy man. His dream of the O. R. T. on the Reading has been fulfilled.

Bro. Wyatt can furnish you all the application blanks you can use. Bro. Denny is keeping up the good work, landing another non just recently.

"FY", Chestnut Street Ferry, is the only

office for which the management has not determined the classification. "SO" South Street has been placed in the telegraph department.

Remember we meet the fourth Thursday of each month and let us have a larger attendance from this side. All the business of the Order is done at the meetings and it is your duty to be present to help transact it.

Bro. Clark is slowly convalescing from a serious illness. Brothers, please call on him.

Brothers on the Cape May and Ocean City Division, kindly keep me informed of the happenings down that way until a regular correspondent is appointed.

"FJ," Cert. 440.

#### Phila. & Reading Ry., Div. No. 10.

##### Harrisburg Division—

The ballots were counted at No. 1315 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, on March 3rd at 8:00 p. m. by the following committee: L. S. Wilson, T. J. McCusker, H. F. Petree, W. S. Kerns and H. G. A. Smith, with General Chairman McNeil supervising the count. The new faces on the General Committee are: P. M. Smith, Shamokin Division; M. J. Egan, for the A. C. R. R., and H. C. Hinney, who succeed Bros. Maroney, Brown and Landis, respectively, Bros. Maroney and Landis declining to stand for re-election.

Bros. Walter, Marburger, McNeil and McDonald were unopposed and Bro. Farlow was re-elected on Philadelphia Division. The result on the Shamokin Division was not known until the last ballot was counted, and the result on A. C. R. R. was also close.

The following day the Auditing Committee met at the home of Bro. Farlow as follows: Chairman McDonald, E. M. Brown, of A. C. R. R.; J. Cruice, of New York Division, and the General Chairman, to see that all the legal phases were protected. Bro. Farlow is to be congratulated for the excellent showing of one new to the game.

The audit showed that the Total receipts were.....	\$6,511.02
Expenses, 1918.....	\$1,638.57
Expenses, 1919.....	2,975.88
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Total expenses October 24, 1918, to Feb. 28th, including amounts paid to Grand Division.....	4,614.45
Net balance to date.....	1,896.57
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Amount in bank, deposits, etc., Oc- tober 24 to Feb. 28th.....	6,400.15
Cash on hand.....	110.87
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Total .....	\$6,511.02
Total expenses, including payments to Grand Division.....	4,614.45
Cash balance on hand and in bank.	1,896.57

The General Committee met at the Continental Hotel on March 14th, all chairmen present and re-elected unanimously, General Chairman McNeil and G. S. and T. Farlow for the full term. The General Chairman's salary was compromised on at \$75 as a figure the Division could afford.

All arrangements for the trip to the St. Louis Convention was left to the General Chairman, the Local Chairmen to be notified in ample time what route to ask transportation for.

Floral offerings at funerals of members to be voted out of general division funds, thus paying full respect without embarrassment. The committee also voted to purchase mimeographs for the General Chairman and G. S. and T. to help them spread information to the membership.

Due to fact that delinquents had robbed us of one delegate, it was decided that the General Chairman should represent the A. C. R. R.

Bro. J. P. Brown was elected delegate from Shamokin Division, creating the condition which will send six Local Chairmen and one delegate as the voting unit from this System Division.

Alternates elected: Reichelderfer, Shamokin; Rarick, Reading; Smith, Harrisburg; Helms, P. R. & P. T.; Byler, Philadelphia; Oakum, New York, and C. H. Smith, A. C. R. R. divisions.

The P. R. R. boys certainly done themselves proud on banquet held at Hotel Walton March 13th. Bro. Dewey and his committee on arrangements were kept busy acknowledging compliments. The affair was livened by the presence of Bro. J. J. Dermody, of the Board of Wages and Working Conditions; Bro. Kipp, of Board of Adjustment No. 3, and chairman of the Board of Directors, Bro. J. F. Miller. We are talking of returning the compliment with an Easter assembly to be made an annual feature.

I must again ask pardon for lack of local gossip; will try and make good in May number.

CERT. 1831.

#### *Shamokin Division—*

Brothers, get after the few delinquents, have them pay up, put forth our best efforts for 1919 and we can then hope to secure a schedule as good as any in the country. Up until last year this road has always been the last one to give a raise or better working conditions to the men in the telegraph department. So, now since the O. R. T. has taken us under its protecting arm, let us all join together and contribute to its support, and we will become one of the most powerful bands of organized men in the United States.

The local chairman has been unable to conduct meetings over the division recently, because he has been kept busy in Philadel-

phia for nearly two months with the General Committee, working day and night, trying to get more wages and better working conditions for us, and it behooves us to be patient. It has one of the stiffer propositions to face that a General Committee has ever been up against, and we must give it our undivided support in order to assure success. Meetings will be held again on the division as soon as possible.

Bro. Irvin Reber, agent Winfield, was suddenly stricken with an attack of heart trouble while in the discharge of his duties at 9:20 o'clock, Thursday morning, March 13th. He was loading milk cans on a car when he gave one gasp and fell backward from the truck to the station platform. Men who were assisting him picked him up and carried him into the station, but he survived only a few minutes, expiring before a doctor could reach his side. He had been enjoying the best of health and the fatal stroke came like a streak of lightning from a clear sky.

The deceased was aged fifty-nine years and was one of the most highly respected residents of Union County. He had been the general agent for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company at Winfield for the past twenty-five years, was the oldest telegrapher on this division.

He is survived by a widow and two children. His son Joseph is employed as an express messenger on the Reading, and his daughter, Angeline, is a professional nurse in New York City.

The family has the heartfelt sympathy of every member on the division.

Bro. Dewire is acting agent at Winfield temporarily.

Second and third "HJ" closed, Bro. Yanezhik, to second "OF," vice Bro. C. F. Kantner to second "CQ," vice Bro. J. F. Foust to first "RU," vice Bro. J. C. Whitney to second there, vice Bro. Piper to extra list. Bro. Costishon, third "HJ" took third "BF," vice Bro. Wright to extra list.

Bro. Sam Shank visiting his sister at Lancaster recently was taken sick with the "flu," and relieved ten days by Bro. Fisher. This is the second shot the "flu" has taken at "Sam."

I wish to thank the brothers and others for their contributions for the flower fund for Bro. Reber. We secured \$6.

#### *Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 15. Columbia District—*

We welcome the appearance in the March issue of the journal of the Richmond, Charleston, Waycross and Montgomery districts.

It was my good fortune to be with the General Committee at Wilmington, March 18th, where we learned the company would not attempt to lift the supervisory agencies

out of our contract. The General Chairman and General Manager are to arrange these salaries on a monthly instead of the hourly basis; in fact, they must be around on Sunday as well as any other day, and their salaries will be about the same as Supplement 13 would have paid them for a thirty-day month. Back time will, no doubt, be paid shortly.

I hope to make a trip over my district within the next thirty or sixty days and get the applications of the few remaining nons.

I wish to thank those who supported me for Local Chairman and delegate. I shall try to show my appreciation more fully, by trying to do the work of the district in such a way that it will be entirely satisfactory to every man. It is a great pleasure to serve the men on this district, and I want to congratulate you on the way you behaved during the delay in applying Supplement 13 and the payment of back time. We should all have all due us by or before April 15th.

An interpretation handed down by the Board at Washington, allows us a minimum of eight hours' pay for Sunday work if we are called out at all. This has been our contention all the while and you may rest assured that your officers will get all due us under Supplement 13.

I am preparing a "booklet" seniority list that will cost about twenty-five cents each. There will be room for new employes to be added, so lined up and abbreviated that any member can readily tell who is, and who is not, up-to-date to June 30th. If you are interested, talk to the fellows around you, collect the twenty-five cents and have it ready by or before July 20th. This booklet will be a great help in keeping tab on all non-members, and I believe eventually eliminate them entirely. Let me have an expression from you.

There is exceedingly good reading matter in THE TELEGRAPHER now, and some facts in each copy that should be retained by each member. It would not be a bad idea to clip out the decisions of the Board at Washington before disposition of, or destroying this journal, as quite a number of these same questions may come up on our line and should you be the party concerned you will be in a position to handle your case direct and possibly get a satisfactory settlement without even referring to the Local or General Chairman, thereby saving them the extra work. Every ruling of this Board as it affects our organization will be reproduced through the journal for our benefit, therefore retain them.

I will leave about May 8th for St. Louis. Someone will be appointed to act in my place during my absence, and would like to report my district solid at that time. I have lists of all non-members. If interested, call and I shall be delighted to furnish you with a copy. Let's try this once. I expect to ask

the General Chairman for permission to cover my district more thoroughly than ever before between now and May 8th. I have never had time to make all the stops I would like. There are still a few men on my district I do not know personally, and I want to know all of them and "remain" with the non until I get his application if it takes a whole day. I believe I can meet any of their arguments now for remaining a non. They have no solid ground to stand on, and we must make a clean sweep before the convention.

I hope that "Old Fifteen" will be 100 per cent by May 10, 1919, and especially our district (the best of them all).

Fraternally,

C. BOLICK.

#### *Columbia District Notes—*

Bro. Schipman, first Florence yard, in Florida, for special treatment, relieved by Bro. Graham. We all hope for his speedy return fully recovered.

Bro. Biggs will go to Barnwell as clerk-operator upon the return of Bro. Davis from Boston Radio, U. S. N., to Sumter third.

Bro. Appleby, extra, succeeds Bro. Bull on Orangebury third, resigned, to enter other work. We wish him success.

Bro. Kit Rogers, Florence dispatchers' office, off a few days with mumps, relieved by Bro. Bellinger, extra dispatcher, who also relieved Bob Severance, Florence dispatcher, while off with the same malady.

Bro. Thomas, "FN" Florence, off with a sprained arm, is being relieved by Extra West, C. T. U. man.

Our local chairman was out several days recently and brought in Lee and Murray, Creston; Atkins, Congaree; Extra Biggs, Sumter, and Whisnant, Wadesboro Junction. McHoffey, extra Barnwell, is also a new member. Two or three more such successful days would make us almost 100 per cent.

We are glad to note that Bro. Clifton, agent Darlington, is back again after several months' sickness, and Bro. Newman, on first Simms, after a very severe case of "flu." See if you can do anything with Ivey, "N."

Bro. Carter, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Atkins at Congaree, who is in Florida looking after his grove.

All together; push, pull or crawl under and let's uproot the undesirable nons.

"Z," Cert. 201.

#### *Members Savannah District—*

Having exercised your right of suffrage during the recent election and decided that you desired me to represent you as Local Chairman during the ensuing term, in accepting the position, I am going to ask your undivided support and co-operation, which is essential for our mutual success.

I cannot understand how any man can from month to month continue accepting the benefits secured by the organization without subscribing his "bit" and I can only compare him to the man who insists upon occupying a seat in a boat, riding peacefully without taking his turn at the oars.

It is to be regretted that a number of this class are employed on this district. Let "*Unity and Co-operation*" be our watchwords.

With assurance of my appreciation for the confidence bestowed upon me and with the hope that my future actions will justify it, with best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. A. HOLLAHAN.

Grand Crossing, Fla.

*Harrisburg Division, P. H. & J. and G. & H. Branches—*

By request of our General Chairman I will endeavor to take care of the journal correspondence on this end:

The consolidated telegraph office at Gettysburg has been reduced to two tricks, with Bro. Stouffer, formerly ticket agent, on first trick, and Bro. Sterner, W. M. man, on second. Bro. Meals not making claim yet.

Ticket Agent C. C. Carothers, Carlisle Junction, died with the "flu" February 26th after being in the service for almost 15 years. He is survived by a wife, one son and two sisters. The floral tribute from the boys was beautiful. In his safe we found his application to be a member of the O. R. T. filled out, ready to mail, but had put it off just a few days too long. Now, boys, in order to protect your widow or mother, keep an up-to-date in your pocket.

The last non on the G. & H. has promised to mail his application to Bro. Farlow. Bro. Agent Bigerville, don't let him forget it, as it will make this branch 100 per cent.

March 17th White Hill, Boiling Springs and Carlisle agencies were reduced to an 8-hour day. Now, brothers, show friend wife some pleasure.

Bro. Boyles, from C. T. D. office, bid in second "Z" at Harrisburg, vice Bro. Rice to second White Hill, and' Bro. Yocom, second Lees Cross Roads to third Brandtsville.

CERT. 41.

*Wilmington and Columbia Division—*

Ephrata second now bid in by Bro. Miller, succeeded on first Montchanin by Bro. Farning; second Lancaster, new, bid in by M. B. Walter and second new Denver by Bro. Brubaker.

Bro. Rosensweig has resumed on third Mortonville and John Kistler, recently returned from a spell of sickness, bid in second Germansville.

It is important that all members moving to different positions notify Bro. C. E. Rawlins, G. S. and T., Star Building, St. Louis,

Mo., and Bro. O. L. Farlow, G. S. and T., No. 2513 Bancroft street, Philadelphia, Pa., by post card of their new address.

We all drew our back pay on March 11th for October, November and December, several of the so-called 12 or 13-hour employes reaching the \$400 mark.

In handling grievances telegraphers should always take them up with the C. T. D. and agents with the superintendent or C. T. D., depending upon the nature of the case. If grievances are not adjusted within a reasonable time refer them to your Local Chairman, keeping copies of all your letters and giving him the file with full particulars. The management as well as the General Committee desires to handle cases properly. The Local Chairman is always ready to handle all grievances promptly.

Bro. Huy, agent and operator Lenhartsville, who heads the division's roster employed since 1873, off since the early part of December on account of illness, is improving and is able to take short walks.

Bro. Benfield, operator and agent Reinholds, in the service since 1890, is overjoyed since being relieved of all Sunday work.

Bro. Swartz, first Geigertown, is taking advantage of not being required to work Sundays by spinning all over the country in his Maxwell.

The Reading florist who has Bro. Wanamaker's trade and the friend receiving bouquets are both very fortunate.

CERT. 293.

*Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.*

*"F" Office, Detroit—*

The last meeting in Detroit had a fair attendance, but fell far short from what it should have been. Nothing will give our committee more encouragement than a good attendance at the meetings.

Bros. Rosson and Plummer, Town Line, doubled one day until relieved by Bro. Martin, owing to Bro. Abers' illness.

Bro. Cress, at Ypsilanti on account of the shortage of good ticket men, was relieved by Miss Godfrey at Wlard.

Bro. Beamers to third Grass Lake, relieving Sister Conine.

Bro. Senff, on his semi-annual trip to Milwaukee, relieved in dispatchers' office by Bro. Hanlon, who later relieved the dispatchers while taking their two days off.

*Bay City Division—*

Bro. Bellows off a few days sick, second Warren being closed.

Sister Schaefer relieving on second Thomas and Bro. Mario relieving Bro. Black at Ypsilanti while he went to Hunters Creek second.

Bro. Hill and Cypher made us a call at Columbiaville one morning recently.

Bro. Bishop, who relieved Bro. Foster,

Millington one day, later to Denmark Junction several nights. When Buena Vista closed Bro. Perley went to second there when relieving Bro. Spencer, just out of the army, was called home account of sickness.

Bro. C. P. Brendle, from the G. R. & I., now on second Reese, transferred to Division 16.

Thanks to Bro. Price at Reese for notes. Come again.

A recent washout on the Saginaw caused the freight to come over this way, giving us more to do, and two small washouts on the Caro Branch caused some delay.

It sure does seem nice not to have to work Sundays any more, and the eight hours gives us all time to enjoy life more fully.

CERT. 1165.

#### *Northern Division—*

Bro. Sperbeck, relieved by Miss Haas on second Water Street Junction, bid in Bennington agency, vice Bro. Seeley, resigned, and Sister Hines went to Moores days, just opened. North Lansing has now been made leverman positions, Bro. Diffenderfer from Cheboygan taking first; Bro. Yarger to second Standish, vice Bro. Cole to Linwood second.

Bro. B. Callahan, Frederic, spent Sunday in Bay City recently.

On sick list: Jack Bartlett, Horrigan days; Chief Dispatcher Caldwell relieved by Night Chief McCullough and he by Bro. Harry Johnson; Bro. E. V. Mayer, third Pinconning; Bros. DeBar and Kaiser\* doubling.

Bro. DeBar, away on account of death of his son, Elmer, was relieved by Miss Black. The wife of Superintendent O'Keefe died at Bay City of pneumonia, March 19th, and was buried at Port Huron the following day.

Bro. A. W. Bissell, who left Indian River several months ago and went with the S. P., died in San Francisco March 17 also of pneumonia. "Bis," as he was known by his friends on Division 16, was well liked by the brothers of this division who greatly regret his death. He leaves a wife and little child to mourn his loss. We extend our sympathy to all these afflicted ones in their bereavement.

Bro. Flood has been on committee work for several months and the Mackinaw Division members seem to be afflicted with the "sleeping sickness" and we have not had any news from that end of the line for some time. Some of the members kindly send him a few items each month by the 20th.

Our new schedule is now in the printer's hands and should soon be sent out. We are now getting our new rate under Supplement No. 13, but it has not increased some of us any, since the Sunday work was discontinued. Our officers are still working for our welfare and will see that the proper in-

terpretations are put on the supplements by the Wage Board Adjustment Committee.

CERT. 63.

#### **Pennsylvania R. R., Div. No. 17.**

*P. T. (Philadelphia Division)—*

We held our banquet on March 13th, and the next day it snowed, the first real snow of the season, showing that Providence was on our side, and the splendid weather was held in reserve.

Without any printed notice or elaborate announcements arranged inside of ten days by a committee of about twenty; a comfortable crowd gathered on the Hotel Walton Roof Garden and \$2.50 per plate even did not dampen the enthusiasm of the assembled guests. Practically every division of the P. R. R. east of Pittsburg was represented by members and their ladies, also the B. & O., and P. & R.

The show was on from 6 o'clock p. m. until midnight, and everybody was on deck early. The decorations, accommodations and courtesy was A No. 1.

The gathering first assembled in the spacious reception room where sociability, song and music mingled. That happy hour together, when all became acquainted, sort of sharpened our appetites by the time the "gong" sounded the grand march for the menu at seven o'clock.

Every table was occupied during the next two hours and thanks to the efficient management there was no waiting as one course followed another. We felt sorry for the poor chaps who could not get away to be with us, although there was no room for any more, at that sitting at least.

President Perham made every effort to be present, but owing to a session with Administration officials at Washington in our interests this was out of the question, much to our regret, as "business before pleasure" is his motto. The introduction of the principal speaker of the evening, General Chairman Miller, brought rounds of applause which was generously continued during the hour that he entertained us. He was followed by other speakers, including members of the Wage Board, Brothers Dermody and Kipp and McNeal, Miller, Wenrich and Skinner. Local Chairmen High, Dewey, Paur, Peacock, Skinner, Mayhew, Flaherty and Snyder headed the P. R. R. delegation and Local Chairmen Farlow and Henry and General Chairman McNeal, the P. & R. delegation.

The committee who slaved to give us this great big O. R. T. surprise banquet included A. J. Tatlow, chairman; E. L. Guiley, secretary; R. J. McAllister, J. K. Osmond, J. F. Dewey, H. R. High, A. D. Sheldon, Edw. Porter, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, Miss M. C. Beck, F. G. Dull, J. W. Dullea, F. M. Plantholt, Howard Carr, D. W. Mattis, James Hutton, T. A. Harrigan, C. J. Bradley, H. J. O'Hara and C. J. McGinley, treasurer.

Our sisters, Misses M. Bowers, E. R. Shepard and B. H. Pubance, were a valuable addition to our committee.

Anyone desiring a copy of the menu with the order of the evening can secure one upon request.

Our printed matter, together with the souvenirs, was delivered to a neighboring hotel and the error not discovered until the following day.

Letters of regret were received from Bros. Seibert, Div. 33, and Richman, Div. 60, expressing their inability to attend our banquet. Bro. K. M. Whitten, second International, vice-president Commercial Telegraphers' Union, also extended fraternal greetings, with regrets of inability to attend.

In our pay envelope the second pay day in February there was a handsome little allotment for most all the tower employees on the P. T. Division, besides the regular salary, and many were overcome (with delight) when the goods were delivered. This makes about four installments, all told. It is said still another handsome "dividend" is on the way. We believe there are no more "slackers" in America—not even on the P. T. Division—as the remaining are preparing for the final degree.

The monthly meetings at McKelvey's Hall, 42nd and Lancaster avenue, West Philadelphia, each second Tuesday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. are well attended and are of great interest to all concerned.

CERT. 2070, Div. Cor.

#### *"PO" Philadelphia Relay—*

We regret having lost Bros. J. F. and D. H. Wilson and H. F. Nice through reduction of force, these worthy gentlemen having been sent back to their respective divisions. Fifteen printer operators—all female nons—were discharged outright and we have hopes of getting rid of the whole printer outfit.

F. J. "Barney" McMahon, one of our boys "Over There," recently arrived from a long servitude in France, dropped in to see us the other day and was given a wonderful reception. "Barney" was in an accident in France in which he had two fractures in one arm, a fracture of one leg, and has the use of a cane to get around. We hope to soon have him with us using his old sign "MH."

Sergeant Keen, Bill Garrett, Eddie Shields and the rest of the "PO" boys are looked for shortly.

Among the "PO" brothers fortunate enough to be able to attend the banquet March 13th were: Local Chairman High, Stoudt, Cassidy, Kerns, Hemmig, Cochran, Smith and Lucy. They all enjoyed the big feed and were well pleased with the entire program.

Bros. Boyer and Fisher and their wives from Williamsport, and Bros. "AF," "KR" and "HD" from Wilmington; Snyder, local chairman Schuylkill Division; Hendricks,

local chairman Trenton Division, and Bro. George Ritter from Harrisburg were familiar faces among the myriads of visitors at the banquet.

We are going to engage the Ritz Carlton in 1920 and arrange for a crowd of about 500.

Bro. Kilmon took in the sights at New York recently.

Local Chairmen Mercer, Renovo Division, and Mayhew of Delaware Roads, were recent pleasant visitors to "PO."

"OLD SCRIBE."

#### *Delaware "Southern" Division—*

Local Chairman Mayhew and Bros. Dabson, Greensboro, and Williams, "W" office, were among those present at the March 13 Philadelphia banquet and meeting. It was a great success.

The opening of new "JC" tower at Harrington and closing of "HA" and old "JC" let out a number of operators.

It will soon be Bro. Chas. Hudson, agent Ironshire, and Bro. L. A. Bailey, acting agent Redden. They requested blanks which have been furnished them.

It sounds natural to hear "Toddle" back at Easton "hammering brass" since being released by "Uncle Sam." He will soon have the proper "handle" to his name.

It is now Bro. Truitt at Airey, we are glad to say. They all come in but Uncle Lavin Lecates. He seems hard to convert. It is also Bro. Fred Willis, at Hartly.

The brothers on the D. & C. are going to give the four remaining "nons" on that branch a little more grace before they strictly apply our motto, "No card, no favors."

Bro. A. C. Hayden, agent Cambridge, married in Wilmington, Del., Feb. 27, has returned after a delightful honeymoon in the West. The bride and groom have the best wishes of the entire division.

Bro. and Mrs. B. C. Wainwright and Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Cannon spent relief days in Philadelphia.

Bro. C. G. Allen spent one of his days with the Mayor of Woodside, our brother, O. W. Allen.

Bro. S. L. Richards spent a few days recently motoring among the farmers of Kent County getting a line on prospects, etc., for the coming season.

Bro. Jenkins planted his "taters" and other truck on his relief days.

Bro. Metz, agent East New Market, attended court several days recently.

Again I urge all to send in notes not later than the tenth of each month. CERT. 1461.

#### *Members West Jersey & Seashore and Camden Terminal Division—*

With great pleasure I accept the office of local chairman and thank you all for the support given me in the election, as this is

necessary in order that I succeed in my new position. It will be impossible for me to accomplish much without your earnest co-operation, and to make our work effective and successful we must become solidly united. It is as much your obligation to get new members as it is obligatory on the part of the officers to do so, therefore display greater activity, become more zealous and determined, that we may grow in numbers, giving us the strength to break down the defiance which has been used against us for years.

We have made wonderful strides during the past year and are proud of the faithful ones who have given their time to bring our division up to the present standing.

Keep the good work up, even if it does require long sustained efforts. Don't allow yourself to think that you have put as much money and time in it as you care to and that success will now be attained without any further help from you individually.

Don't be easily discouraged. Keep at it, and we are bound to win.

Let me hear your grievances or any suggestions you have to make. The officials even are applying Supplement 13 in some instances to their own satisfaction.

Announcement of regular meetings will be made later, and I ask you all to attend in order that they may be a success.

Sincerely and fraternally,

HARRY H. PEACOCK,  
Local Chairman,  
Woodstown, N. J.

#### *West Jersey and Seashore Division—*

We added quite a number of new members this past month.

Bro. H. H. Peacock of Woodstown, N. J., is our new local chairman. If you have any grievance write and explain it to him and help him to get a solid line-up. He can't do it all alone and will appreciate it. Keep after the man working with you until he gets a card. If you can't handle him advise Bro. Peacock.

The agent operators received their back money under Supplement 13 last pay day and we hope they will turn over \$9.84 of it and get a card. There can be no question as to who got it for them and no argument should be necessary to land them.

Bros. E. A. Rossman and C. E. Ellenberger have been elected delegates to the St. Louis convention next May and Bro. H. C. Garrison alternate from the upper end.

"A" Tower, Camden Terminal, is solid. Bro. Coppage will no doubt land most of the terminal fellows.

Bro. Amos Harris, Swedesboro, relieved on 30 days' vacation by Bro. A. H. Shimp.

The Sunday hours there and at Woodstown have been cut down and they get paid for just what hours they work.

Mannington Block office closed Sundays, also Harrisonville, at 3:50 p. m., Bro. Slb-

ley remaining until 6:10 p. m. to handle the mail.

"AD" Camden closed, vice Sister Edith Starkey to Ashland.

First "UR" Tower, Camden, is still held up by a non. He has received increases amounting to at least \$30 per month and back pay money. Someone see that he gets an application blank.

Don't let those fellows on the Pennsgrove branch fool you. They are not members yet as the application blanks they requested have not yet been returned with the fee attached.

Local Chairman Peacock attended the Pittsburgh meeting March 17th when the new officers for Division 17 were elected for the ensuing two years.

Supplement 13 says that after Jan. 1st all cut-off days will be abolished and not Oct. 1st, therefore we shall have our back money paid us as soon as the order comes through.

CERT. 74.

#### *Sunbury Division—*

Tuesday, Feb. 25th, two rousing meetings were held in Sunbury, both well attended. We expect to hold two meetings each month and want every operator present who can possibly get there. General Chairman Miller surprised us with a visit, and just at the right time. Those absent missed a treat. Organizer Wenrick also gave us a fine talk.

We had only four delinquents on the division this term and very few nons. Get busy, boys, and line them up. Some of you brothers and sisters around Wilkes Barre get in Millington at "BD."

Sister Helen Smith was recently married. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Sister Haberland has resigned. Sorry to have her leave. We will sure miss her smiling face.

Bro. Klase has been relieving the city W. U. manager, on sick list. CERT. 1555.

#### *Members Williamsport Division—*

I am pleased to serve you as your local chairman again and it shall be my highest ambition to make this division 100 per cent ere this year closes, with your loyal and undivided support.

Be careful to always keep yourselves paid up-to-date. One of our good brothers allowed himself to become delinquent, death summons came and his good wife and child were deprived of his \$1,000 insurance. Death is certain and we should always be careful and provide for the loved ones who survive us.

We still have a few delinquents and I hope they will heed this warning and remit at once. Every operator has received during the past year more than enough increase in wages to pay his dues for a lifetime and has no excuse for not becoming a member. A delinquent member is the same as if he had never joined. The day is not far distant

when he who persists in remaining on the outside will have cause for regret.

When meetings are called lay everything else aside, attend, and become an active factor, thus showing your interest in the organization that has done so much for all of us.

We shall close this year with a possible 95 per cent membership on the P. R. R. and the rate for joining will be increased. Get your friends in now at the low rate.

Kindly mail me a postal card the same day you remit your dues, advising me thereof, so I can check up my membership list. This will greatly assist me with the work.

The floral fund has been cancelled as per my circular letter, as this has been taken care of by the funds of our division at Baltimore.

Any information you desire, write me and I shall endeavor to give full explanation of your troubles.

Best wishes to you all.

Yours fraternally,

A. C. GRIEB, Cert. No. 7,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Williamsport Division Notes—*

Due to the curtailment of expenses, a number of the employees have been compelled to select other positions by exercising their seniority rights. It has caused a great amount of inconvenience to some of those affected, but we can all see the blessing of having the right to select another position under these provisions. Some of the younger element may be tempted to forget their O. R. T. dues, since they have again been placed on the extra list or probably temporarily furloughed. I hope they will not yield to such temptation for indications point to "boom" times in the very near future and in the meantime they would be without the protection of the organization representing their craft.

Bro. A. L. Grimm, displaced at "BQ" Northild., took second "SY" Sunbury, vice Bro. E. S. Boyer to third "JK." Bro. Cal Gresh, tiring of relief work, took first "KS" Northild., vice Bro. Cal Fensty to third "N" Northild. The famous hunter and trapper, Bro. Reichenbach, second "P" Sunbury, took second "DR" Montandon.

H. T. DERRICK, Cert. 152.

#### *"GO" Relay, Williamsport, Pa.—*

We are now about 94 per cent with good prospects of making it better than that, even. The brothers are paying up pretty fair. One don't know "just what he will do yet."

Bro. Best, "GN," has given up the late trick and gone back on the 2 p. m., relieved by Bro. Yeager, "KE." Bro. Hafer, "DK," is back on the "Grave Yard" trick, and Bros. Penny, Dugan and Caldwell, extra dispatchers, are all back here again, owing to the reductions in force.

Bros. Boyer and Fisher were visitors at

the annual banquet in Philadelphia on March 13th.

Keep in line, boys. You all got the circular letter put out by our local chairman. Try and help him all you can. It is to your interest to do so.

CERT. 918.

#### *Renovo Division—*

'Twas the cry of a voice of long ago in want which uttered "My kingdom for a horse." Had this wish been granted we could hardly conceive of burs being placed under the saddle of this steed to insure safety and speed in travel or winning a battle.

We should remember this and not saddle our new local chairman with burs of discord, but let our "dead bury its dead" and assist him in adjustments and working conditions so that order may be brought out of chaos in this division.

The first and most important step in that direction is to attend official meetings. Present your grievance if you have one. You will be heard and full justice rendered. Get on the firing line and do your bit.

The relief schedules being abolished has necessitated many changes but I cannot give a definite line-up until "bumping" is over. Telephone block operators have been hard hit in re-adjustments, many phone jobs being classed as telegraph positions causing a lengthy list in the furloughed column.

Bro. C. F. Mercer was elected local chairman, vice Bro. C. A. Smith, who was elected delegate to the St. Louis convention.

Having been appointed correspondent, a few items will be appreciated. Let's put Renovo Division on the map. CERT. 1921.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

Brothers, we must assist our local chairman to make this division solid.

Bro. Delephant has returned from the meeting of the general committee at Pittsburgh.

Stand loyally by the organization. It has proven itself faithful to its membership in the past.

Remit your dues promptly at the beginning of each term and avoid the necessity of the G. S. and T. sending out a delinquent list, thereby enabling him, also your local chairman, to devote their whole time to completing the organization.

Meetings will be called when requested at points more convenient for the largest number to attend. Members and non-members should be induced to attend and show our appreciation of what the local chairman is doing in our behalf, at great inconvenience to him.

Any who have not paid their dues for the current term should remit at once so Bro. Delephant can check up the membership on the division.

CERT. No. 4916.

#### *Pittsburgh Division—*

"WF" Tower, New Comerstown, is solid.

while "non" Sperling is spending his back pay in California, relieved by Bro. McCreary.

It is now Bro. J. L. Heavlin, first "KN."

An O. R. T. Club has been formed at Carnegie. It meets in the Hastler Bldg., Carnegie, Pa. Initiation fee, fifty cents; dues, ten cents a month. It is an ideal location and all the brothers are welcome to attend the meetings. Will notify by wire dates of meetings.

Brothers, send your notes to C. D. Dillon, division correspondent, room 1009, Penna Station, Pittsburgh, Pa., so that we can have a write-up every month and keep after the nons.

J. W. SCOTT, L. C.

#### *Pittsburgh Division, West End—*

Local Chairman Dinges' mother died Feb. 18 of pneumonia, after one week's illness. His father and brothers desire to thank the membership and others for the kindness shown them and the beautiful floral tribute. She was a telegrapher on the Pittsburgh Division years ago at Old Walls and Brinnton and was well known to the older operators and agents.

There was no write-up of this end in March, owing to Mrs. Dinges' death.

Bro. Dinges was re-elected local chairman and a delegate to the St. Louis convention and wishes to thank the members for the trust shown in him.

The train dispatchers have been cut to a 1907 basis and many old men thrown out on the road. We must get after the A. D. A. contingent who have taken our jobs and show them that the only organization to represent them is the O. R. T.

Crawford, of Trenton, displaced Miss Oliver, first "WG," who took third "WK."

"HD" closed, Bro. Cole to first "BY."

A number of offices closed on Southwest Branch after ten o'clock, throwing a few girls out and several closed entirely.

A few levermen have been taken off, operators doing their own switching.

Bro. McWay took second "SY" on Southwest Branch on account of these reductions and Sister Mary Fleming, second "BW," when the levermen were taken off there.

Bro. Barron displaced at "R" third by Larry from "OD" dispatcher's office.

Brothers, send me your notes.

CERT. 370.

#### *West End Notes—*

Bro. Marlow, who relieved Dunbald while off on account of the death of his daughter-in-law also relieved Bro. Bartchallow, leverman, two weeks while off with the "flu," and Bro. Heubner while sick two days.

Bro. Gorsline, who relieved Bro. Chaney when he was called to Pittsburgh, also Bro. Lack, "NE," a few days.

It is now Bro. Leech at "WF."

Line up the nons. Enforce the motto to the limit.

#### *East End Notes—*

Bro. Segui is back on third, Bro. Beaumont taking second "MF."

Bro. J. P. Collins' house burned to the ground recently and he lost everything except a little clothing.

Bro. Gross is being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Bro. Evans has returned to duty after a few weeks' illness with the "flu;" also Bro. C. A. Moran, later relieved by Bro. Segui.

Let's help Bro. Scott to line the nons up. Don't let them rest until they join and remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 3672.

#### *Pittsburgh, Pa., Yard Terminal—*

Every member paid up for June 30 term, thanks to Assistant Chairman Pentecost.

Sister McCartney is now in Wilkinsburg Yard office days, and Sisters Harkins and Shannon are working in train master's office, owing to reduction in force.

Back on levers: Bro. Marks to "BU," Bros. Pentecost and Minahan back on third "UF," and Bro. Crawford resumes duties on third "NA."

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Burke, first "UF," owing to the loss of his wife.

Bro. Martin is now second train director, "BU," vice Tom Kennedy, now first train director "BU."

CERT. 370.

#### *"GO" Relay, Pittsburgh—*

Two men taken off here, setting Bro. Brown back on third, leaving Bro. Hanson on second. Bro. Keitt cut off owing to reduction in force. Considerable changes made in the different second tricks, but have not put the eight consecutive hours into effect.

Send in your news to Local Chairman Scott. He knows the address of the correspondent.

Bro. Brown has returned to work after a week's absence on account of a nervous breakdown.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Pittsburgh, March 19th. Had about 14 speakers, including Bros. Rawlins, Skinner, Hindmarch, Flaherty from New York and several local chairmen. The attendance was small on account of short notice given to boys on the road.

CERT. 3672.

#### *Allegheny Division—*

A little effort on the part of each one will soon make this division 95 per cent. The best way to eliminate the nons is get in first ourselves.

. Bros. Upton and McCurdy will soon have the Creek lined up. The latter was off several days owing to the illness of his father. But hear nothing from the brothers on the Low Grade. The train service will not permit my calling and suggest that they send me a few notes for next Journal.

Bros. Hilliard and Kissinger are doing good work on the lower end of Valley.

Relief days having been abolished, the relief men asserted their rights via the bumping route, some of the good brothers being bumped twice within a week.

Tryonville station closed March 1st.

Bro. Kolf attended the dance at Centerville recently in his official capacity as constable of that borough.

The new roster is a big improvement over last year's, but there is still room for improvement.

Bros. Elliston and Buff Smith are home from the Army, the former bumped into first "DK," and understand Buff is going after "KM" first.

Dispatcher Rickards was recently married.

"BILL," Local Chairman, Cert. 490.

#### Tyrone Division—

Election returns show division well represented. Bro. G. A. Heberling, Lock Haven, local chairman; Bro. M. E. Flynn, delegate, and Bro. J. L. Oswalt, first alternate.

Let us now give our local chairman all assistance available.

Bro. Heberling attended the recent meeting of the local chairmen in Pittsburgh.

The boys all extend their profound sympathy to Bro. Tressler owing to the recent death of his wife and also wish to tender him our grateful thanks for the interest taken in the building up of our division when an acting local chairman was very necessary.

CERT. 2133.

#### Eastern Division—

An event of life-long memory and a success beyond our fondest hopes. Thus can we sum up in few words the banquet given under the auspices of the brothers of the Eastern Division at the Lexington Hotel, Alliance, the evening of March 20th. An even one hundred were in attendance, representing the Eastern, C. & P., Akron and E. & A. divisions, and also a number from the N. Y. C. H. R. R. We were fortunate in that the conference of local chairmen which had been in session in Pittsburgh for three days closed that morning, and through the efforts of Local Chairman Williams we were honored with the attendance of General Chairman Miller, G. S. & T. Skinner and Chairman Western Lines Bro. Hindmarch, together with twenty local chairmen from both lines east and lines west.

Of the division operators invited as guests of the "boys" only one found that he was not "too busy to attend," and he was given a rousing reception by the boys, which he will not likely forget soon.

Bro. Boyle acted as toastmaster and acquitted himself nobly. He reviewed the struggles of the operators of the Penna in the past and in closing urged the boys to be true

to themselves, to their organization, their employers and their God.

In response to their names Bros. Hindmarch, Skinner, Williams and Miller, also several of the local chairmen, gave interesting talks on the things most vital to the brothers.

Bro. Miller, of course, was the speaker of the evening, reviewing the request of the men for higher wages and better working conditions since the Government took over the roads.

Boys, we owe our highest praise to the committee, Bros. Doyle, Bolla and Loving for their "never say die" spirit and hard work in perfecting the arrangements which were a big factor in the success of this first banquet of the operators of this section of the Penna. May each one cherish the memory of that night and see to it that it shall not be the last gathering we have.

A balance of seven dollars was left in the hands of the committee which will be donated to an old hand at the railroad game, who has been in ill health for some time, to show him that he is still remembered by his comrades.

That part of this division from Baden to Pittsburgh taken over by Conemaugh Division sometime ago, has been returned to us.

Bro. Saberin was recently relieved a few days by Bro. Miller.

Several brothers and sisters working sheets on the river have been taken off. Also two men at "DI" and one at "CO" and "AL."

The brothers of the division extend to Bros. J. A. and A. P. Sanderbeck their deepest sympathy over the loss of their sister.

A communication was received recently bearing no signature. We welcome any news that is sent, but must insist that the writer sign his name, not necessarily for publication, but for our own protection.

CERT. 4321.

#### C. & P. Division—

It is now Bros. Urle Wells, Kall, Dungen, J. A. and T. M. Hagen. Keep after the fellow you are working with. Don't let him rest until he joins. This also means the two at Union Depot and the one at Dry Run, who drew as much back pay as the rest of us and positively refuses to join. Remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

Thompson, Greenwood and Wolfe, recently discharged from the Army, promise to be with us next pay day, and Miss Kralfeik, our perforator in "RD" relay, will join as soon as she receives her raise or back pay.

Bro. Copeland, "BN," is seriously ill with the "flu," relieved by Bro. McKee.

Bro. Steiner has returned to duty after two weeks' illness.

Bros. Reed, Tope, Mangus and McCoy have returned to duty, and Misses Zimmerman and Hauck to their homes in Columbus.

**Bro. Van Horn**, called to Leeds, Ia., recently, has returned and taken Alliance second, made vacant by the death of Bro. Betts.

Phones are being installed in "SU" dispatcher's office. When completed it will be all phones in there. Understand they will also be installed in "RD" relay.

Local Chairman Thaney went to Pittsburgh on committee work recently.

Thank you, brothers. A few notes help out a whole lot. Come again.

H. O. MANGUS, Cert. 3361.

#### *Members Cincinnati and C. L. & N. Division—*

I take this means of extending everyone many thanks for your generous donation, a check for \$91.50, which was a great surprise for me. Your generosity more than proves your appreciation for the small efforts I have been able to make during the first seven or eight months of our organization on the Penna Lines West.

Much has been accomplished during these few months, but there remains a great deal to be done during the coming year. We are practically just beginning. Let's all pull together for the benefit of our craft in the betterment of wages and working conditions for all.

Several boys have just returned from "over there," where they did their bit, and I am proud to show them what we have done to improve their positions during their absence. We hope those who are not our brothers now will be in the near future, as it is only through our united efforts that we can expect to get anything in the future and stave off reductions.

Brothers, take up your grievances first with the division operator, division agent, or in both cases with the superintendent, then if not satisfactorily adjusted refer them to me with all correspondence.

Stand by your organization, give the best service possible and keep after the few nons left. Remember that those who are not with us are against us. Everyone who has received their increase is able to pay for a card. Let's have a 100 per cent division in the shortest time possible.

L. M. STONE, Local Chairman.

#### *Cincinnati Division and C. L. & N., West End—*

A well-attended and enjoyable joint meeting was held at Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Tuesday, Feb. 25th, at 10 a. m., and also at 7 p. m., conducted by Local Chairman Stone, who gave us a nice talk.

Bro. Stenger, B. & O.; Local Chairman Taylor, Richmond Division, and Local Chairman Martin, Columbus Division, also gave us a nice talk. Bro. Taylor explained the dispatcher question fully. Bros. Shaw and Hughes, Cincinnati Division dispatchers, also gave interesting talks. If the attitude towards our Order of other dispatchers was

like theirs, we would soon all be "*together*."

The question of organizing an O. R. T. Club in Cincinnati was brought up, but not settled.

We all wish to thank Bro. Stone for the splendid service rendered us in 1918 and we are with him in 1919. He spent several days in Pittsburgh recently on schedule work.

Bro. Powers is back on third "OD" on account of a man being taken off in "Q."

It is now Bros. Midkiff and More. Keep after those other three nons until they sign up.

Remember our motto: "No card, no favors."

Bros. Blackburn, Gruber, Midkiff and Short were off recently on account of sickness in their families.

Let's have a good write-up. Without your aid it can't be done.

EVANS, Div. Cor., Cert. 3324.

#### *Zanesville Division—*

Goston and Darlington closed, also third Ellis and "PV" tower.

Bro. M. F. Ater, first Goston, to third McLuney; Bro. H. Z. Hopper to fourth New Lexington, vice Bro. W. S. McKinney to third "F"; Bro. Randolph to Lancaster first, vice Bro. Shaeffer to Mr. Varney's office; Bro. Pott, first Darlington, to first "SY," and Bro. Brown, second "DN," temporarily out.

Bro. R. P. Randolph, third Goston, is cutting ties on dad's farm.

Bro. E. W. Harvey, first Washington "CH," was recently married. Congratulations and best wishes.

L. C. YAHN, L. C.

#### *Zanesville Division Notes—*

Bro. Fouts and family spent Sunday, March 2nd, with Brother Sawyer and family at Lancaster.

Bros. Moore and Synan, copy operators in "X," have traded tricks.

Bro. Wallace relieved Local Chairman Yahn while he attended the meeting in Pittsburgh.

Bro. Wallace has moved into his new bungalow at Norval Park.

Bro. Delaplane, car distributor, was in Circleville recently attending the funeral of an aunt.

Bro. Horton, swing dispatcher, visited his wife's folks out the Narrow Gauge several days.

C. W. RANDOLPH.

#### *Columbus Division—*

I take this means of advising you that having re-elected me your local chairman I will do all in my power for our craft, and with the assistance of the brothers on the division make it one of the leaders in the O. R. T. This is a business proposition, therefore any help given is for your benefit as well as the others.

P. McCurdy, "MD" tower, Piqua, and T.

Glenn, "RS" tower, Paris, are the only two nons on the division, and each one of us must do all we can to have them join. We have better than 50 per cent of the agents lined up and must also keep everlastingly after them.

Call on me at any time for anything in my power and I will do my best, as I desire to merit the honor of my re-election.

The Board of Adjustment is: F. A. Boland, "DK," Columbus, Ohio; W. B. Standish, agent-operator; P. L. Martin, chairman, and J. C. Robertson, Piqua, division secretary and correspondent.

P. L. MARTIN, L. C.

#### *Columbus Division Notes—*

Bro. W. H. Wise, third "BO" Cabin, off three weeks with the "flu" upon returning traded jobs with Bro. Ottawa, second "FO" Tower.

Bro. Fague, first "DJ" Tower, off while his family had the "flu," was relieved by Bro. Clayton.

Bro. J. H. Robertson visited Bro. McCaslin recently, after taking in the sights at Indianapolis.

Bro. Homsher, "K," was relieved by Bro. Randles.

Division Operator McAlpine is on a trip to Florida, Dispatcher Bering keeping a line on the boys during his absence.

Bro. Zeeck has returned from the service of "Uncle Sam" to third "SY," vice Bro. Killbury to "SC" Tower second and Bro. Rogers to "T & O C" second.

Bro. Jenkins, relieved at first "GR" Cabin on a trip South by Bro. Dunham, has returned and is looking after the stone trains.

Bro. Bechtel, after 30 years' service, now has an "up-to-date card."

When you are off, or know of any changes, please call me up or mail them to me.

Thanks to Bro. Hardacre; he always sends some news.

Div. Cor.

#### *Toledo Division—*

The members of this division attended the recent meeting of the Golden Rule Telegraphers' Club at Toledo and heard Grand Secretary Rawlins in a very instructive and beneficial address. The brothers of this division should all join this club.

Our last write-up was received in St. Louis too late for publication.

Each one send me the news of their office, and get after the operator you work with who hasn't a card.

We are all glad to see Bro. Cook back on second Carrothers after a four months' combat with the "flu," followed by pneumonia. His relief, Bro. Barto, also relieved on first Burgoon during the illness of Bro. Vroman.

Brothers, don't forget to make a written transfer when relieved. Remember, "safety first."

Why not establish a "Rat Club" as suggested by Sister Henry of the Oregon Short

Line in the February issue of THE TELEGRAPHER?

The wires have been taken out of Helena, Flat Rock, Ridgeton and Omar, and either block or Toledo phone connection substituted.

Bro. Underwood, second Millersville, has a new Ford.

Bro. Wake, agent Chatfield, is being congratulated on the arrival of a boy, and Bro. Rocky, operator there, of a girl.

Bro. Clyde Zimmerman is erecting a garage at Ridgeton.

"BN" Tower closed temporarily. Bro. Reem to second "BS" Cabin, vice Bro. Green to third Harvey.

Bro. Schutt relieved Bro. Flint at Walbridge ten days, and Sister Overmeyer relieved Bro. Douty at Walbridge several days.

Bro. Vroman is back on Burgoon first; Bro. Barto relieving Bro. Smith, first "GB" Tower.

It is now Sisters Lucille Fisher and Edna Obermyer, Grogan and Woodville, and Bro. D. N. Tyner, Bucyrus. We welcome them into our ranks.

Bro. McKew has moved from Toledo to Bloomville.

Local Chairman Reinman, in Toledo, March 7th, on O. R. T. business, also attended the general committee meeting in Pittsburgh, March 18th.

We have now drawn our increases and back pay and there is no reason why the few nons left should not join at once. Keep after them. Our dues are small compared to what other organizations require of their membership and we should have a thorough organization.

The membership has paid up in fine shape.

A. E. M., Div. Cor.

#### *Members Indianapolis Division—*

I desire to thank you for your endorsement of my work on this division, evidenced in my re-election as your local chairman and election as delegate to the St. Louis convention. I assure you that I will continue to represent you to the very best of my ability in all organization matters and trust my efforts will merit a continuation of your confidence. I want each brother and sister to feel that I am one of you and ever ready to do everything possible for you. I will no doubt call upon some for a little help and when such becomes necessary I trust you will immediately and gladly respond.

We should use every effort to not only keep up our membership but to improve it. There is work for us all. Untiring energy and united effort will bear fruit in the end.

It cannot be impressed too strongly upon our fellow telegraphers that only through membership in our organization can their rights be conserved and retained. Every eligible should become a member at once.

It is a debt of honor he should hasten to pay.

Give the company the very best service possible and show the officials that the men and women who carry an up-to-date are to be absolutely relied upon.

The way to meet all opposition is to organize solidly to a man.

Keep me advised as to what is going on, or causing you trouble. Don't talk about it on the phone and wire. To do so, even in a joking way, does harm. Let's get down to business.

Land the nons working with or close to you, now mostly a few agents. Our progress can be reviewed with satisfaction, accomplished by men who are well worthy of our utmost confidence and faith. Co-operate with me and our thorough organization will not be a very difficult task.

"Trade your hammer for a horn." Join the crusade and stay organized.

I have not yet made the appointments to Local Board of Adjustment and division correspondent, and possibly one assistant chairman. The same old bunch will remain in their positions, unless they refuse to accept, with the exception possibly of one assistant local chairman. Continue sending your notes to Bro. B. B. Walters, Sandborn, Ind. Take an interest in the events of the division in order that we may have a good write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each issue.

W.M. BUMP, Local Chairman.

#### *Indianapolis Division Notes—*

One of the best ways to assist our local chairman is to get in the nons and see that the members near us pay their dues promptly. Keep close after any who may become delinquent and when a new man comes to your office ascertain if he is a member. If not, start to work on him and notify Bro. Bump.

At the close of 1918 there was, with the exception of one operator, not a non-telegrapher on the division, although there were some six or eight exclusive agents who did not belong. We must keep after them until they are lined up also, as no other organization except the O. R. T. ever properly represented them.

B. B. WALTERS.

#### *Indianapolis Notes No. 2—*

Bro. H. C. Brinson has resumed after an attack of the "flu." Bro. O. W. Lee, also off sick with it, is improving.

Some of our furloughed operators are returning from military service. We must see that they all have up-to-date cards.

A number of our brothers and sisters hired for the war period have been released on that account.

Dispatcher H. Horn, back from military service, in a hospital four weeks, will soon resume his duties.

Let's all keep after the nons and give

them no peace until they get an up-to-date.

Bro. J. M. Pierce, while visiting his mother at Fostoria, Ohio, was relieved by Bro. G. R. Dyar.

Bro. W. A. Brown to second Ben Davis, Bro. F. L. Davison to second "NA."

Bro. H. A. Sweet, first "S," has taken a clerk's job there, relieved by Bro. R. E. Sweet.

Bro. W. R. Cox, second "RO," to first; Bro. V. White to second.

Bro. M. F. Lewing has returned from military service resuming first "G."

Local Chairman Bump is attending the official meeting in Pittsburgh.

BRO. C. WILLIAMS, "GA."

#### *Indianapolis Terminal—*

A little over a year ago we were all nons. We are now 100 per cent strong. Let us keep up this record by paying our dues promptly.

The switchtenders have been taken away from "KR," "BC" and "JO" offices and the former moved to the ground floor.

March 21st "KR" Tower closed temporarily, the building having been moved near the C. I. & W cross-over, and "BC" Cabin closed permanently. Bro. Hubbard is now on first there, Bro. Raider on second and Bro. York on third. Bro. McMickle is on "BC" first, "WN" being closed indefinitely.

Bro. Edwards did not report for duty March 21st and Bro. Morey is filling the vacancy.

U. S. Seaman Dick Moffet has returned from seven months' active service in France.

Bro. York is on first "DE," vice Bro. Kelley, on sick list.

Bro. De Moss relieved Sister Shrear at "JO" Cabin. The latter and Sister Wolmer were recent visitors at the terminal offices. We hope they'll soon call again.

Bro. Oliver went to third "NS" Tower, vice Bro. Wolmer, who relieved Sister Wolmer on second "MR" Cabin.

Bro. Roark to second "BU" Tower, vice Bro. Steinhauer to extra board. "Tubble" has bought an overcoat and two new suits of clothes.

CERT. 2605.

#### *Members Richmond Division—*

I wish to thank you for the gift of the typewriter. Words will not express my feelings toward you, my loyal supporters. You have re-elected me as your local chairman and I shall honestly strive to fulfill this office in a creditable manner, that you may not have cause to regret the confidence you have placed in me.

Fraternally,

O. W. TAYLOR, L. C.

#### *Logansport Division—*

Bro. Krosnick, third Crown Point, relieved by Bro. Buck several days.

Bro. Mitchell, Logansport, relieved by Bro. Rhodes several days because of sickness in family.

Bro. Davidson to second Yard Office, relieved by Bro. House at "MR" Tower.

Bro. Sturgis relieving Bro. Brook, Logansport Yard, while off sick.

Bro. Kiser, Bethelvans, off a few days on account of his sister's death, is now at "MI" Tower, vice Bro. McDonough, off with the "flu."

Bro. Dunn, Hartford City, has taken his wife to Rochester, Minn., to undergo an operation.

Bro. W. O. Clark, "JD" Tower, has moved into his new house.

Local Chairman Kent is in the East with the general committee trying to get our schedule through. Let's not have any delinquents, so we can say we are all backing him.

Brothers, if you want a write-up next month send all the news to me on third "FD." "IA," Cert. 4074.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. A. E. Whitney was transferred to Columbus.

We are in fine shape and nearly all paid up.

It is now Bros. Schabburg, Cobb and Wherry. There are only a few nons left.

Local chairmen elected are: Bert Fry, Western End, and Bro. C. A. Jana, East End; Bro. Rhodes alternate.

Bro. Jana, relieved by Bro. Harrison, returned from the accounting committee work at Boston and attended the general committee meeting in Pittsburgh, March 18th. Bros. J. F. Miller and Hindmarch were re-elected.

Relieved on sick list: Bro. Shreve, several days, by Bro. Dumph; Bro. Barr, by Bro. H. C. Miller; Bro. Vansill, Bro. Tom Hauff, Dan Cruse and Bro. Norris, latter by Bro. Harrison. Cruse and Bro. Norris had the "flu."

We are sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Klingerman's grandfather.

Brothers, please send me any changes at your office to "AU," or 1317 Fletcher avenue, Fort Wayne, Ind.

C. W. MILLER, Cert. 2558.

#### *Members G. R. & I. Northern Division—*

I wish to thank the brothers for electing me your local chairman and delegate to the St. Louis convention. Also Bro. Lowell and the brothers who helped him make the splendid organization now on this division. With your assistance we can soon get in the few nons left.

Owing to having the "flu" twice and no provision made for an alternate in the case of sickness, I was unable to attend the Pittsburgh general committee meeting on March 18th. Have written Bro. Kelly of

the Southern Division to make a report of the proceedings.

Let me have your grievances so we can get busy as soon as the committee is organized.

W. P. HOFFMAN, Local Chairman,  
Cadillac, Mich.

#### *G. R. & I. Northern Division Notes—*

Bro. Cross opened and worked "HI," Lake City, while the ice was being loaded.

Bro. McPhee relieved Bro. Grunts on second Petoskey and he and Bro. Cross relieved Bro. Weldner levering a few days. Later Bro. Cross was called to Canada owing to his sister's illness.

Bro. Phelps has returned from a few days' trip to Ishpeming and Bro. Haberson from two weeks' vacation South, relieved by Bro. McPhee.

Bro. Elmer, relieved a few days by Spiker, just back from camp.

Boys, drop me a line when there are any changes made.

Bro. Avery on third "RD" "KS" Tower, vice Bro. Kidder, resigned.

Bro. Judd was over the road a few days recently to look up the high spots, but lost his trail in the snow around Kegomic.

Our motto: "No card, no favors," is not being applied strongly enough at "KY." Boys, slip him the left cut hard. Look out for the new ones and get them in at once.

FAG, 1865.

#### *Southern Division—*

Local Chairman Kelley attended the Fort Wayne Safety meeting and Pittsburgh O. R. T. meeting.

When and where can we hold a meeting? Come along with your suggestions.

Sisters Gilger, second Shelbyville, and Pelton, third Fisher, relieved by Bros. Cripe and Hayden, respectively. Bro. Ross, first Portland, took Cooper, vice Bro. Lausure to first Hoagland.

The boys at Wolcottville have a brand new fire extinguisher and fire buckets.

Forest McWhorter, returned from France, relieved his father, agent Geneva, one day, on account of sickness, and Floyd Stevens also just back from overseas, took third Kalamazoo.

Send in your items as soon as you have one. "No card, no favors." No items, no write-up.

Our complete list of nons is free for the asking, send for one. CERT. 3766.

#### *Peoria Division—*

Radio instructor at Howard is back at "DY." Keep after him and the other few nons until they line up.

I have been appointed assistant local chairman by Bro. Hoelscher, help me all you can to make the division solid.

Bro. E. S. Coyle, second Decatur Jct., has

been appointed division correspondent. Send him all the notes you hear of each month. It is hard for one person to keep track of all the happenings.

I wish to thank the brothers for the assistance they have given me while trying to fill this important place.

F. W. HYBARGER, Cert. 2810.

*Chicago Terminal Notes—*

There appears to be a few men on the division of the opinion that their obligations to the O. R. T. ceased since the application of Supplement No. 13, and are exhibiting an indifference which bodes no good for our future. After what has been accomplished in the past year by our organization, we should have no backsliders. The only way to keep what we have gained is to be prepared to combat any adverse conditions which may confront us in the future. If you know of any slackers or nons, forward their names to the local chairman, who will endeavor to put them on the right track.

Bro. J. B. Leslie, our newly elected local chairman, attended the recent Pittsburgh meeting, and helped to elect the general chairman.

Bros. Handschey and Shirey will be our delegates at the St. Louis convention.

Bros. Long and Hollis have exchanged tricks at Bernice.

The split trick man at "DU," who is undecided as to whether or not he will renew his card, admits he accepted the increase and back pay.

N. C. N. F.,  
Cert. 2913.

*St. Louis Division, East End—*

The position of correspondent is about one of the most thankless in the whole category. The spirit of indifference among the membership makes it very trying for the correspondent who is trying to have a write-up in each month's issue of the Journal. I now have an organization of assistants, and expect to have this part of the St. Louis Division represented from now on. Mail the correspondent nearest you your notes, not later than the 10th of the month.

Bro. Hatfield relieved Bro. Robinson while down with the "flu." Bro. V. A. Woodward, also our next extra dispatcher, is very sick with the same disease, and Bro. O. M. Snyder is also off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. C. N. Williams.

Bro. Carpenter, third at "FM," is back in the harness again after having been absent from duty for some time.

Bro. Robinson was expecting to be relieved by Ivan Grisson, but instead he relieved Mr. Raines of his daughter, and died with her for Illinois. We all extend congratulations and best wishes, and brothers, don't forget to remind Ivan that he needs a card now more than ever to protect his better half.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the regular meeting for the second Saturday night in each month was postponed the 8th. Don't fail to attend these meetings and enjoy the benefits to be had by so doing.

Bro. J. E. Hindmarch was re-elected chairman, and will also represent us as delegate at the St. Louis convention in May.

Any brother who has neglected to pay his dues should remit to Secretary and Treasurer Skinner at once, and do his part in helping to make our division solid; then autocracy can never show its head again, as it has in the past; and remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 2089.

*St. Louis Division, West End—*

The members of this division have again shown their confidence in Bro. J. E. Hindmarch, by unanimously electing him local chairman, and sending him as a delegate to the Grand Division convention in St. Louis next month. The entire membership of the division is behind "Heiney."

There is only one delinquent on this division. Remember our motto: "No card, no favors." Live up to it strictly and we will eliminate the nons.

Bro. Pryor, Bluff City, recently relieved Bro. N. E. Browning, St. Jacob; Bro. Lyerla, Hagerstown, Bro. Fogler, St. Elmo, on sick list, and Bro. Reynolds, Vandalia, while his baby was sick.

Bro. Kelley, Bluff City, relieved by Bro. Muller several days, owing to the death of a relative, and Bro. Bone, Smithboro, by Bro. Babcock, on account of the death of his sister. Bro. Lee D. Davis was relieved by Sister Tennyson a few days, owing to the illness and death of his little child. We all extend our sympathy to the bereaved families.

Bro. Smith, Greenup, while visiting his sister in Oklahoma, was relieved by Bro. Bell, Vevay Park. Bro. Wycoff, of Effingham, recently escorted Bros. Smith, Greenville; Bone, Smithboro, and Reynolds, Vandalia, to the hospital to visit Bro. Chas. Holsapple, and then took the boys to dinner at the hotel there. We are glad to state that Bro. Chas. Holsapple is now at home, and will soon be with us again.

The bone dry law taking effect July 1st, has no terrors for Bro. Husted at Dexter, as he has planted a large vineyard. Bro. Darner, Vandalia, made a trip east recently.

CERT. 2410.

*"Nickel Plate" R. R., Div. No. 18.*

*Cleveland Division—*

Bro. M. L. Ellis, an old-timer and a genial gentleman, from the B. & O., is working on this division. We hope he will stay here and transfer.

On sick list: Bro. Daugherty, agent Avery, with the "flu"; Bros. W. T. MacShay, and

Charles Walton, Kimball, a few days, same cause as former, relieved by Bro. Ellis, latter by Sister MacShay. Bro. W. G. Grant, Vermillion first, indisposed several days, relieved by Bro. Ellis who also relieved Bro. Dunlop, Euclid, on sick list.

One of the operators at Rocky River also sick relieved by Lowrie, from the Postal, Cleveland. The committee is still working on the schedule. Progress is slow, as other organizations are ahead of us before the various government boards, taking up its time.

Brothers, send me the changes for the write-up.

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*Chicago Division—*

Bro. Crisenberry first Knox, visiting in Florida, relieved by Bro. Whittkamper, and he on second there, by Bro. W. E. Tettters. Bro. Dimmick, third Knox, relieved several days by Sister Burkett.

Bro. Williamson, third Claypool, who was with his wife while she had the influenza, was relieved by Bro. Neff, and he on third Sidney, by Miss Davis. Bro. J. W. Redman, first Claypool, visiting on a Sunday in Chicago recently, was relieved by Bro. Worsham, agent Packertown, whose office is closed Sunday.

Sister Cecil Morris, third Dunfee, is off three months, going to school at Valparaiso, relieved by Bro. "Bill" Mendall.

Bro. H. H. Denny bid in second copying trick at Stony Island.

Sister Thelma Campbell, in Fort Wayne Hospital six weeks, is now seriously ill. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

There was a young man from Dunfee, Who bid in a job at "SD," But "SI" was too fast, For the young man to last, So he let up on signing "QZ."

"RX," Cert. 269.

**N. Y. C. R. R. Lines West, Div. No. 19.  
Erie Division—**

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings was held at Ashtabula, Sunday, March 2nd, about eighty brothers and one sister being present. The meeting was called to order at 1 p. m. by Bro. Hazen, and Local Chairman Bro. Frawley, who gave us a very interesting talk. The members were very much disappointed when it was announced that General Chairman Smith would not be present, being called home suddenly on account of illness of his family.

General Chairman Crowley, of the "Nickel Plate" told how business was being handled in Washington, and also read the interpretation of Supplement No. 13, to be inserted into their schedule. The "NYC" runs along in about the same lines. Every member who possibly can do so should attend these meetings, and get an idea of what's going on.

The meeting adjourned from 2 until 4:30 p. m., to give some of the agents an opportunity to attend an O. R. S. A. meeting called at 2 p. m. They returned satisfied that the only organization for the agents was the O. R. T., with its seventy thousand members.

While the meeting was adjourned Bros. Radigan, C. U., and C. M. Paul, borrowed a \$200.00 Victrola with thirty-one of the latest records and up-to-date music and royally entertained the members.

West Seneca yard closed, Bro. Munson taking first "MS" Erie depot, vice Bro. Pickard, who took third there, displacing Bro. Jake Henry, who bumped Bro. Jack Kauffman, who took Wesleyville second. Bro. Nemoyer, "WS," bumped Bro. Jim Timmons, who took second, displacing Bro. Snyder, who bumped Bro. Paul Sievert at "X" Dunkirk Tower, who went back to North East.

Bro. Gross was relieved several days by E. G. Gifford.

The new brick tower at North East is complete and the signal department about ready to install the machine, an up-to-date G. R. S. A. Bros. Franklin, Sievert and Hovis won't have to roll any more switches by hand.

Bro. E. A. Sievert, second Lake View, was recently married. We all extend congratulations and best wishes.

Bro. Grant Milks, our efficient lineman at Erie depot, used his back pay to furnish his nice little flat at 254 West Twenty-third Street.

Crossing gates were recently installed at Brigham Road, making a little more work for the brothers there.

Bro. Jake Henry has returned from France and is "hitting the ball" at "MS" Erie depot. He says the U. S. A. looks good to him.

Bro. Garnow, first "X" Dunkirk Tower, passed the cigars recently to celebrate the arrival of a ten-pound girl.

Remember the motto: "No card, no favors."

**CERT. 46.**

*Alliance Division—*

The joint meeting and banquet at Alliance of the Alliance Division, N. Y. C. Ry. E. & A. Division, and the Eastern Division, of the C. & P. Pennsylvania Lines West, was a grand success. The members will find a write-up of it in the notes of the later named division of Division No. 17. This division was represented by Local Chairman Bro. Dickenson and Bros. Pettit, Carnes, Bettis, Hunter, Keal and Allen, who felt fully compensated for any trouble they may have experienced in attending in addition to the pleasure of an enjoyable evening spent in comradeship with the men of their craft.

Plans are being worked out to hold these meetings frequently.

Local Chairman Dickenson went to Cleveland March 21st, to the general committee meeting.

No write-up last month as I was down with the "flu."

Many of the men are being moved to Minerva preparatory to moving the division headquarters there. Alliance Yards, second and third, and assistant trainmaster's position abolished. Minerva agency resumed, H. L. Dennis in charge.

Most of the brothers have paid their dues promptly. We hope if the few who are behind cannot pay the entire amount at once, they will pay in installments. There is no excuse for being delinquent.

There are yet three nons on the division who refuse to join, you know who they are. We mention it that you may remember, "No card, no favors." We do not include in this the boys who have just returned from the service and have not had time to pay up.

L. L. ALLEN, Div. Cor.

#### R. H. Division—

Bro. Robinson has moved his family from Northfield to Collins.

Bro. H. H. Woodman, extra Clyde, on thirty days' leave, will go to Catawba Island to look after the peaches. Bro. Furlong, who has been on the sick list, relieved him on first.

Bro. H. Peetz has been discharged from Camp, and is again at the old stand.

Bro. Ernst, "BS" Tower, was off two weeks, on account of sickness in his family.

Some of you boys on the R. H. Division get busy and send over some items, and we will try and be represented in the correspondence column.

Bro. E. P. McKinley, who died February 21st, after a week's illness with the "flu" and pneumonia was buried from the home of his parents at Big Springs, O., and Bro. Gern Hall, phone operator at Kinsman, died March 3rd with the same disease, being sick only a few days. Funeral was held at 2 p. m., March 6th. Bro. Robinson, Bro. Smith and Bro. Baldwin, dispatcher, acted as pallbearers at the funeral on March 6th. Bro. Hall's mother has written a letter of thanks to Chief Dispatcher Baker at Cleveland, for beautiful flowers we sent, also for our expressions of sympathy, friendship, kindness, and courtesies shown our deceased brother during his illness.

A. C. A., Cert. 1302.

#### N. Y. O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.

##### Scranton Division—

Third Hancock closed, Bro. Williams third, displaced Bro. O'Boyle, at Poynette, who displaced Miss Kennedy, clerk at Olyphant; at Preston Park, third also closed, laying off Bro. McLean; Bro. Gaffeny, operator and clerk, Jermyn transfer, displaced Murphy, clerk at Dickson.

We hope this slump in the coal trade will not last long; that the country will soon settle down to its pre-war routine and our brothers be back in their old places with plenty of work for all.

Bro. Kennedy, who enlisted several months ago, has returned to second Olyphant.

All agents and operators have been cut down to one hour only on Sundays, except the one on third "DX," who has no work at all on Sundays and holidays. While cutting out Sunday work takes away about two-thirds of the last raise of most of us, it meets with almost universal satisfaction. It would be better if they had no work at all on Sundays.

CERT. 301.

#### Southern Division—

Meadowbrook second closed, Bro. Carswell, who bumped Bro. Swope, agent Hortons, then took a sixty days' leave and Bro. Swope bid it in temporarily. Liberty third closed, Bro. Sherwood to second Northfield, then took ninety days' leave. Kingston second closed, Bro. Keator bid in second Burnside Tower temporarily. Second relief operator laid off, Bro. Baxter bumped Bro. Steenrod, second East Branch; first Cooks Falls placed on the agent, and operator laid off, Mullen taking third Roscoe, Bro. Wake-man having been placed on the retired list. Bro. C. G. Topping, first Nevesink Tower, bid in at Luzon agency, vice Bro. Mattacons, back to ticket office there, vice Bro. Reistetter, to extra list again.

Bro. Dingee, Cadosia, on vacation, relieved by relief operator Bro. Capach. Bro. G. M. Bennet relief agent, relieved the agent at Hamden two weeks.

Cert. 7.

#### C. I. & W. Ry., Div. No. 21.

##### Indianapolis Division—

This is my initial effort as correspondent. When changes occur at your stations please advise me, and I will endeavor to give a good write-up each month. Mail your notes to W. D. Anness, Liberty, Ind., not later than the 18th.

Corporal L. D. Hussey, formerly second "CG" tower, is now in Andernach, Germany, with the 5th Field Signal Battalion, writes that he has had some close calls, missed several meals, and will be glad when vacation (?) days are over; also that an up-to-date is one of the things he will be wanting when he returns.

We are glad to hear the musical voice of Bro. Ball, first Connersville, on the phone again, after having been on the sick list for some time. (Yes, George and his voice were both sick.)

Bro. Trent, second Connersville, relieved a few days by extra O'Keefe.

Napier, discharged from the army, resumed on first "CG" tower, displacing Toehill, relieving his brother at College Corner.

Weaver, second "CG" tower, on sixty-day

leave, relieved by extra Buscher. Boring, third "CG" tower, relieved a few days by extra Runyon.

Bro. Andrews, New Palestine, was off several days, owing to the illness of his wife.

McGonigle, Brownsville, Glenwood, Arlington, Morristown and New Palestine telegraph offices have been closed on Sundays.

Get that non working with you and the division will soon be 100 per cent pure gold.  
"BILL," Cert. 37.

#### Mo. Kans. & Texas Ry., Div. No. 22.

##### *Denison District—*

Bro. R. G. Hatfield, second trick wire chief of "GM," was elected local chairman, and Bros. Massenburg "Li" Dallas, and Rountree, Winnsboro, appointed assistant local chairmen.

The telegraphers of Dallas and vicinity recently held a meeting in the banquet hall of the Jefferson Hotel there, and organized. The club has been named "The Dallas Railroad Telegraphers' Club," electing M. B. Mason, president; J. E. Barnhart, secretary and treasurer, and J. E. Spencer of this division third vice-president.

Our brothers who wish to become members will please mail the initiation fee of \$5.00 to Bro. J. E. Barnhart, 612 West Jefferson St., Dallas, Tex. It is earnestly hoped that all in Dallas and vicinity will become members.

Re-grouping the lines on March 1st, again making "The Katy" all one system, increased business in "GM" enormously, and five more telegraphers were hired, including Bros. Kernohan, "WF" Wichita Falls; Wood, "WX" Denison; Weaver, Postal, Hendersonville, Ky., and Mr. W. E. Moore, from the W. U.

Our membership on the Katy is increasing rapidly. "GM" alone has fifteen members, and we soon expect to make this office 100 per cent. Remember, boys, what this division was a year ago, then get right after the few nons for their application.

Bros. Roundtree, Hatfield and Massenburg, latter of the yard office Dallas, have worked hard and unceasingly in obtaining members and we extend them our appreciation for the bulk of our percentage at the present time. These brothers have shown us the way, and every member should solicit the nons near them for their applications. Bro. Massenburg, on a recent visit to Denison, brought back three applications with him.

Bro. Wittacker is back at "GM," after several days' illness.

Bro. E. E. Delaplaine, deputy president, who has been with us since the latter part of October, left March 13th, for Shreveport, where he expects to establish headquarters. He done so much for the boys while here in Dallas that he will be missed by all of us.

Sister Dolores Spraker, while visiting old friends in Dallas, Sunday recently, also on

a trip to Denison and other prominent Texas towns, was relieved by Miss Loudermilk, relieved at Bona, Texas, by Bro. Mills, when the hours were changed there to 9 p. m. Bro. Sam Manning, Denison, was also a recent Dallas visitor.

The wife of Bro. N. G. Jones, Ray Yards, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in Sherman hospital.

Bro. Maples relieved operator Brown, Hilland Tower, owing to his mother's illness.

DIV. COR. CERT. 256.

#### C. M. & St. Paul Ry., Div. No. 23.

##### *Columbia & Idaho Division—*

A circular from Chicago says the officials are trying to put a different construction on Supplement No. 13 from the way we 13 it, and round one ended in a draw. We didn't expect to win everything in a walk, but will show some real class in Washington at the next meet.

Bro. Sprinkel, A. C. O. Malden Relay, is doing a thriving business with the Martin Vibroplex. Among the recent purchasers were Bro. Walden, agent Pine City, and Bros. Williams and Dahl, Malden Relay. The new freight station at Malden is about ready for occupancy, the agent there having been a nomad since fire destroyed the old one.

Bro. Meyers, first St. Maries, on leave of absence, relieved by Bro. Keegan, who recently relieved Bro. Myler, second Spokane, breaking in as extra dispatcher there, while he was learning the road. We wish him success. Dispatcher May, swing trick dispatcher, serving Malden and Spokane.

Bro. Potter, agent Ralston, has been appointed on Safety First Committee, so if you have any suggestions, slip 'em to Claud.

Bro. and Sister Olmstead, first and second on Boylston, are on vacation.

Bro. Tom Joyce, filling in as agent at Beverly, Sister Dreger relieving him on second.

Local Chairman Woods is baling and shipping his hay crop.

Bro. H. R. Carroll, agent Corfu, was in Spokane a few days, on account of sickness. Sister Breitlingross, second Lind, off on same account.

Bro. Coburn, first Othello, taking a ride on the goat in Spokane, relieved by H. L. Mann, Fernwood.

Bro. Vickers, agent at Warden, has had his helper pulled off.

The slogan now is "stay organized;" don't get in bad by getting on the non or delinquent list.

CERT. 614.

##### *Missoula Division—*

Bro. Bacon, re-elected local chairman, also elected delegate to the St. Louis convention beginning May 12th. Bro. Brink, of Alberton, elected alternate.

Sister Bessie Holmes has been reinstated on third Saltse. This bump was a viola-

tion of our schedule. The members should bring all such matters to the notice of the proper authorities, so they can be straightened up.

Sister Cerrine Smith is relieving Bro. Waite, first Stetson, on vacation to the coast.

Bro. R. A. Derval has taken new third Roland, as a Morse operator was required there.

The snow is melting on the mountains, causing two slides recently at Faroker, stopping traffic several hours, occasioning Nos. 17 and 18 to be detained between Henderson and Missoula. Twelve feet of snow reported at East Portal.

Bro. C. E. Tyndal, extra dispatcher for several months, has returned to Missoula; Bro. Boyer back to second and Sister Tyndal to third.

Bro. Geo. Herbstruth in the radio service, writes that he has left Baltimore on another trip to Stockholm, Rotterdam and Hamburg, to return with a German transport. He expects to be back with us as soon as he is mustered out.

Bro. C. A. Harris writes from Baltimore, M. D., hospital that he is much improved, expects to be mustered out before Easter, and hopes to soon be back on Superior.

Bro. H. W. Mellon writes that he expects to be released from the army early this spring, and will return to Adair, Montana, agency as soon as possible.

Superior, Mont.

CERT. 3164.

#### Kansas City Division—

Everything closed on Sunday except some eight or ten offices on the Middle and West Division. Have not heard from the East End and Marion line.

Sister Mamie Scannell on sick list, relieved on Third Excelsior Springs by Bro. Pauley, and he at Dawn agency by Mrs. Pauley.

Bro. Scannell, agent Moseby, has had Mrs. Scannell and both daughters bedfast at the same time. Glad to say they are now all improving.

Bros. Boughtin, and Pauley were among the sightseers at the recent auto show in Kansas City.

Bro. L. H. Wilson, relief dispatcher, spent several days at Excelsior Springs, recuperating, recently.

Third Northern Jct., discontinued, also Bear Creek Station, Bro. Sisk after a short vacation, going to third Springs.

Bro. Phillips went to Blakesburg second, instead of Excelsior Springs third.

Bro. Kelsey, second Laredo, gone to the farm, a few more will get a chance to do likewise if they keep on cutting off the jobs.

Newtown, Sewal, Seymour and Moravia cut to the minimum on Sundays and holidays.

Sister Williamson to Mystic first, vice

Hodesfield, to third West Yards, temporarily. Bro. Keating, agent Rathbun, relieved a few days by Bro. Rokey.

Come on with the news, boys. Thanks to Bro. Endicott again for his welcome help.

CERT. 752.

#### Superior Division—

Since the last write-up, the Supreme Ruler has taken from our midst Bro. P. W. Maloney, third Menominee; Bro. Stowe, third Green Bay Shop; Sister M. B. Jansen, third Wausaukeee and the beloved wives of Bro. York, first Iron Mountain, and Bro. St. John, agent Abrams. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire division is extended to the bereaved families.

Bro. St. John has resigned Abrams agency, and is retiring after a long service on this division.

Since the management has reduced the help at different stations, the agents are all bidding on telegraph jobs. It is almost impossible to get any overtime authorized in order to keep station work up in shape.

Brothers, send me any items you may have or hear of, so as to reach me by the 18th, at Grafton. Have not had a write-up for some time, as I was unable to get around to find out what was going 'on, and no one helped me.

Keep after any nons left at your station or working with you on either side and let's see if we can not get all of them in.

A. F. JOHNSON, Cert. 2121.

#### Lax Division & Milwaukee Terminals—

Bro. M. Donnelly has returned to first Sparta, from sick list. Bro. Blaubaugh, agent Ixonia, relieved a few days by French, from Sparta, and Bro. Donovan, agent Windsor, also on sick list, relieved by Enright, an old-timer, formerly on the C. & N. W. Bro. E. F. Andres, who relieved the dispatchers on their two days' monthly vacation, was relieved by W. R. Deakin, on second side wire at Portage.

Former W. U. Manager Hayes, Portage City office, is now on second Medary. I. A. Sherman, discharged from the army, returned from France, to second Marshall; Bros. L. J. Schmatz, B. L. Polson and F. H. Alberts to "GO" temporary position, Milwaukee two latter temporary and G. H. Jaeger, to second Waterloo.

Bro. W. E. Jones, second Sparta, was a recent Portage caller. Come again "Bill."

It is now Bro. August Rampson, third leverman Portage Junction. There are several new men on the division; kindly assist all you possibly can to line them up. If unable to see them personally, keep in touch with them by writing them occasionally.

DIV. COR. CERT. 65.

#### Illinois R. & S. W. and R. & S. Lines—

Any brother on any of the above men-

tioned divisions having news items, please mail them to Bro. C. W. Klome, Lenark, Ill., who will arrange and forward them to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. H. KUNTZ, L. C.

#### Wabash R. R., Div. No. 26.

##### *Decatur Division—*

Having been elected local chairman of this Decatur Division I earnestly request each individual's co-operation in adjusting any matter pertaining to our Order. Brothers see that every operator in your offices or at adjoining stations is given the opportunity of becoming a member, also request any who are delinquent to pay up at once.

As we have more positions on the Decatur Division than either of the other divisions of System Division 26 we can have one of the best as far as membership is concerned if we will all do our duty.

I have appointed Bro. Guy Hudson, Granite City, Ill., correspondent for the Ninth and Thirteenth Districts, and Bro. A. E. Huffman, Ashburn, Ill., for the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts. Members on those districts will please send their notes direct to them and let us have our division represented each month.

Trusting I will be able to see you all personally in the near future, I am yours fraternally.

R. VEECH, L. C.

##### *Sixth and Seventh Districts—*

Wednesday, March 13th, at 2 p. m., the movement of all trains in both yard and road service on the Wabash were stopped for five minutes in respect of our deceased president, Mr. Kearney.

An account of the death of Bro. Ray Marrs, formerly on second Chicago Ridge, of pneumonia at Bordeaux, France, while in the service of Uncle Sam, is given in the Ninth and Thirteenth Districts' write-up of this issue. We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Marrs.

Sister Jessie Ayers is back on Brisbane first from the superintendent's office at Decatur.

Elmer Stephens, absent over a year in the service in France, visiting relatives and friends at Fairbury, Ill., will shortly resume his position as operator and clerk at Landers. It is now "Brother" Holswell there.

Bro. Fraker, third Lodge, visited Chicago recently.

Bro. Toeler, second Forrest, relieved a few days by Lange.

Bro. Lloyd Tryon, third Strawn, died of pneumonia while in France, in the service of his country. We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to his mother, Mrs. Mary Tryon, Riley, Ind.

The North End is solid with the exception of about two men and hope to have their applications in the near future.

Bro. Ricketts is back on second Campus. Same "Old Bill." Says he thought the French girls were pretty nice, only he could not talk to them very much.

Chief Dispatcher Dotson, sick a few days, relieved by Dispatcher McCormick.

It seems good to hear Bro. Fleming back on first "AH" again, after several months' absence.

Understand Bro. Barber has been assigned to early convoy. We will be glad to hear Fred's experiences.

Harry Singleton, agent at Symerton a short time, has been discharged from the service and is telegraphing for the C. B. & Q. at Kansas City.

HUFFMAN, Cert. 272.

##### *Ninth and Thirteenth Districts—*

With deepest regret we chronicle the death of our friend and co-worker, Bro. Ray Marrs, corporal of the 416th Telegraph Battalion, at Bordeaux, France, February 11th. Bro. Marrs enlisted in the Signal Corps in 1917 and was sent to France within a few weeks. He served throughout the latter part of the war and was back at the port of embarkation when stricken with pneumonia. Capt. Robert C. Frederick, who appointed him corporal, writes that he was one of the most reliable soldiers in the organization. His moral character excellent, habits temperate, a credit to the uniform, and well liked by his comrades.

Bro. Marrs was buried with full military honors in the American cemetery at Carbon Blanc Gironde, eight miles north of Bordeaux. He leaves a wife, father, mother, five brothers (one in France), a sister and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Bro. J. G. Hannah, Bement, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Walker. Bro. Graybeal called on the boys at Bement recently. Drop in, brothers, when you are passing through. Local Chairman Veech will be glad to see you and get acquainted.

Bro. Folrath, agent Cerro Gordo, is on vacation with his family in Texas.

Bro. Settles returned from military duty, relieved Bro. Ball, agent Sullivan, when he took Champaign agency.

Bro. Mooney, recently discharged from the army, visiting friends in Monticello, will resume third Brisbane shortly.

Phones have been taken out of several of the smaller stations recently.

Bro. J. C. Rieves, released from military duty in France, visited his parents at Morrisville a few days before resuming his old job there.

Bro. Bartly, third Allen, relieved two weeks by Bro. Gleason.

Bro. Graybeal has resumed third "JO" after relieving in "XD" some time, relieved by Bro. Barrett.

Bro. Jones, returned from the army, bumped Bro. Pierson at Lotus.

Sister Naughton, second Eds Junction, had

her parents from East St. Louis visiting her recently in their machine and returned home with them. "MN," Cert. 740.

*Peru Division—*

Bro. Minsel, Roanoke second, who relieved Bro. Saunders on first there while visiting at Swanington, was relieved by Bro. Kepler while visiting in Decatur. On his return he was taken with the "flu" and relieved by Phillips, a new man.

Bro. Williams, second Defiance, came to Decatur and helped count the ballots.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Betz has returned from France and will soon be with us again.

I owe an apology to Bro. McCauley for referring to him as a non, as he is up-to-date.

The district between Peru and Tilton is now 100 per cent. Brothers on the East End get, after Huffman, third Junction; Hoover, second Maumee; Parker, third Gould; Siren, third New Haven, and Bush and Bechtol, Toledo Yard, and "convince" them that the O. R. T. has done something for them.

Bro. Lidgard, off three weeks with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Murray from West Lebanon, and Bro. Clinger, Danville, also off with same disease, relieved by Bro. Muzzy from Butler.

The three towermen at Delphi are now up-to-date, thanks to Bro. Weekerly. Now let's work on the few remaining agents, as that is all we have left.

Bro. Cochran has been elected our local chairman. Let's give him all the assistance we can to make and keep this division solid.

On account of my being sick I was unable to get any news from this end this month.

"LID," Cert. 846.

*Toledo Division and "XD" Office—*

Quite a number of the brothers from the Penna lines attended the recent regular meeting of the Toledo Golden Rule Club. Nearly sixty were present, including Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins and Deputy President DeBuss, who made nice talks. Bro. Rawlins brought up the subject of us members getting regular club rooms and making it more homelike. We have a nice hall, but not a home. We could easily do this by each member being assessed a little to help out. Let us get together on this and all come to our next meeting. We wish to say to the brothers from the Penna Lines and all other lines represented that they will always be welcome to our hall. Bring someone with you and get acquainted. We need your membership in the Golden Rule Club, which is only \$1 a year, and the talk Bro. Rawlins gave us was worth five.

Bro. R. R. Hudson took his mother home to Bronson, Mich. She has been very low at Toledo Hospital.

Bro. Ed. Gangwer, dispatcher Elkhart, visited us recently.

Bro. Ed. Hoglen, night wire chief "XD" office, spent a recent Sunday in Monroe.

Bro. Kyle, formerly second Edgerton Switch, is in the hospital in France and will return home as soon as released by the doctors.

Bro. Sallade was a recent Toledo visitor.

Bro. Shea, dispatcher on third Air Line, relieved Bro. Donahue two weeks on second.

Bro. Gipe, first Nasby, has purchased a new motorcycle and is waiting for his back time to get the oil and headlight.

"RN," Cert. 1518.

*Detroit Division, Third District—*

Bro. E. L. Brown, second Britton, very sick with the mumps, relieved by Bro. Karl Reed of Division 40.

Bro. A. D. Davis, agent Britton, won first prize with his famous Buttercup chickens at Detroit Poultry Show recently.

It's now Bro. Gund, Bro. Davis, and Sister Jackel at Adrian depot. Glad to see them back in the Order again.

Bro. Lee Yoder, third North Morenci, has moved his family from Milan to Morenci and drives his Henry F. the three miles to work.

Bro. Frank Martin, agent Kunkle, is in the hospital with nervous trouble.

Night Chief H. A. Briggs off account of sickness in family, relieved by Extra Dispatcher H. B. Grim.

Bro. Lon Davis, manager Montpelier "NG" office, called to Barry, Ill., account sickness of his father, relieved by Bro. Kriebel.

Bro. Reed, relieving Bro. Brown, "XN," left "NG" two men short; Joe Curtis, the boy operator, helping out.

*Fourth District—*

Bro. Harrington, Topeka, off few days sick, relieved by Yoder, closing third.

Bro. J. Bell, relieving Bro. McManus, third New Paris, got a kink in his back, relieved one day by Bro. Reed.

Bro. Rausberger, attending funeral, relieved at Magie several days by Joe Curtis.

Brothers, I favor holding a meeting at Adrian for Third District, and North Liberty for Fourth District, as Bro. Cook mentioned in last journal. Let's hear from our chairman and other brothers on this and start something.

Seeing the pay car on the road again seems like old times.

Don't forget to mail me the notes for next write-up not later than the 20th so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th; and get in that non.

"RURE," Cert. 839, Third Britton Tower.

*St. Louis-So.-Western Ry., Div. No. 27.*

*Members Jonesboro North—*

I take this method of thanking you for the

confidence shown in me during the past two years, by unanimously re-electing me your local chairman for another two year term. I certainly appreciate the assistance you have given me, for had it not been for your untiring efforts and support our division would not have advanced as it has.

I shall continue as in the past, working for the interest of the membership which I represent to the best of my ability, and I ask a continuance of your earnest support in keeping up the present high standard of membership on this division. It is a great pleasure instead of a hardship to serve as local chairman on a division like this where the entire membership pulls together and does not expect the chairman to do it all.

I have appointed Bro. H. E. Chism, Fornfelt, to succeed himself as assistant local chairman for territory Illmo to Malden, and Bro. A. L. Webb, Paragould, assistant local chairman for territory Malden south, including Blytheville Branch. See that the assistant chairman in your territory or myself are promptly notified of any nons coming to this division.

When a new man comes to your station to work without an up-to-date, do your level best to land him. Failing to do so, please write me the circumstances, that I may go after him myself.

It is infringing upon our rights for a man to come among us, receive the benefits we have been fighting hard for years to secure, and never pay a dollar toward the benefits he is receiving at our expense. So let's keep this thought fresh in our minds and go after them as soon as they light.

Fraternally yours,  
C. B. WELCH, L. C.

In accordance with section 69 of the Constitutional, Bros. Biddle, Bennett, Gambill, Payne and myself, appointed as a committee by Bro. H. C. Frizielle to count the ballots, convened at St. Francis on March 2d and reported the following results of the election:

For Local Chairman: Jonesboro North, C. B. Welch, St. Francis, Ark.; Jonesboro to Texarkana, C. B. Miller, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Waco Division, P. D. Neislar, Lamkin, Texas; Ft. Worth Division, J. H. Finch, Wylie, Texas.

For Delegates to the Grand convention: District, Texarkana North, C. B. Welch; alternate, H. C. Frizielle; District Texarkana South, P. D. Neislar; alternate, J. F. Howell.

Yours fraternally,  
C. B. WELCH, G. S. & T.

#### Pine Bluff Division—

A meeting of the local chairmen will be held at Texarkana, March 24th, to elect a general chairman and general secretary and treasurer.

Ralph Nixon, another ex-brother, is back

from the army in France. Hope he will soon be located and get an up-to-date.

Bro. Joe Young relieved R. G. Daubs at Lewisville, who goes to Palmyra as agent and promises us his application as soon as he gets settled. Brothers, don't forget to call on him.

Bro. W. J. Nunnally second Lewisville, goes to Benton agency.

Bro. J. E. James has returned to work after a month's illness, also Sister Susie Nelson, second Fordyce, who was off a few days for the same reason.

We are glad to learn that Bro. D. E. Temple has been reinstated at Kingsland.

M. L. Carter, formerly in Mr. Edwin Stewart's office relieving Dewey Cross on second Camden, promises us his application; also H. L. Allen from the C. G. W., now on third, and a Mr. Gresham on second Lewisville. Boys, we must keep these nons in mind and line them up first pay day, making a banner year for us and our organization. Sixteen new members recently secured should arouse our enthusiasm and spur us on to greater efforts.

CERT. 321.

#### Waco Division—

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation for the confidence shown in electing me your local chairman. I shall try to serve you faithfully to the best of my ability. We must have at least 90 per cent before we can properly protect ourselves and we can soon attain this if we all work together and each man makes himself a committee of one to secure new members and see that every man working at our several stations has an up-to-date card or gets one as soon as possible after he arrives. I want your hearty cooperation; write me about anything you think would be for the advancement of our cause. If I or any other brother should do something you don't like, write and tell me about it and if what we do pleases you, tell the other fellow. Write me a personal letter and let me know what I may expect from you in the way of assistance.

A poorly organized road is little better than a non-organized one, and every time a member allows his card to lapse he hurts the organization in a certain degree as well as himself. Our Order is just what we make it. If you don't support your division by helping it to attain the necessary membership, it can't do much for you.

Until a regular correspondent is appointed, send your notes for the Journal to Bro. W. F. Garner, Murchison, Tex., who has been acting correspondent under Bro. Nettles.

Fraternally,  
P. D. NEISLAR, L. C.

#### Waco Division Notes—

Bro. Coley, at Gustines, is about covered up with work on account of the oil boom there. Two new wells are being put down

near him. Waco is now 100 per cent. Keep it that way, boys.

O. C. Thrasher is now agent at Hamilton, vice G. W. Corley back to Blooming Grove, his old home town. They are two good reliable former members, whom we hope to soon have with us again.

M. T. Kent is relieving on second East Waco.

Huntington agent-operator closed, no one bidding on it, and no extra men available.

Bro. L. B. Garrett, returned from army, is now on third Sulphur Springs. Glad to welcome him back.

Thanks to Bro. Neistar for notes. He was the only one who sent me any out of all the brothers who promised to do so. Remember, "No card, no favors."

W. F. GARNER, Div. Cor., Cert. 180.

#### **Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28. Virginia Division—**

An inspiring meeting of Norfolk and Portsmouth Terminals and connecting lines was held at Central Y. M. C. A. at 8 p. m. Sunday night, February 23rd. A good attendance was noted from "GO" Seaboard, and the turn out from the Sou., A. C. L., N. & W., was very gratifying.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer Cumming was present and, as usual; his remarks were received with interest and appreciation. A number of questions propounded by the visiting brothers were met and disposed of satisfactorily.

Another meeting was held at the same place, 8 p. m., March 23rd.

The Seaboard holds the unique distinction of being one of the first roads to sign up a new agreement with their telegraph employes, including the provisions of Supplement 13 and in accord with instructions contained in Supplement 13 that same be incorporated in existing agreements as soon as possible. We are justly proud of General Chairman May, who deserves great credit for his prompt and efficient handling of this highly important detail.

Assistant Local Chairman Brown was called to Jacksonville on February 26th on account of death of his father.

General Manager Seddon has agreed to our request for typewriters and called for requisition to cover them. Seven new Underwoods will be asked for, and the Seaboard general offices may now be properly classed with those of the real progressive roads of the Southeast in this respect.

H. O. Watson, new night operator, has "GO's" 100 per cent. CERT. 1734.

#### **East Carolina Division—**

Bro. Calhoun, Georgetown, was elected local chairman. We must do our part by him and help him make a success. The S. A. L. is coming to the top. Nearly every division had a write-up in the March issue.

We should all soon have our new contracts. We must live up to our part, and see that the company does the same. If you see anything that isn't right, report it to your local chairman, who will gladly handle it.

We only have a few "nons" left; let's get them and be 100 per cent and stay that way. Do not be afraid to approach a "non." This division will be something some time, and we want to be lined up and ready.

Our chief went over the road a few days ago.

J. A. McLees, recently returned from the navy, is doing extra dispatching.

Bro. Murray, third Dillon, relieved a few days by a new man.

Hemingway second and third discontinued, Bro. Hill to cashier-operator Florence, Bro. Bryant to second Paston.

Bro. Belger, former agent Clio, off 15 days on his honeymoon to Georgia and Florida points. We all wish him much success and happiness. He will be checked as agent at McCall on his return.

Ye scribe was reappointed assistant local chairman for North End, and I ask each brother to join me in helping Bro. Calhoun make a success. Boys, let's line the "nons" up and all stick to our jobs and answer our calls promptly.

All that can, must attend next meeting.

"R" at "MC," Cert. 1713.

#### **N. C. Division—**

Bro. Rhyne, off two weeks sick, relieved by Operator Stevens, and Bro. Wenters, of Hamter, off sick, relieved by Operator Thurman.

Bro. Jones is helping out at "H" a few weeks.

We had a big crowd at the meeting in Hamter in February, thirty present.

Bro. Doster, local chairman of E. C. Division, met Bro. Moore, local chairman N. C. Division, in joint session.

C. G. PEPPEY, Div. Cor.

#### **Georgia Division—Birmingham District—**

Bro. W. H. Tyree, first Howells Yard, recently elected local chairman, has already begun his good work. He deserves the active support and co-operation of all the members of this division. In case of an "alleged injustice," call on him; he will see that you are well protected.

Understand back time payrolls went to Norfolk on March 12th, and we should soon be enjoying our back time money.

Bro. Paschael, recently returned from the army, bumped Bro. B. Hulsey off second trick "VN" Birmingham Yard, who took first there, pending Bro. Marchmont's return.

Bro. W. V. Cummings will soon be discharged from the army, and I understand desires his old position, Tredegar Agency. Bro. Cummings had to go through a com-

plicated operation and lay flat on his back at Camp McClellan, Ala., base hospital four or five months. He is a fine boy, and his many friends will be glad to see him back again. We hope Sister Green will be able to transfer to some other position that will suit her as well as "GI."

Bro. C. A. Baldwin bid in third Piedmont, Ala., and Bro. Carson fourth "A" Atlanta.

Bro. B. T. Mears, agent Jacksonville, Ala., attended court at Birmingham recently.

Bro. L. C. Johnson, third Birmingham Yard, has the chicken fever. He is well posted on incubators. Also has started a large garden, planting five different kinds of beans. All his spare time is consumed studying some agricultural book. He is figuring on living cheap this summer.

Boys, we have a fine bunch to work with in the dispatcher's office. Let's do all we can for them.

CERT. 1811.

#### *Alabama Division—*

It is now Bros. J. E. Goodman, agent Lumpkin; B. D. Bedgood, second Richland; H. A. Swink, agent Groveland, and J. N. Wells, extra. With the exception of one or two new extra men, this division is now 100 per cent O. R. T. We have been striving for this goal for some time, and now we must all pull together and keep it there. Every member remit promptly and co-operate in lining up the extra men as soon as they come to us.

Bro. G. W. Gore, former agent at Collins, now in drug business, is going to continue to have an up-to-date card. Bro. V. M. Beecher succeeds him at Collins agency. W. T. Griswold, extra there, went to third Vidalia, pending the arrival of Bro. G. L. Youmans. Bro. J. E. Rogers takes Preston agency, vice Bro. H. A. Tatum, extra. Bro. G. G. Stanford, Hartsboro, bid in Pittsview agency, vice J. B. Graves, extra.

Bro. C. W. Arrington relieving Bro. Carter, Vidalia second, while he relieved Ticket Agent Bro. Dinkins, off sick, went to Weston pending bids.

Bro. J. R. Tyler to second Collins, vice Bro. J. N. Wells to clerk-operator Lyons, vice Bro. C. N. Rountree to Rhine.

We have received our schedule of rules, rates of pay, etc., which went into effect October 1st, 1918, and are expecting our back time shortly. We now have a good contract in every respect, thanks to the tireless efforts of our committee and the Order. Let's show our appreciation by rendering our best services to the railroad and keeping up-to-date all the time.

I will appreciate some news items from the members. H. L. CARTER, Cert. 1423.

#### *Florida Division—*

Now that we have our back time for Supplement 13, there should be no excuse whatever for the entire division not being solid.

We have a few "nons" yet who cannot see where the O. R. T. has ever done them any good. Keep right after the one near you until he pays his part. Study the new contract, effective October 1st, 1918, carefully, and see that you receive everything it calls for. Vacations are abolished after January 1st. Anyone entitled to a vacation before that time who has not had the vacation or got pay for it, should report the facts to Bro. Padgett and he will get results.

Remember, "*No card, no favors.*"

We should have some meetings along. Let's hear from somebody. Where shall we hold the next one?

We also need some write-ups; let me have the news so we can have them. We are going to have one if it isn't but one line.

Who is in favor of having a "non" list printed?

Third trick operator, also third trick leverman recently put on at Plant City.

Let's have some news now. Let's hear from somebody.

D. E. LUNDY, Cert. 1295.  
Assistant Local Chairman,  
Plant City, Fla.

#### **D., L. & W. R. R., Div. No. 30.**

##### *M. & E. Division—*

From general observations of conditions which exist on this division it's swell to see the operators one and almost all entertaining such optimistic views. Any brother you meet nowadays will talk for an hour over the harmony that prevails. The critic is fast being relegated into obscurity or changing his tactics and becoming a "booster"! Grumblers only act on impulse and later regret their hasty speech.

Bro. J. John of "KN" office and the writer were extended a cordial invitation to attend a banquet under the auspices of the South Boonton Fire Company on Washington's birthday anniversary, and we were on hand promptly and were quite enamored with the stupendous hospitality in general. It's needless to say that we had a "royal time." I analyzed the occasion in my mind and have no doubt but that "Diamond Jim" was responsible for the kind care and special attention bestowed upon us by "the ladies" in attendance, who unquestionably were somewhat influenced by the "sparklers" that were flashing from my diplomatic brother's evening attire. "His excellency" would have put a United States Senator in the clear. The only jewelry I had was under my hat, three initials which enabled me to identify it. We beg to extend a vote of thanks to Bro. Pere of B. R. S. A.

Colonel J. H. Dunn, of Scranton, Pa., was certainly greatly impressed recently over the excellent showing the M. & E. boys made at the official examination on the new book of rules. He took occasion to compliment

Chief Train Dispatcher McGowan, who surely has an aggregation that can always be depended upon to make safe hits when they step to the bat.

The big chief is from the "old school," and carried "no clucks" on his staff. Recalling his familiar advice, "Keep your eye on the ball, son!" "Go to it!" "Play ball!" and many other phrases too numerous to mention.

S. F. M.

#### "Frisco Ry., Div. No. 32.

##### *Northern Division—*

Our new schedule will soon be in the hands of the brothers and sisters, and all will know what they are to get. Give the Railroad Administration our very best service in every respect and show that we appreciate our increase in wages and better working conditions.

Let our slogan be 100 per cent strong. Try and induce every "non" to get a card, as they are getting the same results that we are.

Bro. Schneider is back on third Baxter after several months in training, and Bro. Clancy on third Columbus; Bro. Martin, second Baxter, is back on second Quapaw. Quite a number of the sister operators are idle, now that the soldier boys are returning to their old jobs.

Bro. Terrel, second Lamon, to Garland "KS" agency, vice Bro. L. H. Jellew, to second Paola, vice Bro. Carter, to Altamont agency; Bro. Howard Swain to second Anna, vice Sister Cleeny Fricker, to extra.

A few of the boys are going into the rabbit business this coming season.

Quite a number of the operators have been relieved of Sunday work.

Let us all remember our motto, join our craft and "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1010.

##### *River and Cape Division—*

Bro. Barron, third Blytheville, at Sikeston few days relieving cashier, relieved by Sister Anderson.

Bro. Harris, agent Matthews, off account of sickness in family, relieved by Bro. Layton; Bro. Smith, Osceola, off for same reason, relieved by Bro. Abrey, and Bro. Workman, Kennett, was off several days owing to the illness of his child, relieved by Bro. Abernathie, who later relieved Bro. Ragans several days.

Bro. Leyerle has our deepest sympathy owing to the death of his mother at Gondola, Ills. Relieved several weeks by N. C. Stimmel, a returned soldier, who later relieved Bro. Clayton, agent Clarkton, eight days, celebrating the arrival at his home of a new boy.

Bro. Layton went to new St. Marys second several days, which was pulled off before bulletin could be put out on it. Sister Clayton, Powe agency, resigned, succeeded by

Miss Coupe; Bro. Summers to Wittenberg agency, vice Bro. Rogers, resigned; A. S. Milne, Mt. R. & B. T., to cashier-operator Pocahontas; Bro. Winters to Brooks Jct. agency.

Sister Christopher, Caruthersville, spent a few days in St. Louis with her parents, relieved by Sister Anderson. Sister Frielinghaus relieved Bro. L. V. Rodgers a few days on Ten Brook second.

Bro. H. C. Lewis, returned from overseas service, to Kennett, vice Bro. Workman to "OC" second, vice Bro. Jones to the Western Union.

Bro. Lipscomb, "C" Chaffee, relieved a few days account sickness by Mrs. Cooper; Bro. Grabiel, called to Campbell account illness of his brother-in-law, relieved by Bro. Layton.

Letters from Bros. Watkins, Helm, Job and Berry, with the A. E. F. state that all are well but anxious to get back. Bro. Helm will return some time this month. The others are in the Army of Occupation, and will likely be over there until July or August. Bro. Shain is still at Paris Island expecting to be discharged soon.

Bro. Hopkins, first "HY," was elected local chairman and delegate to the convention in St. Louis, which begins May 12th. Bro. Pickard, agent Caruthersville, elected alternate. Bro. Hopkins succeeds Bro. Grabiel, local chairman for the past four years, and Bro. Pickard succeeds Bro. Cullom as alternate. Bros. Grabiel and Cullom have the thanks of all members for the interest they have taken in performing their duties, and their length of service as officers speaks for itself.

Let's all get busy and line up the few "nons" on this division. If you need application blanks, I will send them to you. We are just in receipt of our back pay checks on this division, and there will be no excuse for the "nons" not using some of it to get an up-to-date.

We will try and have a write-up each month now, and any items will be appreciated.

V. E. HOPKINS,  
Local Chairman.

#### Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.

##### *Connellsburg Division—*

I desire to thank the membership for the honor conferred upon me by electing me local chairman. It is no small distinction, and a faithful, fair, impartial handling of the affairs of the office is the only way I can show my appreciation of the confidence imposed in me. It will be hard to please all, but very easy to give every member on the division a square deal. I ask the hearty co-operation of all, and your indulgence until I become thoroughly acquainted with the duties of the office.

Bro. E. J. Burkett, delegate-elect to the convention, who secured a furlough effective

March 1st, is in business in his home town. We wish him success.

It is almost a case of "uneasy rests the head that holds a regular job"—unless that same head is chuck full of gray hairs—during these strenuous times of retrenchment. But like the lines from that favorite war ballad, let's "Turn the dark clouds inside out" until better times, which are bound to come soon.

Sister Florence Cummings, of Uniontown, Pa., is making the most of her Sundays off. She is fortunate in having a "country place" in Confluence to lie herself to on these peaceful Sabbaths, and refresh herself for the trying exertions of the week days on first Uniontown.

Bro. J. Enold, third Greene Jct., Pa., is confined to his home with an attack of "flu." We feel confident of the ability of the shoemaking-telegrapher to weather the gale successfully.

Hale and hearty and fresh from France, Bro. Brown, of Confluence, Pa., is back in our midst receiving congratulations from his many friends.

From Canada comes the welcome news that Bro. W. J. Currie, of Garrett, Pa., is wending his way homeward after hard service with those gallant Canucks in France. We expect to see "Bill" wearing a wound stripe, but glad to know it is not serious.

Now, boys, let's get together and use up a certain amount of space in these columns monthly with Connellsville Division stuff. That's what the journal is issued for—a regular get-together affair. You all know my address—I know the editor's street and residence number, so LET'S GO! from this time on.

S. M. DEHUFF, Cert. 142.

#### New Castle Division—

The closing of "BD" tower resulted in quite a number of changes.

Bro. McLaughlin, Newton Falls, visiting in Lincoln, Nebr., was relieved by Bro. Holliday, who later relieved Bro. Post several weeks.

Did you talk O. R. T. to that "non" today? It not, why not?

Bro. Pearce, given the Greenwich lever job through error, has been replaced by the regular applicant, Bro. C. W. Stout.

Bro. McBride attended the recent local chairmen's meeting in Cincinnati.

Add stars to the names of G. R. Fry and C. W. Stout. Welcome, brothers.

Bro. Delong, returning from his honeymoon, was given a "belling," which Bro. Forney eight miles away claimed he heard.

If you see that the schedule is being violated in any way or anything else that the local chairman should know, be sure and keep him posted, and if you think you are not getting a square deal, drop him a line. If you are working with a "non," get him

or her to line up; there is no legitimate excuse for them not belonging now.

Bro. McLaughlin reports no expenditures and receipts of 45 cents to local fund the past month.

Bro. Browning, relief agent, pulled off, went to the Pittsburgh Division temporarily.

Boost yourself by boosting the O. R. T.  
CERT. 410.

#### Cleveland Division—

I aim to see you all shortly, if possible to do so.

I have not received any notes, but there has been some sickness, and several deaths, in our midst. I am fortunate to hear the news after everything is over. Recently a death occurred and did not hear of it for some time after the funeral. Will some one of you kindly notify me in case you hear of sickness or death?

If any one of you will act as correspondent, please send me your name, as I have plenty to do without this.

To attempt to give any notes or personal mention and not be able to give all would slight some brother or sister, which we do not feel inclined to do.

*Are you up-to-date?*

W. A. McCABE, Cert. 705.

#### Ohio Division—

Sister Bermeyer relieved Bro. Marsh for over thirty days while he was on general committee work at Baltimore.

Bro. McCoppin, third Washington "CH," transferred from Division 14, off with stomach trouble several days, relieved by Bro. Dewey, third Grove City.

Division Operator Plumly relieved on a week's vacation by Extra Dispatcher Gibson.

We have a few "nons" left. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Lechner, first "RK" tower, was off several days owing to the illness and death of his wife.

New Vienna is now a three-office, Bros. Mars, Bingham and Dongham officiating.

Bro. Littlejohn is back on third "DA" tower after several days' tussle with the "flu."

Remington closed, Hunter, another "non," looking to see if he can bump.

Sister Bermeyer relieved Sister Steppe, second Madison Mills, while she visited relatives at her home near Bluffield, W. Va., several days.

Former Bro. C. H. Kelley, second East Norwood, Indiana Division, dropped his card. Members dropped for non-payment of dues: C. E. Jenkins, second West Jct.; J. E. Freshwater, relief agent; J. B. Simpson, second "Q" tower.

New members: W. G. Betz, second "DE"; H. M. Morgan, second Jackson; H. C. Martin, agent Fire Brick; Miss Anna Townsend, Harpers, and Miss Margaret Townsend, Har-

pers, and extras T. C. Dongham and Miss J. Glatting.

The nineteen points the committee and company could not agree on were turned over to Director Carter, Division of Labor, Washington, D. C., February 19th. Understand eighteen or twenty cases ahead of ours.

Bro. Marsh was re-elected local chairman by a big majority, and appointed as local board of adjustment Bro. L. E. Miller, Washington "CH" territory, Cuba to "GN" tower, inclusive; Camp Sherman to Midland City, inclusive, Bro. Romine, Midland City; Hillsboro to Blanicester and Madisonville, Bro. Marsh, Maderia.

Bro. W. L. Allison, Chillicothe, was elected local chairman for first district, comprising territory Porterfield to Chillicothe, inclusive, and Portsmouth District. Have not yet received Bro. Allison's appointments on his local board of adjustment.

Bro. T. K. Stephenson, Chillicothe, was elected delegate from the 18th District. We congratulate Bro. Marsh on his re-election and thank him for his efforts in our behalf and the capable manner he has handled the office in the term just expired. We know the coming term will be handled in the same manner.

Bro. Heasley, agent Sabina, recently underwent slight operation, relieved by Bro. Witherspoon of first there, and is getting along O. K.

CERT. 729.

#### *Illinois Division—*

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the members of the first district, Illinois Division, of Division 33, for the support they gave me for local chairman. The best I can give them in the way of service shall be my aim for the ensuing term.

I also wish to extend my thanks to the members of Delegate District No. 21, of Division 33, for choosing me to represent them at the St. Louis convention in May.

R. M. ALLEN, Cert. 668,  
Taylorville, Ills.

#### *Illinois Division Notes—*

The "nons" on this division are: J. A. Entricken and M. M. Twiss, Caseyville; J. L. Higgins and W. M. Hayes, Carlyle; W. H. Highfield and C. O. Spitzer, Shattue; E. E. Dean, Xenia; J. F. Clark, Lawrenceville; A. G. Ausbrook, Clay city; Miss G. H. Elmindson, Claremont, and J. A. Vincent, Springfield. Keep after all of them, boys, and remember, "No card, no favors." Not one of the boys in the service from this division came back without an up-to-date card. We cannot accept any excuse from the "nons."

Force reduced at "SG," Cincinnati. Bro. Lavell bumped Bro. Croughan, first shops, and he Bro. Fitzgibbon, second.

Local Chairman Holmes, in Seymour one day, relieved by Bro. Worley.

February 8th was a big day for the Salem boys, the floor being raised and a new one put in, also a new telegraph table; the stork visited Bro. Johnson's home and left him another girl; Bro. Chassels purchased a fine bunch of pigs and a Jersey calf, and Bro. Burhorn received a letter from Claremont.

Bro. George is at Flora, extra, and that place is now solid. Answer the boys promptly.

Bro. Weshineskey, shops third, has the mumps, Bro. Fitzgibbon relieving.

We all extend our sympathy to Bro. Dame, Furman, on account of the loss of his wife.

No news from North End, due to Bro. Allen laying off. Thanks to Bro. Sommerville, Salem, and Bro. Messing, Breese, for their help. Everybody send me a few notes and we will make up for the many times we missed.

R. A. HODGES, Cert. 1380.

#### **Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.**

Members Division 39:

Your committee has been unable to reach a settlement with the management upon all questions submitted, and an appeal has been made for a joint statement to the board. When we receive its interpretations we can no doubt conclude the matter in a short time.

Our membership is the greatest that it has been in the history of the P. M. We now have thirty more members than positions in our schedule. This does not mean that each employee is a member; we have several members who are not employed on the road, but still retain their membership; others who belong to the Order, but their positions are not included in the schedule. Bro. Rawlins is giving an emblem ring to each member who secures five applications during 1919. Dig in, brothers, and get one of those rings while there are any "nons" to get; 50 more new members will give us 500, and we can make that by June 30th.

The rates of pay for our men is the best, and better than most of us ever dreamed of. To maintain these rates we must keep our membership up to the highest possible number. If the man you are working with does not carry a card, he not only is not protecting himself, but is weakening the protection you are entitled to. See that he does his duty to himself and you also. The year 1918 gave to us the greatest progress in our history. We can and will make progress in 1919 with your assistance. I have worked faithfully in your interest, not hesitating to sacrifice my personal interests for your welfare. It is only to be expected that I ask you to do your part keeping up the membership and supporting me in my efforts in your behalf. If this is done there is no doubt of our success.

About a year ago there appeared in the journal an item that reflected against Bro. L. J. Baldwin, of Greenville, who has for years been one of the best members on the P. M., and taken an active part in the interests of our Order. I wish to correct any prejudice the article may have created against Bro. Baldwin, and while I do not know who wrote it, I offer this as an apology to him in behalf of Division 39 for the injustice done him.

In the nomination and election of delegates the system was subdivided, each superintendent's district being a district. The membership was so advised by a notice mailed Bro. Rawlins from Washington, December 14th, and any brother who did not avail himself of the opportunity of placing his name in nomination as provided for, is to be regretted. Those brothers who were nominated and elected have in the past proven the sincerity of their efforts, and will represent you at the convention equally as faithfully.

With kindest personal regards to each member, I am,

Yours fraternally,  
R. M. BURR, Gen. Chairman.

#### *Port Huron-Grand Rapids Division—*

The meeting at Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, Sunday, March 16th, was well represented by members from the Detroit Division, those from Saginaw being evidently held up by the washout near Wixom.

The members all expressed their gratitude for the work being performed, and are very desirous of holding regular meetings so long as Sunday train service is maintained, and another one in the near future will be announced.

It is now Bro. D. W. Shaver at Trufant, and Bro. Geo. S. Shaver at Coral, leaving only two men to get on the Big Rapids Division to make it solid.

At the election held March 1st, the following delegates were elected to the biennial convention at St. Louis, beginning the second Monday in May, 1919: Bro. R. M. Burr, Chicago-Petoskey District; Bro. C. P. Neff, Port Huron-Grand Rapids District; Bro. A. J. McMullen, North Bradley, Toledo-Ludington District, and Bro. E. R. McColl, of Highgate, Ont., Detroit-Canadian District. The result of the election for local chairmen will be announced later through these columns.

We have a few delinquent members in the States who always have to be traced for remittances, thus leaving them without proper protection during the meantime, and making not only extra work, but expense as well, in reminding them of their delinquency. At this time it is necessary for every one to be interested in this work and see that our fellow worker carries a card or is paid in full for the current term.

It is just as proper for laboring men to

organize and keep organized for the advancement of their legitimate interests, as it is for capitalists to combine for the same purpose.

Their main object is to get better working conditions; give the laborer a decent home; a chance to be home and enjoy life; a chance to send his children to school and educate them, and put something away for old age. To do this a man must have fair wages and decent working hours. The responsibility for these conditions rests on industry and society, and it is up to labor unions to get them. It is also up to each one of us to assist our general committee; land that "non" next to us and keep him lined up in good standing after we get him. Labor cannot get along without capital and vice versa—one needs the other—so why be enemies? Their interests are in common and for success they must pull together, and the only way to get a laboring man to pull right is to give him a chance to live right. This is what unions are fighting for. A few cannot do the entire organizing on this system alone. It is just like clock work; we must have each and every unit working with us. So let us start now and get that man next to us, so we can call him brother, or publish his reasons why he refuses to come with us for his own benefit.

Div. Con., Cert. 224.

#### *Holland Musk Lodge—*

The meeting held in Grand Rapids, Sunday, March 9th, was not very well attended. Local Chairman Watson read our new proposed schedule and it was then quite generally discussed.

Bro. Hunt, formerly at New Richmond, writes Bro. Waltman there that he is now in Germany with the Army of Occupation, with the 310th Engineers, that he has had a plenty of that climate and wants to come home. We will be glad to see his smiling face again and hear the bang of his shotgun in and about New Richmond.

Bro. Smith, Benton Harbor, is contemplating buying a motor boat. About July 1st next he may change his mind and buy an aeroplane so he can go to Europe.

Bros. Watson and Watson, Holland, are getting their boat fixed up, and will probably buy the whole lake before fall. They used nearly all of it last summer getting their boat back to the boat house.

Bro. Larson, of Zeeland, was so busy with his buffalo horns last meeting day that he forgot to horn in on the meeting. However, he has apologized to the correspondent for his negligence.

Bro. L. F. Schwartz, who has been "bucking the board," was checked in at Berrien Springs recently. We hope he will like it there.

This will be the last write-up, without the help of some more of you brothers. Bro.

Waltman is the only one who has ever sent me any news, and without the help of the rest, I will have to cut it out. So if you want to have your own lodge represented in the journal, you will have to wake up.

GLEN E. WATSON, Vriesland.

*Canadian Division—*

The members on Supt. Little's division have elected me local chairman, and Bro. Burr has arranged for Bro. Wm. Horton, of Webberville, to look after the Michigan end of the division for me.

I did not seek the office, as I felt that there were others with more ability than I possess to handle it. It would have pleased me far more if there had been several members nominated, as it would have shown that a lively interest was being taken in the Order.

We must get after the new men and see that they carry a card. The members can assist if they will advise me of any new men who are not up-to-date.

On Division No. 39 we had on December 31st about four hundred members, and on March 15th there were still quite a number who had not paid their dues for term ending June 30th, 1919. This is not a good record and must be corrected. In Canada, we have a few, and there is no excuse for them. They make fair wages, and it is nothing but neglect on their part, and this causes a good many letters to be written which otherwise would not be if they attended to their dues at the proper time.

We hope to have our membership up to five hundred and fifty or six hundred by the end of the year, and in order to do this every man will have to help to get new members. It will be our own fault if we do not reach either of those figures.

You have also named me your delegate to attend the convention in St. Louis in May. I understand that I am not being sent there to carry out my own wishes, but the wishes of those who send me, and will be pleased if you advise me of any way you will expect me to vote on any questions which may come up.

I wish to impress upon the membership that the duties of the general chairman and general secretary-treasurer would be reduced one-half to what they are at the present time if cards would be renewed promptly. A letter must be written to every delinquent. If no reply is received, it means writing more. This all takes postage, and our stamp account would be reduced considerably if these letters were not necessary. We are not children. Let us show that we are men and can attend to the things that our common sense tells us must be attended to for our own best interest.

E. R. McCOLL.

**Hocking Valley Ry., Div. No. 40.**

*Hocking River Division and Branch—*

It is now Bro. H. L. Cochran, third Beaumont.

Bro. Nihiser is back on second Logan after several weeks off with the "flu"; Bro. McCarthy back to the farm. Bro. Weisenberger, McArthur, also off with the "flu," relieved Dispatcher Allen a few days until the arrival of Relief Agent Prather.

Bro. Lewis, Murray City, was off several days on account of the death of his father. We all extend him our deepest sympathy.

Being unable to get flowers at Murray City, Bro. Albaugh purchased a design for Bro. Lewis' father's funeral at Buchtel for \$8.00. There being only \$7.00 in the flower fund, the extra \$1.00 was made up by Bros. Deishlie, O'Neil, Albaugh and Evans. Bro. Newman, at Orbiston, sent 25c, but it was lost in the mail. Always wrap coins securely when sending them in. The treasury is now busted.

Local Chairman Robinson made a trip down the River Division recently.

"F. G. D. and S. N., at Q."

**Boston & Maine R. R., Div. No. 41.**

Bro. W. J. Bresnahan, first South Ashburnham, succeeds Bro. C. R. Sanford, North Leominster agency, resigned.

Bro. Thorn is relieving third trick operator Millers Falls, Mass., on account of sickness.

Bro. MacMahon has received a substantial check covering the time lost on account of his grievance of last year. Such results should be enough to induce any "non" to join.

Bro. Hill, secod Keene "NH," was relieved a few days by Miss Byron.

Sister Vose, Winchendon, Mass., first, is being relieved by Miss Sadie Grant.

Sister Theresa Collins, relieving Bro. Loan at Charleston, Mass., engine house, was later relieved by Bro. Ross.

Former Bro. Kelley, of Greenfield, Mass., is now wireless operator for the United Fruit Company.

Brother agents working over eight hours should put in overtime at time and one-half rate. Our schedule calls for it. Why not get what belongs to you?

*Southern Division Notes—*

I mentioned in a previous issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that Miss Lynch had returned to her position at Windsor. I trust the sister will pardon my error.

Three yard clerks' positions abolished at Westboro Yard, their work now being done by the operators there.

Thanks to Bros. Prevost, Fallon and Walker. A few more notes would be greatly appreciated.

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S. GOODWIN, Cert. 406.

**Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.**  
*Susquehanna Division—*

After ten days' conference with General Manager Baldwin and his assistant, Mr. Quick, in New York, we secured a good set of rules and working conditions, incorporated the new rates of pay as per Supplement No. 13.

It was necessary to appeal to Washington on some matters which we could not agree upon. As soon as the decision is received the agreement will be signed and published.

Our membership is reaching a point which shows that our efforts were not all in vain. Keep up the good work. There is absolutely no excuse for any non now. It is hard to think that we have to allow such men the benefits of what is secured through our efforts.

I was unanimously elected General Chairman by the committee for another term and I appreciate the honor. I declined the nomination because I felt that it was time someone else assumed this responsibility. I believe I have done my part, having served on this committee about fourteen years and need a rest. For the past three years the duties of General Chairman have been unusually hard. I have had to work harder than any man should work. There has been no let-up and during this time I also served as local chairman. There is such a thing as overloading a horse. I sure got more than my tonnage. However, the committee insisted on my serving another term and I will do my very best to serve your interests. I absolutely refused to continue as local chairman as I could not do justice to both positions.

Bro. E. F. Ferguson was elected local chairman of this division. Therefore a first class man whom I will be glad to assist in any way I can, and I trust that you will all give him your assistance.

We are making real progress now. It thoroughly demonstrates what real co-operation means. Let's keep this up. Don't get back in that old rut we remained in so long. Do your part. Land that non you are working with. Don't wait for your General Chairman who has more work than he can do.

E. J. HESSER,  
 General Chairman.

*Mahoning Division—*

Our General Committee convened in New York February 24th and was in conference with General Manager Baldwin and his assistant, Mr. Quick, for ten days. We found both inclined to be very fair. The hourly rating wage laid down in Supplement No. 13 as applied to our 1917 schedule is not fair to some positions, but we believe that our appeal to Washington will be acted upon and a better rate secured for those deserving it.

We drafted a new set of rules, eliminating some of the old ones and consolidating others. Altogether we consider that we have the best set of rules we ever had.

In checking the positions on each Division

we found that some superintendents had omitted many that were shown in our 1917 agreement and we asked to have them included in the new schedule.

Our membership is increasing. I have received on an average of one application a day for the past twenty days and still sending out blanks. If this rate keeps up a non will soon be looked upon as a curiosity on this Division. Keep the good work going, brothers. Don't fail to ask the man working with you, or the one at the next office, to come in. There is no excuse now. The average monthly increase received will pay most any man's dues for two or three years.

Business on this Division has fallen off considerably, owing to the discontinuance of manufacturing war material, the open winter, an abundance of good motive power, etc. Undoubtedly conditions will change for the better in due time.

There have been many changes, but as I am located at the extreme east end of the Division, I cannot get all of them.

Bro. Geo. Williams, Ferrona, is now on 1st "YO" to Youngstown.

Sister Cantwell on 2nd.

Bro. Kennedy to Solon twr 1st, relieved at Sharpsville by Bro. Lyden, a new comer.

Major Slayton on 3rd there keeps the girls along the line awake with ghost stories.

Ferrona 2nd and 3rd abolished.

Sister Black to W. Middlesex 3rd.

Disprs. Lewis, Thompson and T. C. Eddy are at Farrel.

Pierson, Bowker and Armstrong at Leadville (Canal Branch), and the old timers, Jones, Andrews and Flaherty at "DY" Youngstown with Max Swartz as extra dispatcher.

J. C. O., Local Chairman.

*Meadville Division—*

"CO" 3 tricks closed.

Sister Robe 1st displaced.

Sister Stormer on 3rd "UN".

Bro. McCray, 2nd to 2nd "MS", vice Bro. Whipple, to 1st there; Bro. Jamieson to extra list. "AD" tower 3 tricks closed, also 3rd Revenna, Sister Rider going home.

Sister Ethel Chambers, 3rd "CO," was recently married to Mr. Claude Mattison. We congratulate and wish them many years of happiness.

I was in New York ten days on committee work assisting in looking after the application of Supplement No. 13, and building a new contract. Relieved by Bro. Allen.

I am receiving applications every day. Nons are getting scarce on this Division. I wish all the brothers and sisters to join me in an effort to make the Division solid. Let's give the nons no rest.

I wish to thank the brothers and sisters for the large vote of confidence given me at the recent election of officers, and I shall pledge myself to continue your affairs faithfully and to the best of my limited ability as I have in the past four years.

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**Wyoming Division—**

Nine new members secured recently.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Cortright's family is recovering from their illness and he has returned to work.

Brandon tower closed and third Saco and Wangau in service only three days a week, due to the mines working only part time.

Brothers, we now have our 8-hour day at all points and can't complain even though our wages have been decreased by it. We have wanted it for a very long time and it is indeed good to know that the days of long hours are passing. We have only one life to live and that is just what we make of it. The shorter hours will enable us to realize the pleasant things that are to be had in a lifetime. Let's all take advantage of the opportunity and enjoy ourselves.

We all hope that the hard times will soon be over and that our brothers who are being forced away from their called occupation may again return to their old positions.

Support your committee' and let our slogan be "Organize." The nons are dwindling away, but don't let them forget that they are still nons until they sign up.

CERT. 1429.

**Jefferson Division—**

Brother Zeigler, agent at Uniondale, is passing around the smokes. It's a girl.

Bro. Foster on vacation, relieved by Extra Swingle.

Bro. and Mrs. A. W. Larrabee spent a few days in New York City recently.

Business is light, all the manual block towers being closed 24 hours each week.

Bro. Silver is back at "RU." The levers pulled too hard at Jefferson Junction.

Bro. King recently received a letter from E. L. Beauzay, now chief dispatcher at Sayre on the Lehigh, who worked on this division about 10 years ago.

Bro. Brooks relieved a few days by Extra Signal Man Moon.

Bro. Farrell visiting friends in Scranton, relieved by Sister Tompkins.

Sister Leonard does not get lost any more trying to find her way to work. She is getting better acquainted with the country.

Bro. G. A. Prentice, first "VO" tower, who has been with the A. E. F. in France, arrived in New York on March 15th on the S. S. America. We hope to soon have him with us again.

Bro. Glover, another of our men with the A. E. F., is at the embarkation camp and part of his division has already sailed. He expects to soon be back again at Melrose tower.

Bro. Broker, first Jefferson Junction, was off a few days recently, also Bro. Larrabee, third Starrucca, both relieved by Swingle,

who later relieved Bro. Davis, second "VO" tower, on sick list.

Bro. M. R. Walker, third at Forest City, relieved a few days by Devaney.

CERT. No. 1176.

**Marion Division—**

I wish to thank the brothers of this division for the esteemed favor of re-electing me local chairman for the coming two years.

Brothers, let's *wake up* and do something.

We are too slow with our grievances. Be sure you have one, then notify me. Keep in touch with vacancies and report them. This will be of great assistance to me. Help me run down the nons. There is no excuse for them to remain outside this organization. They have all got enough money through our united effort in one month to pay their dues and assessments for three years, and they should give us their unanimous support.

The general committee is now negotiating with the management. The results will probably be shown later in this magazine.

M. R. PAXTON, Local Chairman.

**Kent Division—**

Having been re-elected local chairman of this division for the ensuing two years and also elected delegate to our next convention, I want to thank you for your support and confidence. It will be my greatest endeavor to give my earnest, conscientious labor in your behalf, as individuals as well as the organization. With your co-operation I expect to bring the Kent Division up to the 100 per cent mark. We are not going to be held up by two or three grabbers. I intend to see every man personally and if any of them gets by their excuses will be turned over to the editor so you may all know who these "slackers" are.

There isn't a man in the service today who doesn't know that all the improved working conditions, with about a 100 per cent increase we are now enjoying, were brought about wholly by the O. R. T., and no more excuses will be accepted.

This division now has the best membership it has enjoyed since the O. R. T. started, having received applications from seven agents and about twenty others during the past thirty days. Every non has been furnished with an application and if you know of one with or near you, see that he signs up at once and send it in with the proper amount of the proper initiation fee.

We regret to announce the death of L. O. Newell, Creston, Ohio, about 49 years of age. He had been sick for some time and was a member up to about six months ago. This should be a warning to delinquents. He was buried March 19th.

The general committee has convened in

New York and you will shortly be furnished a copy of the new schedule, which will be up to the standard of them all.

Now, brothers, take this "Non business" seriously and let's make this "old pike" 100 per cent.

J. G. LEE.

#### *Rochester Division—*

Nine new members were secured in March, making this division 90 per cent strong. Let us all try and get the remaining ten per cent. It seems you are leaving it all to me. I haven't had one member call me up and tell me that he has talked with a non. Now that we have only a few left see what you can do with them. My duties are such that I cannot get away only on freight trains. That makes it pretty hard unless I can manage to be relieved.

Back pay was gladly welcomed by all, particularly the married men. With very few exceptions there were no mistakes made in its distribution. Those who have not received full time in back pay should forward the figures they think correct to our superintendent, so the matter can be looked into before referring it further.

Members required to work two hours or less on Sunday will kindly await the decision from Washington, where appeals have been made. Upon receipt of any information will advise you by letter immediately. Please be patient. We have qualified men looking into every detail. Nothing will be overlooked. This was thrashed out fully when our committee met in New York and until such time as the decision is made we must take things as they come.

Bro. F. W. Quinlivan, copier Rochester, Ill. for some time, is being relieved by Mr. Grover.

S. T. JERRIS, Chairman.

#### *N. Y. S. & W. Division—*

The meeting at Paterson was a hummer and the room was packed beyond its capacity. Vice-president Pierson and several chairmen from the other divisions were among those present.

It is regretted that all the brothers and nons were not present to hear Bro. Pierson's 45-minute address.

Chairman Kelly is getting to be some "silver-tongued" orator.

We were all glad to meet Chairman Keim at the meeting. He very seldom has an opportunity to get down Paterson way. His popularity was shown when he was re-elected for the third time.

Bros. Kipp, Vanderhoff and H. Fredericks came from Oak Ridge by auto to attend the meeting. This is a fine lesson in loyalty for the brothers near at hand who cannot spare two hours a month to attend meetings. Another sample of loyalty was shown

by the attendance of a brother from Beaver Lake, who had to make an all-night journey, by first-class and freight, to reach home. He is sure a 100 per cent member. Bro. Boyce, working an eleven-hour position, made the trip in his auto.

Our chairman finished work on the new schedule in Mr. Baldwin's office on March 5th and reported back to work at Yatesville the following day.

Bro. Gentzhorn is certainly lining up the nons in the vicinity of Butler. With a permanent third trick man on "BA" it will be in the solid ranks.

North Paterson celebrated March 17th by joining the ranks solid. We now have four brothers there.

A story of a real live sister was told us the other day which is a fine example for other sisters to follow. A brother and a non on the S. & W. met two ladies located in a certain Erie town, the non's lady being an up-to-date member of Division 42. When she inquired as to the employment of her escort he informed her he was a block man and clerk on the S. & W. She then asked to see his card, which, of course, he could not produce, and the party ended right then and there. As a parting stab, she advised him, before seeking her company again, to be sure and have an up-to-date O. R. T. card. Up to the present time we have not heard of this non making any more trips to this certain Erie town to call on this sister.

Carr. 2069.

#### *Canadian Northern Ry., Div. No. 43.*

##### *Prairie District—*

We all know now what increase we are going to get except the amount for a call. The Board of Adjustment has that and the rules up for settlement now.

Attend the meetings, boys, whenever it is possible and you will find less to worry about. At the last meeting held in Brandon on Feb. 16th the wage schedule, etc., was gone over thoroughly and all present were very much interested in the work of the committee as explained by Local Chairman Morgan. There were about 25 present; including the local chairman, Acting Secretary Leslie, Sister McBeth and our brother dispatchers Carey, Hunt and Weaver.

The dues for 1919 have rolled in fine, but, brothers, don't forget the assessment to defray expenses of the general committee. Only two are outstanding on the last assessment. Remember, we had to expend about \$8,000 during negotiations, which leaves our cash balance below normal, so, brothers, try and get this assessment in as soon as possible.

During the summer months there will only be a few meetings and we hope everyone

who can will attend. It gives your officers encouragement and you will go home feeling better and not nearly so grouchy as the public seem to think.

Spring is trying hard to crowd winter out and lately a visit of the flanger is a common occurrence, trying to keep the track clear of the last touch of winter.

The old request, same as before: Let us have a few notes.

CERT. 399.

#### *Nipissing Division—*

We have received our new rates and expect to have our schedule signed up within the next few days. Let's send in our increase promptly, as we will not be considered up-to-date unless we do so. Give the company the best service possible to show that we appreciate the new rate. Co-operation is required in every line. If your fellow worker is uneducated in railroad lines, help him. You will not be expected to do so outside your regular assigned hours without extra compensation.

We hope to soon have a meeting and a correspondent appointed for each district. Then we must all help them, so we will have a good write-up each month.

Keep the nons lined up and don't overlook "No card, no favors."

J. H. HEALEY, Cert. 981,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Western Division, Fourth District—*

An enthusiastic meeting was held on Sunday, March 9th, in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, with 26 members present.

The meeting was first called for Feb. 23rd and again on March 2nd, but on account of severe storms, and the irregularity of passenger trains it had to be postponed.

Local Chairman Whitlock called the meeting to order at 4:30. After covering the general routine work, the new schedule came up, and the various amendments to the different clauses (which our committee have now up with the management in Toronto) was explained in detail by the chairman.

Bro. Morrison urged that we, as well as telegraphers from other lines, should use the Calgary labor temple for our meetings, instead of renting a room in a C. P. R. hotel, which has been the custom. The labor temple being heavily in debt, little donations from our organizations would be much appreciated. We hope his suggestion will be followed.

Bro. Whitlock returned from Winnipeg Feb. 14th, where he and other members of our committee were working on schedule negotiations. Too much credit cannot be given him for his untiring efforts in securing more money for different positions on this district which previously were not up to the standard.

The eight-hour day, which became effective Feb. 20th, was joyful tidings to all. As a result several new positions were created and the management is filling them as rapidly as possible.

When your back time cheques are received, make out a money order in favor of our general secretary and treasurer at Dauphin for the amount you have already been advised has been assessed you. Remember that this assessment is not only to defray expenses incurred in obtaining our present schedule, but that we must also be prepared for a counter attack by fattening our treasury. Those who have not yet paid the first month's increase received on our previous schedule should include it with your remittance now, and it will be thankfully received. The time is ripe to bring delinquents up to date and secure any nons in your neighborhood (assistants as well as operators). All have received a very substantial increase and a fat back-time cheque, so it should not require any great effort to secure them.

As the "Canadian National Railway," we now include the Canadian Government Railways, such as the Prince Edward Island lines, Intercolonial, National, Transcontinental and all Canadian Northern lines. Owing to these lines being absorbed, several changes to our mutual advantage are expected in our new schedule, as the lines absorbed enjoyed certain privileges which we did not and vice versa.

Understand Marengo station is to be moved and overhauled, when the company will find it much easier to retain an agent there.

J. J. GAINOR, Cert. 861.

#### *Duluth, Winnipeg, Pacific Division—*

Won't it be fine when the young lady at "CK" gets an up-to-date O. R. T. card?

It is now Bro. G. K. Farr.

Bro. McDonald recently relieved Bro. Brown a few days.

Cook reduced to two men for several days, one of the nons relieving the non at Britt.

The non at Orr was down with the "flu" several days.

Keep after the nons at Britt and Orr agencies, first Ranier, second Ray and second and third Cook.

The committee is now in Winnipeg on schedule revision.

Article 9, Telegraphers' Schedule, dated July 15th, 1918, reads, in part: "Telegraphers will be exempt from scrubbing stations, etc." Recently I wrote to the superintendent asking him to arrange to have water carried for this purpose (which is a quarter of a mile away) and scrubbing done. He replied in effect that I didn't have work enough to earn my salt. He evidently considers our schedule simply a scrap of paper.

"D.Q."

**Central R. R. of New Jersey, Div. No. 45.***Central Division—*

March 17th two meetings were held at Elizabeth at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., with a very good attendance at both meetings. A motion was passed to have the morning meeting called hereafter at 10:30 a. m. instead of 10 a. m., the third Monday of each month. Twenty-two applications for membership were received, including those of Misses Margaret Heim, Christina Julia Baumann, Alice H. Soltaire and Mrs. Elsie K. Davis, giving us a membership of 568.

The local chairmen declared elected were: District No. 1, E. Pry; District No. 2, Jos. Moriarity; N. J. S., W. T. Smock. Delegates to the St. Louis convention: District No. 1, E. Pry; District No. 2, Jos. Moriarity; District No. 3, F. Nellor; N. J. S., W. T. Smock; alternates, District No. 1, H. O. Kern; N. J. S., Chas O. Gibe.

The vote for a paid general chairman was 239 for and 22 against.

Bro. H. H. Gunther, second trick operator and ticket agent at P-Burg, was relieved by Bro. Brown while he was attending his sister's funeral at Catawissa.

Bro. Patty Murray, second Woodbridge Creek, on a month's vacation in the Middle West, relieved by Bro. E. Fox, relieved by his brother, John, on third, who says army life "is the life," but could not land any French lassies.

Bros. Tropp, Nellor and Styer were appointed as a sick committee, so any brother who is sick or knows of any one else who is sick, will notify one of these brothers as soon as possible.

Not being able to go over the road now, it will be impossible for me to get notes so I will have to depend on the boys to send them to me, or will give the assignment to someone else who will be more at leisure to get them and who has transportation.

E. C., Cert. 33.

**Central of Ga. R. R., Div. No. 46.***Southwestern Division—*

Bro. Southall, third Ft. Valley, was off several days, relieved by Bro. Horne, and Bro. Randall, first Smithville, relieved by Bro. Chason.

Reynolds second abolished, Bro. Murphrey relieving Bro. Chason on third Byron.

Sister Slaughter relieved Bro. Fuller, Smithville Agency, 30 days, on vacation.

Bro. Warren is relieving the dispatchers on their two days' vacation each month.

Bros. Livesey and Randall went to Macon recently to see what is holding up our back time.

The Sunday work at week-day rate does not look good, but set to the saw, the dust will fly later.

Remember Article 4 (a). If you do not get that hour for meals between 11:30 and 1:30 do not take it; turn in your ticket. It looks good pay day, and we are supposed to have a full hour between 11:30 and 1:30.

CERT. 208.

*Savannah Division—*

Bro. I. L. Barron, third Tennille, was relieved few days recently while getting married.

Bro. W. T. Corely, Starrsville, was a recent Atlanta visitor.

Consolidation at Augusta with G. & F. gave Bro. Sheally a promotion, his title now is CC-Opr., G. & F. man taking position vacated by him.

There is a great deal of unrest by the smaller agents over the raise. We have been trying for two months to secure a date with the management to get the new raise in effect and hope to soon have everything satisfactorily adjusted to all concerned.

D. M. ROGERS, Local Chairman.

**Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.***First Division—*

Our meeting at Pueblo, March 2nd, was a success, both in attendance and interest. General Chairman Compton called to order at 8 p. m. and appointed R. C. Bonney, past chief; F. B. Rose, first vice; M. W. Bird, second vice; F. L. Reynolds, marshal; F. C. Hogue, inside sentinel, and F. W. Moore, outside sentinel.

Bro. Compton related the work in general done during recent months at home and at Washington.

General Chairman Bonney, Division 150, related the difficulties his committee encountered in securing the new schedule on the Colorado and Southern, and Local Chairman Wilson, Southern Division of the C. & S., followed him in a similar strain.

Interesting short talks were then made by every member present. It was regretted that some member of the Santa Fe committee could not have been present, Division 61 has some live members at Pueblo. The Missouri Pacific was the only road entering Pueblo not represented, no doubt due to the failure to receive the notice in time. There were some 32 members present all told.

Out of respect to the memory of our late General Chairman Fulton, deceased, the entire meeting stood with bowed heads and in extreme silence for one minute.

Ex-Bro. R. A. Clark has returned from the radio service and taken second Sedalia.

Bro. Honnold has Husted up to date with Bro. Losey and Sister ——— on the block phones, and is now lining up the Santa Fe office there.

Fifth Vice-president Manion is assisting Bro. Compton at Denver and we hope our new schedule will soon be ready for distribution.

Bro. Allis relieved at Greenland a few days by H. Harrison, a new man, who will soon be with us. F. B. Rose,

Assistant Local Chairman.

#### *Fourth Division—*

Bro. Martinez relieved Bro. Tucker at Alamosa while he was relieving Dispatcher Stepp. Miss Jacks, who relieved Bro. Martinez at Chama, later went to Denver, relieved by Bro. Savage from the Santa Fe. Gilmore, a new man, is on second Chama.

Bro. T. J. Looney relieved on second La Veta Pass by Safford, a new man, relieved Bro. Rogers, Pagosa Junction, sick.

I was relieved at Monero while in Denver on committee work by Skelding, who later relieved Adams at Ignacio.

New applicants sent in: Skelding and Miss Jacks, Chama, and H. H. Adams, agent Ignacio. R. W. Ogle.

#### *Georgia R. R., Div. No. 50.*

Every man on our division paid up for the last period, except four who left the service. To offset this we received some twenty new applications and we now have over 100 members, which means about all on our small road. A non is a very rare "animal" in this part of the country and we hope to soon entirely exterminate the species.

I have just read the new Seaboard contract and I wish I had a copy to present to each one of our members as I am sure it would inspire them to render every assistance possible to our committee in its effort to secure one just like it. It includes the dispatchers and should be an incentive to all of us to never give up until we have incorporated our five dispatchers into our schedule, for these boys have stood by us loyally.

All of the agents' positions of that road are shown on the hourly basis. The "flat salary" bait was thrown out to them by the officials of their line, but they were "too wise" to "bite."

Brothers, stand by your committee and if you see my violations of Supplement 18 call its attention to them.

There are just a few points to be settled before we can proceed with the negotiations.

Make a heroic effort, boys, to attend every meeting. We do not have them only when necessary in order to save expense to our members, but when our general chairman calls one you may be assured that there are matters of importance to be settled and we want you to come and help us.

Send me all the notes you can during the month in order that we may have a good write-up, as I am working nine hours and nursing the balance of the time, so I don't have much of an opportunity to gather news.

CERT. 18.

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#### *Bessemer & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 51.*

Bro. Hossler has resumed on first Albion Yard; resumed work after visiting his parents in New Castle, relieved by Miss McGuire.

Bro. M. A. Hahn is on leave of absence, working for the Tide Water Pipe Line, relieved by Extra Orcutt.

Bro. Donahoe has resumed duty after being off several days to organize a secret society.

Fredonia block station closed, Bro. H. B. Smith remaining as clerk and operator, Bro. U. P. McCann to extra list.

State Line, Conneaut Lake, Pardoe and Oneida third also closed.

Bro. H. D. Hall, third Harmonsburg, closed, went to Albion Yard until his trick there was closed, when he took third "KY" tower. Bro. Eddleblute resumed first there, after spending a month with relatives in the West, relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Dispatcher Payne is on vacation; Dispatcher Hornbeck working first on middle district.

CERT. 92.

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#### *Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53.*

##### *Members Portland Division—*

I wish to convey to you my sincere appreciation and thanks for the very substantial present of a check for \$35.75, presented to me at the meeting in Eugene, on February 9th. It was an agreeable surprise to me.

T. M. Boyd, L. C., Oakland, Ore.

Sunday afternoon, February 9th, a very enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting was held at the Hotel Osburn, in Eugene, Oregon, with fourteen members present, including Fifth Vice-president Manion. Bro. Prime was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Local Chairman Boyd read the recent rulings made by Mr. McIntyre, assistant to General Manager Scott, to the superintendents as to the application of Supplement No. 18, which, in a great many cases, were not in accordance with our understanding thereof. The differences will be appealed to the board at Washington for decision.

Bro. Manion explained his interpretation of this supplement and the rulings the railroad officials were making, affecting the men in endeavoring to apply it. The brothers not attending this meeting missed a treat.

Considering that this was the first meeting held at Eugene, the attendance was very good, but we believe more could have been present had they made the effort. Brothers, these meetings are interesting and you should be there to give your views on any questions that may be brought up. The next meeting will probably be held at some other point, giving the brothers on that part of the division a chance to attend.

The management of Hotel Osburn was given a vote of thanks for courtesies shown us and the free use of a room for our meeting.

Local Chairman Boyd was presented with a check for \$35.75, as previously noted in his response, thanking the brothers for the donation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

J. S. PRIME, Secretary Pro Tem.

#### *Portland Division Notes—*

Bro. Red Gaines, in the railroad service in France, writes that he is having the time of his life "overseas."

Bro. Bobie Fromm, in the radio service, writes he is seeing some of the world and does not know when he will be back.

Bro. Johnson, agent Woodburn, relieved six weeks by Bro. Vickers, and he on first by Bro. Tyson, relieved by Bro. Ware from the N. P., who later went to second Albany pending bulletin. Bro. Van Buren, ten years at Jefferson agency, to first Albany, succeeded by Bro. Loucke from Coburg.

Bro. Bob Welton, agent Mt. Angel, has returned from two weeks' leave.

Bro. McIlvaine, agent Beaverton, to second there.

Bro. Wilson to first Roseburg, and Bro. Pearson to first "KC" Portland.

Bro. Summers, agent Lebanon, on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Vickers.

Brothers, it is hard to get a write-up with no assistance. Have not heard from any of you for some time. Every line will help.

P. G. VICKERS, Cert. 1201.  
Woodburn, Ore.

#### *Sacramento Division, District No. Five—*

Bro. Dusher has been elected delegate and re-elected local chairman. The majority reasoned the same as myself, and would not refuse our local chairman the trip to which he is entitled, and this will not be altogether a pleasure but a business trip.

Our local chairman is given nothing except stationery and stamps. He needs a filing cabinet and a mimeograph. Any who are willing to donate one dollar towards getting him essential articles, send it to him direct. I will acknowledge receipt and tell you what he buys. He will then be

able to give you a circular letter each month.

New members: Sister E. E. and Bro. W. R. Sherer and Bro. A. M. Lakey. Of the 44 members initiated since Bro. Dusher has been local chairman, he has landed 36 of them. Anyone desiring a list of the remaining nons can have it for a stamp.

Reno third abolished, vice Bro. McAdow relieving Bro. Schoonover, second Colfax, a week, then visited relatives in Lodi, when he was loaned to the Salt Lake Division, relieving the coupon ticket salesman at Hazen, Nev., for two weeks, then relieved Bro. Collins, agent Floriston, who went to a San Francisco hospital with a broken arm.

Bro. Rector, extra Sacramento, displaced Bro. Corbett, extra third Brighton, a new man, transferred from Shasta Division, visiting relatives in Bakersfield.

Bro. Rhubesky, third Newcastle, relieved a week by Fields, a new man.

Sister Vick, second Tamarack, relieved a few days by Bro. Lakey, later by Bro. Wallace, on a trip to Truckee. Ye scribe relieved Bro. Woodbury, extra second Midas, who went to third Gold Run. Bro. Bolmanter, first Champion, relieved a few days by Sister Jacobsen. Sister Aske, staff Fulda, relieved a few days by Sister Sherer, and Bro. Sheets, first staff Eder, on indefinite leave, by Bro. Sherer.

About five operators shooting biscuits in Sacramento beaneries and stopping at Salvation Army headquarters, and Bro. Rice worked with a carpenter gang in the shed district about a month; no work. Later he relieved Bro. Coons, first Troy, three weeks. Sister Mason, staff Gunter, relieved a few days by Sister Thompson.

McKedy and Mrs. Lichtenberger, staff Eder, resigned.

Bro. Warren, staff Lake View, dismissed, has not presented his case as a grievance.

Block operators, advise Bro. Dusher when jobs not put on bulletins. He has no way of knowing what is happening all over the division without you tell him.

Bros. Cull and Manjon have gone East to see if the Sunday and holiday time can't be more satisfactorily arranged.

Any of my brother soldiers who were discharged without receiving a \$60 bonus or who have not been informed concerning it, call me on the wire and I'll tell you how to get it. Have already received mine. Our local chairman advises that those who had been promised their jobs could regain them and would be paid for the difference in the amount they made on the extra board and that made by the men working their jobs. (Article 3 "A.") The company asked me to drop my grievance, saying that as none of the rest of you had presented yours it would look like discrimination, so I dropped it. A case of one fighting for his rights and others sacrificing them.

Our local chairman got my \$2.32 mileage for me and you are entitled to your first deadhead mileage when you return from the service and are always entitled to your actual mileage when going via any other point. You can have only one initial trip, the very first one you made when you hired out.

Hold your Liberty Bonds until they become due and you will get every cent of their face value, with good interest.

"MN." Cert. 1397.

#### *Western District—*

Bro. R. L. Crowder, Antioch, to Rutherford agency; Bro. H. R. Vose, second Martinez, resigned, succeeded by Bro. J. I. Braswell, from San Joaquin Division. Bro. Moseley, first Martinez, recently paid Bro. Falls a visit in his new automobile.

Bro. C. C. Christian, banker-agent Pittsburgh, attended the recent O. S. & D. meeting at Oakland Pier. Bro. Geo. H. Helgren, second Pittsburgh, has had his little automobile converted into a "Futz" racer. Bro. Williams at Oleum please take notice.

Bro. P. W. Ennis, second Newark, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. M. T. Rouse, training for dispatcher at Oakland Pier, has resumed Newark agency, relieving Bro. J. I. Braswell; Bro. J. B. Watts to third Altamont; Bro. Wolken to clerk in superintendent's office, Oakland Pier.

New arrivals: J. Savant, W. U. "SF"; P. R. Witt, U. P., and J. P. Sullivan, Los Angeles Division.

Bro. F. F. Follansbee, first Livermore, in the naval wireless service at Honolulu, is expected home shortly.

Bro. Falls and wife recently visited Reno and Truckee, taking advantage of the sport the snow afforded at the latter place, and met Bro. Coons, formerly at Santa Rosa, now located at Troy.

Bro. Yaeger, agent Truckee, would like to trade with someone on this division. Seniority from July, 1905.

Bro. Jud Wilson, agent Centerville, is visiting friends and relatives in Los Angeles and the Imperial Valley, relieved by Bro. Spurgeon.

Bro. W. M. Falls was elected local chairman and delegate, and Fred Shaver alternate.

Any of the brothers who have overlooked paying their dues for the current term kindly remit at once, so that we will have no delinquents on this division. A solid front is more to be desired now than ever, if we are to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number.

F. S. Cert. 2075.

#### *Coast Division—*

Bro. J. A. Merrill, second Salinas, elected local chairman, vice Bro. J. E. Cowgill, agent San Carlos, was also elected delegate and Bro. L. R. Dains, agent Menlo Park, alternate. Bro. Merrill recently completed a visiting tour of the entire district and presided at interesting and well attended meetings at Santa Barbara and Redwood City. He has appointed as his assistants: Bros. P. P. Foster, "MS" San Francisco; M. Sherman, Santa Clara, and John Hanson, third Lompoc Junction; C. E. Wilent, third San Jose, division secretary, and J. R. Kilgore, third Gilroy, correspondent. Bro. Merrill will have the hearty support and co-operation of the men of this division, his former experience as local chairman on the R. I. system, and natural ability, will no doubt prove him to be a worthy leader.

Bros. A. D. Spence and R. S. Cookson have received their "buzzards" from the U. S. A., and are bucking the extra list with continued seniority rights. Both were on board the transport ready to sail when the signing of the armistice turned them homeward bound. Cookson, who relieved Bro. Grove, third Bay Shore, a few days, on account of sickness, later relieved Bro. Paul Colson, third Gilroy, a week, owing to an injury to right foot. He spent the time in San Francisco.

Bro. Spencer relieved Bro. Munday at Redwood City, who is buying and selling real estate around there as a diversion during a thirty days' vacation. Munday says it is much better than "Osing" them by.

Bro. Miles, bumped from extra dispatcher at San Luis, is now acting agent at Redwood, vice Bro. Walling, gone to the Lompoc agency.

Bro. H. H. Bunds, agent Gilroy, attended the Automobile Show at Oakland recently.

Bro. Trexler, last accounts, was operator on board Admiral Sims' flagship, and saw a merry time during the hottest part of the war. He is considered one of the best "sparks" in the navy. Redmond, also in U. S. N. wireless service, has been on shore duty all the time, and is getting fatter every day.

Bro. Wilent, third San Jose, studying law, took a few nights off recently, to catch up on sleep.

Naples nights closed, Bro. Pittman bumping Tothamer at Soledad.

General Chairman Cull left for St. Louis March 1st, on important business in connection with the O. R. T.

Bro. Sims is being congratulated on the birth of a girl baby.

Bro. C. H. King sent in the application of R. H. Davis recently. Lindsay has also come into the fold.

J. R. KILGORE, Div. Cor.,

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*Los Angeles Division—*

Local Chairman Meador has been holding a series of "revival" meetings recently, over the line, with good results. Bro. Jones, agent El Centro, presided at the session there on March 5th, talks being made by Bro. Eaton, agent Brawley; Bros. Gals and Ball of Heber; Howes of Calipatria; Rice of Imperial; Jensen of El Centro, and Bro. Meador. Telegraphers' living quarters, one hour assignments at Imperial on Sundays and holidays, and many other matters were discussed and suggestions made. About a dozen members were present. The meeting at Niland, March 6th, was not quite so well attended, owing to transportation facilities preventing members from reaching their homes, etc. Bros. Meador, Fuller, Schwartz, Moore, O'Connor and Sullivan discussed practically the same questions as those brought up at the El Centro meeting, nine members being present. The meeting at Indio, March 7th, was held at Bro. McCarroll's residence, with eleven members in attendance. The inadvisability of agents accepting the proposed express contract, which provides for decreased commissions, Sunday ruling interpretations, pay therefor and rehandling U. S. mail, and the disadvantages and evils of inter-division transfer, were among the questions brought up.

Bro. E. T. McNiell (No. 1 on our seniority list), chairman of the Colton meeting, March 8th, held in the Elks' club rooms, compared the old days of telegraphers with the present; Bro. Pierce, local chairman of the Santa Fe, among the thirty-four members present, said the boys of Division No. 61 anticipated early and favorable results from Washington.

Bro. Smith, one of 53's first local chairmen, recited the difficulties encountered when he and Bro. McNiell, as secretary, tried to negotiate with our company for a schedule. A number of important subjects were thoroughly discussed. Among others in attendance were: Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Reid, Pomona, and Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Walker, Chino.

The meeting at Ventura, March 11th, was held at the home of Bro. E. C. Bruce, with an attendance of ten, including Agent Murphy, of Ventura, an invited guest. Several grievances and minor matters were discussed and the adjournment was followed by refreshments of ice cream and cake, provided by Bros. Fansler, Gavin and Bruce.

The last of the present series of meetings was held here in Los Angeles, March 15th. Bros. Lyons, Fitzpatrick, and Salt Lake Local Chairman McGhee, gave interesting talks, and Local Chairman Meador reviewed the meetings held at other points.

About fifty were in attendance, including Bro. Noel, from Edom. Dancing followed

until adjournment about 11:30 p. m. Bros. Lyons and Steere, of "HU" Los Angeles, arranged for the music.

A regular meeting will be held in Los Angeles this month.

Bro. G. L. Searl, Cert. 756, Division 53, Western Division, third Livermore, Cal., seven years' seniority, wishes to trade with some brother on this Los Angeles Division, who has at least five years' seniority. Any brother interested, please communicate with him at address previously noted.

I desire to thank Bros. Howes, Calipatria; Thomas, Indio; Farwell, Colton; Bruce, Ventura and Dickinson, of Los Angeles, for their splendid accounts of the meetings, and regret the failure to receive accounts of those held at Saugus, Oxnard and Santa Barbara in time for publication.

E. L. BURROUGHS, Div. Cor.

*San Joaquin Division, District No. 10—*

I wish to thank those who supported me as delegate to the convention. I will do all in my power to serve you, and I ask you as your representative to give me all the assistance you can, either by wire or letter at the Convention Hall, St. Louis. I also wish to thank those who, during the year 1918, favored me with their applications, from which I received in addition to a year's free dues, a check from Bro. C. B. Rawlins for \$50.00 for my trouble.

Bro. "Ike" Uzzie returned from the service to second Tulare, relieving Bro. Withers, who bid in Pixley agency; Bro. Gidley also returned from the service, bid in fourth Bakersfield, vice Bro. Loomer, recently from the service, who went back to Coalinga.

Bro. Carver is relieving Bro. Fraser, agent Tulare, and Bro. C. W. Rice relieved Bro. Fuller, first Kingsburg, who went to third Tulare; Bro. Gallion to first, and Bro. Black to second Selma.

Bro. Donnelly is back at Armona, after vacation, relieving Bro. Allen.

Bro. G. W. Northamer, manager Fresno, elected delegate to the Grand Convention to be held in St. Louis in May, requests any member having anything on his mind which he thinks would benefit the Order or desires an amendment to the Constitution, communicate with him at once. It's hard to conclude things without suggestions, the more the better.

Bro. Ed Hood, second Fresno, was recently married. We all wish him much happiness.

CERT. 318.

*Stockton District—*

Bro. Lower, fourth "BR" Stockton, and family, visited with Bro. Cadjew at Elk Grove over Sunday, recently. Bro. Bates,

second "BR" Stockton, is relieving the dispatchers on their annual vacations, relieved by Sister Cowell.

Bro. Sharp, third Galt, on leave of absence, relieved by Bro. Chase.

Bro. Richards is back on first Lodi, after a year's leave, spent in the bank there.

Sister Cowell relieved Bro. Strong, second, and Bro. Werner, third Tracy, several days.

Bro. Surryhne is back on second Turlock, after a pleasant two months' absence spent in and around Oakland, relieved by Bro. Brennan, later by Berninger, and he by Bro. Wheeler, returned from navy service. Bro. Brennah went to Chowchilla as warehouseman, and Bro. Berninger went north. Bro. Ressegue, third Turlock, is being congratulated on the arrival of a baby girl.

Bro. Bissell, doing clerk work since cut off the extra board, is quite sick with influenza in San Francisco General Hospital. We all sincerely hope for his speedy recovery. Twelve operators were cut off the extra board recently, there being no work, and many of them are now doing clerical work on the division.

Bro. Wyatt is expected to return from the army very soon now, and we will all be glad to welcome him back.

E. L. R.  
Cert. 760.

#### *Shasta Division—*

A number of the south end brothers met at Redding, Sunday evening, February 23rd, to hear Local Chairman Walters explain the present status of our negotiations with the company relative to the application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, and its effect upon our present contract.

Bro. Walters gave a very clear definition of the organization's stand upon the various questions involved. Free discussion of all questions was encouraged.

We believe that such meetings should be held oftener. Not alone for the practical good that is bound to come from a frequent interchange of ideas, but for the feeling of comradeship that is developed.

The manager of the Northern Counties' Association was kind enough to allow us the use of the Association's Hall, free of charge.

There were fourteen members present.

G. T. HARTSFIELD, Cert. 922.

#### *Tucson Division—*

Bro. H. A. Pritchett, address Box 389, Willcox, Ariz., was elected local chairman. Let us all help him by trying to settle our grievances with the railway officials *first*, thereby reducing his work to a minimum. Keep a copy of all the correspondence, to refer to him, if absolutely necessary.

Bro. McNeil has been appointed assistant local chairman, with headquarters at Bowie.

He has our thanks for his efforts in the past. His labors were highly appreciated. Bro. Robeson also has our thanks for his good work during the short time he was Bro. McNeil's assistant.

I have consented to act as secretary and correspondent for another term. I greatly appreciate the assistance Sister Kathryn Morrison has given me heretofore. Her bunch of items received as regularly as the write-ups were due, and I hope she will continue the good work, and that you will all give me a little assistance hereafter, and help to make it a success.

Anapra closed; Bro. Zimmerman, who has carried a card for thirty-three years, went to Gage third. T. J. Gray at Gage is delinquent; get after him.

Sister Jennings' application makes Aden solid.

Esmond office closed February 15th, with Sisters K. B. and A. M. Morrison on first and second, and Bro. Duell on third, later relieved by Sister Davies, and relieved Bro. Tommy Morrison at "UN," who went to Bowie. Later Sister Davies to Piedra, relieved by Sister Volk.

Three tricks opened at Vail by Bro. Davis as agent, with Sisters Pixley and Caverly on second and third. Bro. Williams and Bro. Robeson, Tucson, on vacation, relieved by Blakely.

I wish to thank Sister K. B. Morrison and Bro. F. W. Kline for their items. Brothers and sisters, send me the news to Box 1372, Tucson, Ariz.

B. D. MAHONEY.

#### *Salt Lake District—*

Bro. Bowrin, our division lineman, and wife, took in the St. Patrick's dance at Carrollton.

Bro. E. C. Puryear, first "RO" Ogden, bid in second Lemay, relieved by Pearce, who went to Deeth extra, when Bro. A. D. Radcliffe, sixth "VN" Sparks, abolished, went to "RO." Tribe, extra "RO," has gone to "BD" San Francisco.

Bro. Travelle, agent Deeth, while taking his wife to Salt Lake hospital, was relieved by Bro. E. C. Puryear, from Lemay, later relieved by Mrs. Hunter.

Bro. Wiley, dispatcher Ogden, is on leave of absence to Kankakee, Ill., on account of the death of his wife. We extend him our heartfelt sympathy. Lynch, a new man, relieved him.

Bro. L. R. Norris, dispatcher Ogden, and bride, spent their honeymoon in Los Angeles, and visited Bro. Banish at Winnemucca, several days. Bro. Tegeler, Wells, was also recently married. We extend the happy couples our heartiest congratulations. Cupid is busy and Toy may not be a batch job much longer, Bro. Swartfager, Wells,

on leave of absence, relieved by Baughman, a new man.

Bro. Bachman, first Rose Creek, taking in the sights in New Orleans sixty days, relieved by Klein; Bro. Mansell, third Rose Creek, resigned, relieved by Bro. Kalb.

Congratulations to Bro. Stevens, Imlay, on the arrival of new boy.

Miss Norris Golconda will soon be a sister.

While Mrs. Braun was visiting Sister Stanton at Lovelock, Bro. Braun lost his dog.

Thanks to brothers "JC," "JN" Ogden, and Bro. Bowrin, Imlay, for most of the items. Boys, mail me a good bunch of news for next write-up. "BN," Cert. 741,

Winnemucca.

#### Northern Pacific R. R., Div. No. 54.

##### Tacoma Division—

Our motto this year is "*Stay Organized*." When a new telegrapher lights on the division, ask: "*Have you an up-to-date card?*" if he has none hand him an application blank and notify your local officers of the fact.

Our "Social Fund," is a feature of our division organization—an asset, not a "luxury," or an extravagance. If a brother or sister is sick, or passes away and we desired to express our sympathy, there is not one, who would not gladly donate something for such a purpose. Collecting funds in this way is cumbersome and unsatisfactory. The "Social Fund Plan" systematizes it and gives better results with less work and expense. Ten cents a month keeps you in good standing in this meritorious department. Send sixty cents, or \$1.20, to Bro. H. Parkinson, our local secretary, Napavine, who keeps his accounts on a business basis, and place yourself in good standing for six months or a year. You will never regret it if you do this, but will always regret it if you do not. In addition to being used for floral offerings, the fund has served us in many other ways. It certainly deserves the support of every member.

E. L. CARR, L. C.

##### Tacoma Division Notes, No. 1—

I have been appointed division correspondent, but being located on a branch line, am not in a position to hear much news; so please send your items of interest to me at Montesano. If you will all do this, we will have a good write-up every month.

Sister Sinnott, of Elma, is chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary to look after our welfare to some extent. Upon learning of the illness of the members or any one of their families, drop her a line, or notify the operator at Elma, who will do the rest.

At the last meeting in Centralia, the local

secretary and Social Fund Committee were unanimously re-elected.

Sister E. A. Mielke, Hoquiam, and Local Chairman Bro. E. L. Carr, Olympia, are delegates to the Grand Convention in St. Louis, in May. Bro. L. C. Wyse, Adna, Wash., will take care of the local chairman's affairs during his absence. Bro. L. D. Weyand, Rochester, and Sister Mielke, have been appointed members of the Local Board of Adjustment; Bros. Wyse and Carr are the other two members.

If anyone has failed to receive a seniority list, a request to Secretary Parkinson, Napavine, or Bro. Carr, will bring one.

Bro. Leahy is back from the hospital, relieved by Sister Harler during his absence.

Bro. Peck, off a few days for eye treatment, was relieved by former Bro. H. J. White, back from the U. S. Navy, who will soon be in line again.

Bro. Snead, sick several days, was relieved by Bro. Shinn, an old-timer now on extra list, owing to Vancouver Junction being closed. He also relieved Bro. Phillips, Olympia, a few days, while he was having an operation performed on his arm, and Bro. Dickinson, at Kelso, while sick with the "flu."

Bro. Duby is relieving Bro. Goist at South Prairie.

Bro. Palmer is now in the cigar business. Don't forget to call on him at the Spaulding Building, when you are in Portland.

Bro. Napper, recently discharged from the army, bid in "SU," vice Bro. Ostermeyer.

Sister Wheeler relieved on sick list by Bro. Wright, third "MO" closed, meanwhile.

Bro. Wheeler, agent Vader, is in the hospital with a broken arm, received while cranking his auto.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sister Harler, whose brother was killed in an auto accident in Tacoma.

ROSA B. WHEELER, Cert. 1477,  
Montesano, Wash.

##### Tacoma Division Notes, No. 2—

Bro. Dickerson, third McCarver Street, off sick, was relieved several nights by Bro. Schmidt when the office was closed in order to use him to open third "SU," while the Point Line was blocked with slides and trains were running via American Lake Line. Later Bro. Floyd relieved Bro. Schmidt, who went to "MP" 41, on account of a slide.

Sister Harler resumed after a month fighting the "flu," opening "BU" and "WI," a few nights, during the washouts, she also went to "CH," on account of slide.

Sister Niles went to Kelso, during the washouts, then relieved Bro. Phillips a few days, on sick list, and Bro. Palmer, whose wife was sick in Portland.

Bro. Dispatcher Lewis was off several days with the "flu."

Bro. C. H. Jackway, from the C. & N. W., relieved Bro. Baker at Moclip on vacation, also Bro. Sherwood, Bro. Freeman, and Bro. Brodie, latter at Elma, all on sick list.

Bro. Henderson was on the sick list a few days recently, also Bro. Robey, latter relieved by Sister Cartwright.

Sister Rubish, on vacation to California, relieved by Sister Vose.

Sister Leahy worked a few nights at Castle Rock and Winlock, during the washouts. The one on the Prairie Line, near Roy, derailed an engine and several cars, blocking traffic for a number of days.

Bro. Ostermeyer returned from his trip south just in time to help us out during the washouts.

CERT. 1036.

#### *Pasco Division--*

Bro. M. J. Howbrook, Cert. 1070, writes an interesting letter from Ft. Gibbon, Alaska, under date of January 17, 1919, in acknowledgment of the receipt of his card, and recent copies of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and was quite disappointed not to find a write-up of this division among the others on the Northern Pacific. The letter also acknowledged the Christmas greeting from Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins.

At the time his letter was written, the weather was the most remarkable known in that section of the globe for years, as it was averaging from 2 to 20 above zero, with plenty of sunshine, when usually at that time in January, it was exceedingly cold. Earlier this winter, it had been 52 below zero there and 77 at Eagle.

The "flu" had not reached that part of Alaska, but it had taken its toll at Nome and St. Michael; in the former district one thousand, mostly natives, had succumbed to it, and on Cape Prince of Wales Island, out of 812 inhabitants, there were only about a dozen left, the quarantine that had been in effect up there for two months having just been lifted, as there had been no new cases in two weeks. The brother was in hopes it would not reach Ft. Gibbon, as it might break up the plans under way there to get back to "God's country" this summer. His address is "Private first class, second Svc. Co., Sig. Corps, Via Tanana, Ft. Gibbon, Alaska," and a card or letter from any of the brothers would be greatly appreciated by him.

Ed., FRATERNAL DEPT.

#### *Members Rocky Mountain Division--*

I wish to take this means of thanking you for the confidence shown in me by electing me local chairman and delegate. I shall try to conduct the affairs of the office in such a manner that your confidence will

not have been misplaced. However, I shall need your support and co-operation. If you have a non working in your office, don't expect me to secure his membership without your aid. Keep him in hot water until he joins.

We have made such rapid progress during the past year, that the non is left absolutely without any argument whatever. If the increases we recently secured were only for members of the Order, there would be an awful scramble for seats in the O. R. T. bandwagon. The benefits, however, come alike to members and the nons, and we have to depend on their sense of fairness to come in and give us their moral and financial support in order to secure still greater benefits. Our slogan for this year is "100 per cent solid." It has been done, on one division already, and what can be accomplished on one can be accomplished on all of them.

There are only a few nons on this division now, but as long as there is one left, he is a blot on our fair record.

I expect to put in all my spare time until I get everyone of them lined up, and as I like to pound a typewriter, the only way a non can get his name off of my correspondence list is to get busy and line up "pronto."

Yours for 100 per cent solid by July 1st.

C. R. BULLIS, L. C.

#### *Rocky Mountain Division Notes—*

Bro. Bowdish has returned from several weeks' leave spent in Los Angeles, suffering a reprise from a siege of influenza earlier in the winter. Evaro second was discontinued during his absence, and he displaced Bro. Blackstone at Lookout, who displaced Sister Pierson, third Lothrop, to extra list.

Bro. Mielke, agent Darby, called to Billings as witness in a company law suit, relieved by Bro. Cassidy, third DeSmet, he by Sister Oeck.

Bro. Blankenship, extra dispatcher, returned to "MD" Missoula, as manager, vice Sister Avery, relief manager on thirty days' vacation.

L. R. Crane, back from navy service, bid in second Arlee. We all hope to soon see "Louie" up-to-date again. He sailed from Seattle, through the canal, touching cities in Portugal and Italy, and we understand learned to eat "spaghetti" like a veteran.

Bro. Cassidy on ninety-day leave, will attend the University of Montana at Missoula.

Bro. "Jim" Wilson was summoned before the Federal Grand Jury at Great Falls as witness for several days.

T. T. Thorsen, back from army service, bid in third Elliston. He has been at Fort McDowell, Cal., since last May. We hope to have him with us in a short time.

We were all deeply grieved to hear of the

death of Bro. W. P. Wilson at Helena, from influenza, both he and Sister Wilson being afflicted with the disease at the same time. She recovered however, and accompanied by Sister Lyle, took the remains of our late brother to North Carolina for burial. Sister Wilson has the sympathy of the entire division in her bereavement.

The request to make up a purse to help defray the funeral expenses was responded to heartily by the members, also by trainmen and dispatchers. A report will be made to the members as soon as the contributions are all in.

I have appointed Bro. J. S. Wilson, division correspondent. Send your items to him or to me. I am indebted to him for most of the items this month.

I am going to take up the matter of a local fund on this division shortly, and will outline my plan to the membership in the near future.

C. R. BULLIS, L. C.

#### *Yellowstone Division—*

We closed 1918 at the head of the list in number of members, and the Tacoma Division closed the year with one hundred per cent. Let's see if we cannot reach Bro. Carr's standard before another year closes.

Now that the war is over and our boys are coming back, let's show them that we appreciate what they have done for us and the world at large, by giving them the welcome they are justly entitled to. In case any of them have dropped out for any reason, we have arranged to take them back at a flat rate of \$6.00, provided they make application within the term in which they return to work. This will include regular fees and pay dues up to end of the term in which application is made. Regular application in the O. R. T. and M. B. D., must be made same as any other applicant. This rate is extended to returning sailors and soldiers, or those in any branch of the military service during the late war. Kindly bear this in mind and make it known to the boys, who may have dropped out.

A decision will probably be handed down from Washington very soon in regard to the interpretations of Supplement 13 of General Order 27, by the railroad officials from which we have appealed to the wage board. Let us all bear the delay with patience, as we have every confidence of the successful outcome.

I desire to extend to all my great appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me in re-electing me your local chairman for the ensuing term, and as your delegate to the St. Louis convention, which convenes the second Monday in May. I will represent you the very best I can, and hope that we may work together in the same harmonious way in the coming years as in the past, and

that our relations will always be as pleasant.

E. A. BRAND, L. C.

#### **YELLOWSTONE DIVISION FLOWER FUND REPORT.**

##### **RECEIPTS.**

Received to January 31, 1919.....	\$47.85
Received for February, 1919.....	26.50

Total.....	\$74.35
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##### **DISBURSEMENTS.**

Paid out for flowers to date.....	\$17.32
Paid out for postage to date.....	1.03
Cash on hand.....	56.00

Total.....	\$74.35
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J. P. MEEHAN,  
Secy. and Treas.

##### **Approved:**

E. A. BRAND, L. C.

#### *Montana Division—*

The boys returned to this division from the military service recently are: J. W. Hesser, M. B. Pay, R. C. Tuthill, H. E. Taplin, F. L. Gabriel, C. T. Williams, W. H. Glover, G. W. Renz and F. H. Guth. We are glad to welcome them in our midst again, and expect to soon see them all up-to-date. Several of the girls resigned during February and March, owing to the soldiers returning.

Bro. Cranwill received an interesting letter from Bro. Frank Cline recently, saying he had recovered from injuries sustained several months ago in the Panama Canal Zone. He does not know yet when he will return.

Sister Vola Graham has resigned on account of the death of her brother and having to help her folks on the ranch.

Bro. Frank Turvey, relieved by Sister Jones, has gone to the Rochester, Minnesota, hospital, for an operation. Sister Turvey relieved at Grey Cliff by Miss Pound, went with him. We wish for his speedy recovery. Sister Harriet Powers' little son, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is recovering.

Bro. Charlie Preston is back on first "CO," after an extended visit in the east.

Bros. E. R. Bailey and R. E. Merkle, extra, bumped out of Livingston "VS" by older men, are relieving along the line.

Bro. E. L. Stockman spent several weeks in the east recently, visiting relatives and old friends.

Bro. R. W. Davis, of Muir, who recently visited the State Agricultural College at Bozeman, purchased some fancy Rhode Island Reds, and expects to get some of the blue ribbons this fall. Bro. Crane, of Lombard, went to Bozeman recently and bought

a \$400 short horn sire for his ranch near Lombard.

Sister Stone, third East Helena, on visiting relatives in Detroit, Mich., thirty days, relieved by Bro. R. C. Tuthill, just returned from Camp Lewis, later going to first Bozeman, relieved by Bro. Merkle from "VS." Bro. Labertow on jury duty in a "sheep stealing case."

Bro. N. A. Smith, agent and mayor at Trident, sick a few days, relieved by Miss Dletz as operator, and Mrs. Smith as agent. Capering with the Shriners at Helena was probably too strenuous.

Bro. E. H. Snyder, second Lombard, was relieved by G. W. Renz, just returned from the navy with twenty months' service as wireless operator. Bro. L. C. Carleton is "breaking in" at "RF."

With so much sickness it behooves us all not to forget the Flower Fund. I can say that it means a lot to one who is sick. Please don't forget it.

Sister Carlis, second Townsend, taken to Missoula Hospital with a second attack of the "flu," is very ill. Flowers were sent her.

Sister Pendergast relieved by Sister Goodnight, is visiting relatives at Pony, and Sister Troupe visited friends in Big Timber recently, relieved by Bro. Zaner, who also relieved Bro. Darham, Laurel, several weeks, while at Carthage, Ill., visiting friends.

Some class to our new seniority lists. The only thing lacking is "100 per cent strong." Let's have it on the next ones.

We all extend our sympathy to Sister Goodnight in the recent bereavement of her mother and sister.

"R," Cert. 1299.

#### *Idaho Division—*

Bro. E. E. Thomson has resumed on third Hope, after thirty days' vacation visiting in the East.

Bro. S. J. Henry, third Cocolalla, on a few days' vacation, relieved by Sister A. M. Shavelear, who later relieved Bro. T. D. Miller, at Eddy, on sick leave.

Bro. E. Kay, agent Trout Creek, resumed after several weeks' vacation, Bro. Taylor, second, relieving. Bro. Erickson relieved Bro. V. R. Mitchell to second Paradise, a few days. Bro. Taylor later called to Spokane as extra dispatcher, relieved by Bro. Lucas.

Bro. Frank Hartman returned from military service, bid in second Thompson Falls.

Sister M. J. Kay, second Hope, on leave of absence, relieved by Sister F. H. Brand.

Bro. C. E. Gillespie, agent Rathdrum, on thirty-day vacation, relieved by Bro. C. A. Culler, of second, and he by Bro. Day, Reynolds.

Sister Kay was the only one who contributed notes this month. Show your in-

terest in the write-ups by sending in a few items each month, not later than the 18th.

Remember our slogan of 1919, "Keep organized."

DIV. COR.

#### *Dakota Division—*

The back pay has been held up, also the completion of our schedule, pending interpretations on the rules by the wage board in Washington, which General Chairman Johnson advises would be considered April 7th, and a decision handed down shortly afterward. It will be appreciated much more when it finally does arrive, therefore let us all wait patiently.

I wish to thank every sister and brother on this division for their confidence and good will expressed in re-electing me, without opposition, to the local chairmanship and as delegate to St. Louis in May. I will continue to fulfill your wishes and desires to the best of my ability and merit the honor you have conferred.

Being local chairman isn't all sunshine or glory, but the associations make it a pleasure to serve you and assume the grief sometimes occasioned by the work the position requires the incumbent of that office to perform.

I earnestly hope the sisters and brothers will request the delinquents to promptly remit their \$6.00 to B. E. Nason, North Branch; also their insurance assessments to C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. Geo. Olson, second Steele, and Bro. H. D. Flowers, second Driscoll, have been appointed assistant local chairmen, and with Bros. Warren and Underwood, will comprise the "Go Get 'Em Board" for the Dakota the next two years.

I will leave Killdeer about May 1st for St. Louis, and hope to have Bro. Poindexter relieve me as agent. The assistant local chairman will assist him with THE TELEGRAPHER notes for May, handle correspondence, seniority lists, etc. Have all your news here by May 15th, earlier if possible, and send lots of them. We have plenty of late seniority lists to send you in return for your notes.

Sisters and brothers, let us get to work at once in an effort to make the Dakota 100 per cent solid as quickly as possible. The fee for May is \$13.50. Get a member.

Linemen J. L. Wachter, Mandan, and I. W. Clifford, Dawson, are our two new brothers. We hope the few non telegraphers and agents will promptly follow their good example.

Sister Berquist, operator-clerk Killdeer, spent six weeks' vacation at Kimball Prairie, Minn., relieved by Sister LaFave, who later relieved Bro. Raeske, third Bismarck, a month.

'Bro. Millard, agent Hazen, while attend-

ing court in Fargo, relieved by Sister Evelyn Miller.

Bro. Earl Robinson, after relieving as dispatcher in "JC," relieved Bro. Geo. Whitford, agent Hazelton, while he visited folks in Minnesota.

Bro. Geo. Olson, who relieved Agent Downing, Turtle Lake, on sick leave, later relieved Bro. Flowers, agent Sykeston, a few days on a trip to Jamestown.

Advise me where the new nons are located so that I may get "on their trail."

H. H. ELLSWORTH, L. C.

#### Fargo Division—

In 1918 the slogan was "Organize." We must add to this for 1919, and make it "Organize and Stay Organized." There are still a few nons on this division. Let us get busy and make Fargo Division 100 per cent. Try and get one member and thereby reduce the number of unorganized men in our craft.

The Division Flower Fund dues are but \$1 a year, and as this assessment will be abolished at the end of this year, it is most essential that every member remit and place the fund on a high water mark basis. The books show thirty-eight members paid for 1919, which leaves about thirty-five unpaid. Please pay at once, and help decrease the work in connection with this fund.

M. L. HETZLER, L. C.

Word from Sister Taylor at Logansport, Ind., advises that she will soon be back with us.

Our general chairman is in Washington in connection with schedule negotiations. We hope his point of view will be given careful consideration by the board on appeals.

Koldok closed, Bro. Kratz to Eckelson second, bumping Sister Black to extra list.

Bro. Mannes, of Dilworth, made a trip to Marion recently.

Bro. J. Murphy is reported back from overseas.

Bro. Burton is on second Milwaukee Crossing.

No notes from Casselton or Cooperstown Branches. Send items Casselton Branch to Bro. Smetzer. Main line to Bro. Bruskrud. Cooperstown Branch to Bro. Schmidt or, Bro. Thompson. Bro. Bruskrud was the only one sending in items this month.

CERT. 590.

#### Lake Superior Division—

Local Chairman Spurrier called me up about fifteen minutes before time to mail items for March, and requested me to send in a big write-up for that month. "Yeah

Bo," and no news items at hand or available, but I love to obey orders, so here we go, although we will likely only reach St. Louis in time for the April issue.

Business has fallen off, closing rush season offices, and giving us an excuse to take a vacation, which we all deserve as we have been "hitting the ball" pretty steady for the last two years. Our pals are also coming back from "over there," and while we celebrate a little they can "sit in" for a month or two, and not be obliged to join the "army of unemployed."

Bro. Spurrier recently returned from a few weeks' visit south, and relieved Agent Baker, relieved by Bro. Coyer on Aitken second.

Second Anton closed, incumbent bumping Bro. Coyer, third Carlton, who went to "DU," pending the return of Bro. d'Aoust, from the hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Bro. Brownlee is breaking in as dispatcher.

Bro. Brusseau was off a few days on account of sickness.

The reorganized Railroad Men's Club at Carlton, will soon have a wrestling mat, punching bag and other athletic equipments for the amusement of members; there is also a bath, a pool table, a reading room and a victrola. Membership, \$6.00. No dues for non-residents.

Send me all the news. As long as it does not violate rule "G" or the Espionage Act, will try and have it printed.

J. F. O'NEAL,  
Carlton, Minn.

#### Minnesota Division—

These last few months have been trying ones, with my hands more than full of work and my family down with the "flu," all practically at the same time, just when my leave of three weeks came to cover the division, which I did to the best of my ability, but only managed to get in four new members: Miller, Lake Park; Beaulah, Perham; Vail, Staples, and Hinklin, Foxhome. I worked hard at a bunch more of these "old nons," but without success. All you members working alongside of the nons peg away at them, till you land them. It will be a great help to me. Let me hear of your success.

Former Bro. W. E. Johnson, recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, bid in Voss Station.

I was relieved while covering the division by H. C. Jorgenson, recently discharged from the army, now relieving at Great Bend.

Bro. E. G. Anderson, first Lake Park, on three weeks' vacation, visiting his home at Wyndmere, N. D., was relieved by Bro. Carlson, second Lake Park.

Bro. N. E. Howe, Forest River, N. D., re-

lieved by B. H. Lindberg, on a few days' vacation.

Thank you all for your support in electing me local chairman of this division for the coming two years, I shall do all I can for the good of our Order. I also thank you for your past support.

L. W. SETTERHOLM, L. C.

### Wheel'g & Lake Erie P. R., Div. No. 55.

Bro. Jack Maloney has returned from the dispatchers' office to third Norwalk Yard, vice Bro. Ream, back to Monroeville, the W. & L. E. getting this job back from the B. & O.

Porter opened up again by Bro. Mizer, working it while advertised. Limestone third closed, now a two-trick job.

Bro. Stone bumped from second Hartland, by Myers, from Homestead.

Miss Zinkon, foner second Sherrodsville, resigned to get married. Foner Vorhees bumped from Jewett by foner Miss Brumley, took third Kemery, Mrs. Hartzell, nee Miss Scott, relieving Minues, on second there, who went Huron Jct. first.

Bro. Brown, Huron Jct. first, now on Brewster second, dispatchers' office. Bro. Dayton, third Coal Docks, relieved several nights by Bro. Toulon, third Adena. Bachelor opened new Zanesville second, later relieved by Bro. Mont Fulton, first Adena.

The girl operators are now working seven days a week, eight hours a day. In the yard and other offices the men get a day and a half off every week with full pay.

Bro. Ikey Aldrich, former agent at Huron, is now in the hotel business there.

Coshocton and Zanesville second, put on cutting down Bros. Swope and Haas' overtime.

Bro. Clayton, Fair "D" nights, off sick, caused Bros. McCaffery and Sprout to double until former Bro. Hostetler, now on a farm at Warmington, who helps out when we are short of men, came to their relief. He later relieved Bro. Shulenberg in "D" a week.

General Chairman Peoples relieved by his daughter Bessie, while at Cleveland and Brewster on schedule business.

Sister Welch relieved Bro. Farmer at Miner for a week.

Bro. Smith, Kemery first, off sick, relieved by Bro. Menuez, of second. Just returned from Huron Jct. first. Mrs. Hartzell on second Kemery.

Dillonvale dispatchers' office closed, Melson first taking first out of Brewster East end, Fulton second to second Jewett, bumping Bro. Tom Lucas, who bumped Bro. Red Garrett from second Bolivar, Geo. Lucas, third Dillonvale, bumped Miss Brumley from third Jewett to extra list, and Bro. Garrett bumped Miss McFee, third Mogadore. Later

Bro. Tom Lucas bid in third Adena, but was taken suddenly sick and went home, Miss Peoples taking second Bolivar rights at home.

Only two girls are now holding regular jobs, one at Congress Lake, and one at Juss-tus, the latter a Morse operator. About a dozen girls are on the extra list.

Nearly all offices closed Sunday, February 16th, understand this is to be a regular thing. "SHORTY," Cert. 13.

Our committee met the officials at Brewster, March 10th, and the new schedule as presented, except a few minor points, was agreed upon. If adopted will be superior to any agreement we have had.

Bro. Griswold, second Canton Yard, off sick, Sister Welch relieving.

Bro. Lew Davis on second Harmon, Bro. C. L. Farquhar in "D" office extra, posting up as dispatcher.

Bro. Breymaier is relieving Dispatcher Whistler.

Bro. Stedman relieved Bro. Brandel a week on Ninety-third Street second.

Bros. E. A. Toulon bid in first, R. H. Dilley second, and T. E. Lucas, third Adena.

Bros. W. C. Utzler and T. W. Garrett bid in second Mingo Yard and Bolivar, respectively, and Bro. H. V. Stone bid in third Mogadore.

CERT. 318.

### Ga., Southern & Fla. Ry., Div. No. 56.

Bro. Evans has just completed a clean-up trip over the road, securing the applications of A. L. Pitts, Unadilla; F. S. Mashburn, extra; J. H. Williams, Bonaire; Mrs. W. L. Robinson, Kathleen; D. Burke, and J. L. Brown, Cordele; M. D. Chestnut, and S. E. Turner, Macon; F. W. Quattlebaum, Fargo; M. V. Parker, Crawford; B. G. Moore, Adel, and J. L. Bankston, Ashburn. I have the "promise" of Jimmerson at Council, Etheredge and Williams at Stratton, and Mrs. Bradford at Hahira, and if the men along the line will keep these from forgetting we will soon have them lined up and be solid. The H. & F. S. has also recently been organized and with probably one exception is solid, let's don't let them get ahead of us. All who have not paid their special assessment please do so at once, the amount is very small considering the fact that it is being handed back to you almost every pay day, or twice a month, besides this practically no one drew less than \$100.00 back time, and there is no reason why a "loyal few" should have the burden to carry. Division 56 carries a great per cent of the credit for securing Supplement 13, so chip in, boys, and show that you appreciate it. There seems to be quite an array of anti-unionism "talent" throughout the country that has

set in to hash-up Supplement 13 in the way of unsolicited interpretations, and while they are creating much dissatisfaction, we are "hog tied" until we can get relief from the endless routine of getting decisions from the wage board. How about having a twenty-day limit put on them in which to render decision after appeal is made? It can be done. Inspections are being made quite often these days, and quite a number of our men are being highly commended upon the general conditions of their stations. Keep your station accounts in first class shape, conduct yourself in an upright manner, and CARRY AN UP-TO-DATE. This will make a strong railroad and a strong organization.

B. H. E.

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**N. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 57.**

*Atlanta Division—*

I have been appointed correspondent for this division, and in order to have a write-up each month it will be necessary for all you brothers and sisters to furnish me notes of the happenings at your stations.

We still have a few "nons" on the division. "No card, no favors" is our motto, but we will give every "non" a reasonable length of time to come in, but if he persists in accepting the benefits and protection our organization affords beyond that and will not assume any of the risks or obligations along with the rest of us, he will receive scant consideration from us thereafter. He cannot be neutral. HE IS EITHER FOR OR AGAINST US. There is absolutely no argument he can adduce for not joining, why he will not help support the union of his craft, except selfishness and a desire to reap where others have sown, and run no risk whatever.

Selfishness is about the worst crime a man can be guilty of. It prompts a man to "scab," and makes him a "traitor" to his fellow men. Old Judas who sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver had more honor than some men I have seen, for afterwards he repented, showing he had a little conscience left, and when he realized what he had done, went out and hung himself; really what all "traitors" ought to do, but few of them have that much nerve.

Selfishness caused Benedict Arnold to betray his country, for promotion in the British army and a little gold, and his end was and despised by the interests he sought to serve.

Bro. Lon Bryant, dispatcher North End, is spending his vacation in South Georgia; Bro. L. O. Harris relieving.

Local Chairman Bray has returned from committee duty at Nashville. He was relieved by a "non," also Bro. Powers while

on sick list. Get after them. It's embarrassing to have to note this.

Bro. C. D. Satterfield, on the sick list for some time, is improving, and will soon be back on duty again. Another "non" mixed up in this deal.

The brothers cut out of their 1918 vacations or the pay, will now be paid by special pay roll. This is just a little of the good the O. R. T. is doing for us.

CERT. 18.

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**Louisville & Nashville R. R., Div. No. 58.**

*Atlanta Division—*

We had a very pleasant two hours' meeting at Fairmount, Sunday afternoon, called at 4:20 p. m. It was voted to hold a meeting there the second Sunday in each month, and we trust by the next meeting the weather will permit the boys from the old line to come in their "flivvers," for we are certainly anxious to enjoy some smokers with and listen to the splendid lectures of Local Chairman Dooly.

We cannot blame our officers for violations of our schedule if we have not got backbone to demand enforcement.

If any of our officers assume an arbitrary attitude and get away with it, the fault is ours. The organization is ours to make or mar, and if we are not alive to our own interests for which the union stands, we will surely mar it.

If you have a real or fancied grievance, take it up with your local chairman. Don't let prejudice, bigotry or personal spite creep in. A real grievance is not merely your personal concern; it is the concern of all the members of the division. Real harmony and justice can only come when we bring all things into the light of day.

In our newly organized division let's all forget our past differences, pull together and make this one of the strongest and best divisions in our grand old organization. Our object is the uplift of the craft, and quite often it happens that the individual must sacrifice for the benefit of the majority. Wear your button, and if you are a member of the "O. R. T.", say so at all times. I am sorry to say that we have one "non" on the new line and a few on the "Hook" whom I trust will be lined up in the near future.

Every one that possibly can must be on hand the second Sunday afternoon in April, as there will be important business to transact.

No notes received, so remember, no notes, no write-up, and "No card, no favors."

"WA." Cert. 78.

**Pensacola Division—**

Bro. Baggett is now in "NA," relieved in Selma by Bro. Chas. Floyd, returned from the army.

Bro. Davis relieved Bro. Elder on first Yard Office, who took third there.

Bro. Nicholson is now with the Western Union. We all wish him success.

Bro. Lee, agent Marianna, was in Pensacola recently with his daughter, having her eyes treated.

Bro. Barwick, agent, and Bro. Barlow, operator, Century, were also recent visitors there.

Bro. McGill was relieved several nights by Bro. Garrett.

Bro. Carr, agent Galliver, relieved Bro. Henderson on second Crestview, who relieved Bro. Robt. Linton, Westville nights.

Henry Francis, returned from the army, relieved Bro. Allen at Milton.

Bro. Blox Campbell, second Chipley, is on the sick list again. He was recently down with the "flu."

Bro. John Cutts relieved Bro. Jones on third DeFuniak Springs.

Bro. Cawthorn, agent Aycock, goes to Crestview second, Bro. Carr to first, Bro. Dallas Cobb remaining on third, giving Bro. Dan Cobb, agent Crestview, a good force of experienced agents.

Bro. Grice has been elected local chairman for this division, a good man for the place.

I was sorry none of the boys were able to be at the Pensacola meeting February 25th. I was the only one there from out on the road. We had a nice enjoyable time. Several of the G. F. & A. agents and several of our boys were present.

Brothers, if you want a good write-up, send me some news. Would like to hear from some one on the Sou Ala.

W. E. TOMPKINS, D. C.

**L. C. & L. Division—**

On February 25th a number of the Short Line boys attended an interesting joint meeting at Cincinnati and were well repaid for the long ride it was necessary to take in order to be there.

Many thanks to Bro. "HN" for showing the boys such a good time.

With much regret we learned of the death of the father of Local Chairman Renaker. "DR" has our sympathy; relieved by Bro. Griffith while attending the funeral.

Dispatcher Schooler relieved Bro. Ragland, on sick list.

Bro. Joe "MC" is dispatching on the Branch.

Bro. Minor is relieving Bro. Smith, relieving on the Branch. "H," Cert. 1276.

**I. H. & St. L. Division—**

After several months' absence on account illness, will try and give you the happenings on our line. I will appreciate it if you will send me anything of interest you know of.

We received our back pay checks a few days ago and is quite an increase over what we used to get. Let us show "Uncle Sam" and the management that we can do business, and stand ready to give them the best service possible. That's what the O. R. T. stands for.

Bro. Green, Irvington, has resigned to go into insurance business. We all wish him success.

Bro. Lewis is back at the Shops after several days' illness.

Bro. Richards, Cloverport, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Crawford.

Bro. Bennett, off on account of the illness of his entire family, relieved by Miss Coleman of Stanley. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Bro. Robinson, Lewisport, has gone to Denver, Colo., to recuperate after a siege of the "flu." We hope he will soon regain his health.

Sister Wolfe, Spottsville, is off sick, relieved by Miss Smith. We hope to see her back on duty shortly.

Boys, let's keep after the nons; don't let them rest until they line up and make us 100 per cent strong. They have no excuse now. The O. R. T. got that back pay check for them and they should use it to get an up-to-date.

M. M. D., Div. Cor.,  
Cert. 1650.

**Kentucky Division—**

Regret to report the death of the mother of Bros. W. H., Howard, Walter and Mr. J. A. Bower at Parksville, Ky., recently. The entire division sympathizes with them in their great loss.

The "flu" seems to have about run its course with us and we were lucky to get off as light as we did.

Bro. "Bill" Branaman off several days recently on account of a sick youngster.

Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Jones of London were recent Cincinnati shoppers.

Bro. Herd and wife of Livingston visited Bro. Herd's mother in West Virginia a few days.

Bro. R. W. Bales, night ticket man London, was off several days on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Bro. O. P. Bourne, third Livingston, called to London owing to the illness of his wife's mother, couldn't get relief so first and second trick men had to double.

Second and third Snider closed March 22, Bros. G. Cox and Payne looking for another home.

When bidding on jobs please mail me copy of bid, so I will know where each man is

located. The classing of the agents properly will all be straightened out, so just keep railroading. We have as fine a set of officials on this division as the L. & N. can boast and they will give us all a square deal. Takes time to get these things adjusted.

Bro. R. R. Lail, agent Shawhan, was one of the first men on the division to file his application, but the papers got lost. He is now an up-to-date member; also Mrs. G. L. Rogers, agent Ford, thanks to Bro. Johnson at Shearer. Keep your eyes open and give each non a fair show to get a card.

T. J. Singleton has returned from the West and is working extra. He will probably send in his papers shortly.

Each individual member must boost and keep on boosting to make the Order a success. Don't depend on any one man or half a dozen to do everything. It will be a big help to me if you will make suggestions as to the proper way to meet different problems as they show up. Get in the habit of dropping me a few notes about what is going on around you.

I wish to thank the members who donated to pay my expenses on the trip to the Cincinnati meeting; didn't have much to tell you about the meeting, but feel that I learned some things that will be a help to all.

Do your work every day so that the officials can see that being a member of the O. R. T. doesn't interfere with your duty to the company, and remember to organize and stay organized.

CERT. 484.

#### *Cumberland Valley Division—*

In order to get home to Dad and the farm I left the terminal office at Corbin and came here as operator, but he has been put back as agent-operator and I have gone on second. The double track should soon be finished between Emanuel tunnel and Corbin, when I hope to go home to Arkle first. Please, somebody on the C. V. send news to the journal.

Let's appoint our local chairman as a local secretary and treasurer and raise a fund to be used for any need by assessing each member fifty cents each month, then the local chairman could have stamp money to write members, reminding them that dues were not paid.

Do it to ourselves and our employer means doing our best in all things at all times, and Chief Dispatcher Cowden is worthy the best service we can give him.

MISS EDITH DIZNEY, Cert. 512,  
Gray, Ky.

#### *Nashville Terminals—*

Brothers, I will have to leave you, as I was rolled out of Nashville Terminals. I have done my part and got in a few members. If I can get back as operator again

you can bet I will always carry a card.  
I wish you all success.

JOB PAGE, Cert. 1557.

#### *Main Line—*

Get after the nons, they have probably overlooked the fact that we are in a way carrying them on our "backs." Don't forget the agent at Glasgow Junction.

There is a great deal of unrest among the agents on account of the ruling of the company on Supplement 13. The ruling of the Wage Commission will no doubt result satisfactorily to all concerned.

We are sorry to learn that the infant son of Bro. Aldridge, Lebanon Junction, is very sick.

CERT. 578.

#### *Main Stem, First Division—*

Boys, send any items of interest to Local Chairman Webb at Lebanon Junction so he can give us a write-up each month and help him all you can. Make this division 100 per cent strong and keep it that way. Get after the few nons along the line; there is no reasonable excuse for anyone being out of the fold now with three months' back pay coming. Remember the motto of our state, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Bros. Akridge, Pendegast and Aldridge have been taken off at Lebanon Junction, leaving Bro. Webb, Hess and Coats to do the heavy work at that point. Bro. Akridge goes on third Tunnel Hill, relieving Brashear. Bro. Hess, second Lebanon Junction, is working extra in the dispatchers' office 15 days each month.

Bro. Mason, third Sonora, visiting relatives in Illinois, relieved by Miss Spink, extra. Sister Bramlett, second Sonora, visiting relatives in Kansas City, Bro. Chenault relieving.

It is with regret we announce the death recently of Bro. Fred Garnett, first Cave City. The boys along the line sent a beautiful floral design. The membership express their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Understand our agreement with the company has been signed and will be out soon. Show your appreciation by "hitting the ball." answer calls promptly and you night owls stay awake; no excuse for any man sleeping on an 8-hour trick.

Sister Hatcher, second Glasgow Junction, has a new Victrola.

CERT. 1804.

#### *Southern Ry. Div. No. 59.*

#### *Murphy Division—*

Bro. Dorsey has taken a position with the Appalachian Railway Co. We all wish him success.

Bro. McLean, visited home folks recently.

relieved by Bro. Crawford, who also relieved Sister Gibson a few days.

Bro. H. Gibson at the Lake was elected local chairman for this division for the next two years. He will call a meeting in the next few weeks. We want all the boys that can to be present and bring their grievances with them. We are all waiting to hear from our committee regarding our Sunday pay, as we still have to hang around the office most all day in order to get an hour or two of work and straight pay for only what time we do work.

I would like to see the "leave of absence" discussed at the next meeting. I believe a man is entitled to one when he is sick and not able to work as long as he is in that condition, but not when he wants to take another position for six or twelve months and then come back and claim his seniority.

If you boys want a write-up each month, please send me a few notes not later than the 15th.

CERT. 684.

#### *South End—*

Now that the nons have all got their increase keep after them until they come into the fold as we will soon get our back time also.

Bro. Avery, recently discharged from the army, went to Cochran third, vice Bro. Edwards to Donley second.

Bro. Guyton returned from the army to McDonough, Bro. Burch taking third there, vice Love to Eastman third, vice Maddox to extra now relieving Bro. Ramey, Chuncey, on account of sickness in his family.

"JHB," Cert. 708 JC.

#### *A. and S. Division—*

I am glad to be back in the ranks with the O. R. T. brothers after spending fourteen months with "Uncle Sam" and only regret that I did not get to "go over." Regret to announce the death of Bro. Cooper's mother and Chief Dispatcher McClain's sister. The sympathy of all is extended the sorrowing families by their large circle of friends.

Bro. Pace has sold his home in the country and is going to take up city life.

Bro. Bell is on vacation visiting friends in Florida.

Some brother volunteer to give us a write-up next time; we have no regular correspondent.

"B," "MO."

#### *Memphis Division—*

Local Chairman Uptain went over the division recently getting a petition from nearly every non and securing about 20 new members.

Bro. Dugan has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Louisville recently.

Bros. McCluen, Goddard and Burton were off a few days recently.

Bro. T. F. Tippler, located at present on the famous "Hindenburg line," writes that he hopes to be back with us in a few months. Bro. O. C. Roberts, in the Radio Service "somewhere in France," writes that he will soon return. Bro. Grant, in France several months, has resumed work at Grand Junction, Tenn.

Bro. Hooker, who went to Colorado about one year ago account of his health, writes that he is improving.

Thanks to the boys for the notes they sent me and hope they will send in more next month.

CERT. 588.

#### *"Santa Fe" Ry., Div. No. 61.*

##### *Los Angeles Division—*

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Colton on March 8th with the joint Southern Pacific. About thirty-five were present, equally divided among the two roads. Interesting talks were made by our Local Chairman Pierce and Southern Pacific Local Chairman Meaders, as well as a general discussion of conditions affecting the two roads jointly. A good deal of benefit was derived from an insight into the workings of the S. P. brotherhood and a more thorough knowledge of what the O. R. T. can and does do for its members. If we stay organized and keep after the nons there is no question but that we will "get there," too. S. P. Chairman Meaders stated they had only four nons out of 252 eligibles.

Bro. Jensen at Oceanside has landed Ben Atherton, agent Carl, recently returned from the army.

Camp Kearny has been reduced to a one-man office, worked by Bro. Arnett. Bro. St. Peters goes to San Bernardino, vice Bro. Shewalter to Orange second, vice Sherrill, who resumes cashiership there.

Caldwell, returning from army, displaced Bro. Watmer on second Fullerton, who secured his application and went to Rivera, displacing Bro. Squires.

Bro. Pierce was re-elected local chairman and delegate to the next sesesion of the Grand Division in St. Louis. Bro. Shewalter elected alternate.

Wish to thank members at Oceanside, Fullerton, San Bernardino and Lindo Vista for help with notes this month. Please continue to help all you can.

"A," Cert. 954.

#### *Valley Division—*

Bro. W. H. Lowd went to Fresno recently to enjoy watching our C. D. Imhoff ride the Mason Goat.

Bro. C. C. Hutchinson gave up Bowles

agency for extra, to enable his family to live in Fresno and enjoy better schools.

Bro. Robt. Spring, China Basin, transferred to Los Angeles Division, succeeded by Bro. McGill.

P. R. Langill, formerly at Denair, is back from France.

Bro. Archibald, late night wire chief in "FN," bumped by P. W. Archibald returning from the army, goes to Winslow as wire chief.

Bro. Duncan was quarantined at home a few days while his little girl had the "flu."

Bro. Buchanan, recently discharged from army, is relieving Bro. Hawkins.

Bro. John Spring, manager Richmond, had a visit from his brother, "Bro. Bob," on his way to Southern California.

Bro. Conley has recovered from his recent operation and is back on Hanford third.

Bro. Richey, lineman, moved from Bakersfield to Corcoran in order to be in middle of his district.

Bro. Odell, agent Sultana, bought a fine piano with his back pay.

Bro. C. A. Griffith, Kern Jct., visited friends in Sultana recently.

Bro. Grove, first Kern Jct., is now working eight hours instead of six, and has been relieved of keeping the plant oiled.

The East end of our division is "all solid O. R. T." Let's work West and take them as we go.

Bro. Page, returned from army, bumped Bro. Gene Walker from third "CJ," who bumped into Wasco.

Nearly all the back pay has been distributed, and no excuse now for remaining a "non" for lack of funds.

F. L. C., Cert. 64.

#### S. F. P. & P. Lines—

New members: Agents V. S. Holly, Kirkland, and Edw. H. O'Connell, Crown King. Transfers: Bro. Parker, Division 53, and Bro. Parrish, Division 3.

Bro. Everett has returned to California to make his home.

Bro. Titchenel, Crown King, on forty days' leave, is enjoying his vacation in California.

Bro. Perry, third Cedar Glade, was a recent Prescott visitor.

Bro. Hardy, agent Skull Valley, has resigned and gone back to his Black Land Farm in Texas. We wish him a world of success.

Don't wait for some one to tell you to turn in the minimum for a call. If called for any reason by the company, show it on your "hours of service report," and have it show up on your pay roll. Remember, our hours have been cut almost in two, and the two hours awarded us for these calls are needed.

"O."

#### Arizona Division, First District—

Walapai is now a three-trick office, Sister Thornburg, first; Bro. Thornburg, second, and Bro. Slaton, third.

Jackson, returned soldier, Yampai, promised to join soon. Also Walker, back from France, on second Hackberry. The women are all in now, and we hope to have the few men in shortly.

Local Chairman Bro. J. D. Frank, Yampai, has resigned on account of being in such an isolated station, and Bro. L. E. Best, Barstow, succeeds him.

All the agents not doing a trick have been cut out of Sunday and holiday work.

#### Second District—

Bro. Agent W. H. Morgan has recovered and is back at work again. Relief Agent Bro. Wagner is relieving Agent Mann, Codiz, owing to sickness in his family.

Bro. Rhea, Baggett, is one of our new members.

Sister Hardy, Klondike, was taken to Los Angeles for medical attention, Sister Trenkle relieving.

Sister Bowers relieved Sister Leullen, first Franconia.

Bro. Howell's father and mother are visiting him at Goffs from Dayton, Ohio.

Bro. Hoxie, Searchlight, while off with second attack of "flu," relieved by Bro. Wagner, relief agent.

Corporal Nathan Groneke is back from France at Ludlow.

Bagdad made a three-man office only.

Sister Otto, Lavic, was off a few days recently.

We have all received our back pay.

"M," Cert. 151, Bagdad.

#### Albuquerque Division—

Bro. J. C. High, our newly elected local chairman, wired the Senator of New Mexico: "Telegraphers, Division 61, representing operators on Santa Fe, ask that you support House Bill three forty-two, eight-hour bill, and use your influence to have it passed." Senator Lawrence replied: "Am supporting eight-hour bill."

General Chairman Currie advises that our schedule is in the hands of the board of wages and working conditions.

New members: G. P. Smith, Winslow Relay; C. E. Archibald, "FN," Fresno.

Bro. M. J. Closhey, agent D. S. S. & A., Trout Creek, Mich., is out here on six months' leave. Another is Bro. J. B. Kniskern, Cert. 11, Grand Division, out of the service about twelve years and has never been delinquent.

Bro. F. Bourgnignon is back from vacation to third Wingate.

Chester Koser, back from the colors, to camping job at Suwanee.

Bro. Savage resigned and gone East.

Sister Nellie Taylor, second Grants, on vacation to Kansas City to meet her husband from overseas, formerly first "GY."

Bro. Garcia, at Dalies, has a fine stock of bunnies for sale.

Bro. J. M. Caldwell, second Winslow, on a month's vacation, is going into the oil business near Holbrook.

Operators on other railroads as far away as South Carolina are writing me as to the prospects of getting on here. There seems to be a surplus all over the country. Watch your job.

The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks gave a big dance here March 14th, importing an orchestra from Winslow.

Brothers and sisters, send me another good bunch of notes for next month. Thanks to those who contributed this time.

"FN," Cert. 350.

#### Northern Division—

I wish to thank the members for their support in the recent election. I certainly appreciate the honor of being elected local chairman and delegate to the Grand Division from this division, and I will endeavor to handle all matters pertaining to our organization to the best of my ability. Our organization on this division will be just what we make it, and I must have your assistance in lining up the "nons." I will mail each office in the near future a list showing all the "nons" on this division so you will know who belongs. Everybody get busy on them and try to make this division solid by July 1st.

New members are: H. S. Calvit, first East Dallas; P. Quinn, agent, and W. A. J. Carter, third Dougherty.

Bro. L. B. Moore, on leave of absence, is relieved by Bro. R. E. Leeman. Bro. R. V. Campbell, second "CX" Cleburne, also on leave, relieved by Bro. J. K. Busby.

Some one volunteer to act as correspondent for this division. On account of so much other work and being located on the branch, I don't have time to give it the attention it should have.

Sister Cora Lee Joyce, second Paris, was relieved a few days by Bro. W. F. Meacham on account of sickness.

Our proposed schedule is before the Wage Board for consideration, and a decision is expected most any day. Let everyone put forth their best efforts and show the management we are worthy of the increase and better working conditions we are receiving.

W. F. BOGIE, L. C.

#### Slaton Division—

Bro. Sefton relieved Bro. Gibson at Floydada, resigned. Bro. Collins, Cress, and Bro. Cone, have also resigned.

Bro. Henderson is now second Littlefield.

Lubbock telegraph and ticket offices have been consolidated, and the operators now do the work of both.

We wish to thank Bros. Ward and Blair for their assistance in getting up the station order list.

Come, let's have a few notes.

"D," Cert. 205.

#### Panhandle Division—

The station lists compiled by our chairman, Bro. Gendron, have been received. Every brother should pick out one of the "nons" named and line him up with the least possible delay. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Sister McRae, "YK" Waynoka, relieved a few days by Bro. Cowardine. Bro. Moore, "NK" Waynoka, called home owing to the illness of his brother, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Bro. Kurtz, later relieved by Bro. Cowardine.

Bro. Cowles, Zenda, is improving after quite a siege of the "flu."

Bro. Schafer, Belvidede, has returned from Ohio.

Chairman Gendron, of Capron, attended the convention and election at Albuquerque on March 31st.

Sister Lautenschlager relieved by Mrs. Edith Watson, Belvidede, on third Alva, relieved Bro. Southwick, on a trip to Arkansas.

Dispatcher Robison, second Wellington, on thirty days' leave, relieved by Bro. Kurtz.

Keep after the "nons" at Anthony, Rago, and several other places, and remember, "No card, no favors."

We are in receipt of card of thanks to members of Division 61 for loyalty and thoughtfulness shown Bro. Wall, Medford Tower, who passed away.

This is our first showing for the Panhandle Division. We hope to have something in every issue hereafter, and I would thank every one to send me all the items possible.

"S" at "NK," Cert. 987.

#### Western Division—

Bro. Fay Murphy, Burrton, and Bro. O. R. Willm, Halstead, have been appointed assistant local chairman, and with the local chairman constitute the local board of adjustment for this division.

On account of the terrible storm of February 27th putting the wires out of commission between Kinsley and Dodge City, Dispatchers Coffman, Diers and Ragland came to Kinsley and dispatched from there.

Ansel Harper, back from the army, took

third Halstead, Sister Lunz going to Sterling third.

Sister Yorke relieved Mary Brown at Great Bend while she was away owing to illness.

Homer Richter, back from the navy, took Burrton second, vice Bro. Fay Murphy, to third there, vice Sister Weingarth to third Ellinwood, vice Sister Bernice Woodmansee.

We secured a dozen new members recently.

Ralph Pugh is back from the army on second Speareville, Bro. Blackmon taking third there, vice Sister Edna Clarke, to second Nickerson.

Keep after the "nons," and make the division 100 per cent. E. CRANE, Cert. 1669.

#### *Middle Division—*

Bro. W. R. Headington is back from the army on fourth Florence, Kan., and Bro. J. W. Book on third Clements. Some of the soldiers are taking phone positions.

Bro. E. R. Stevens, New Mexico Division, is on first Braddock, vice Bro. L. H. Horners, to Lyons days.

Bro. J. D. Goad is on third Plymouth.

Bro. H. T. Fisk, agent Rock, has recovered from a six weeks' attack of the "flu."

Bro. and Mrs. Newlin have returned from Boise, Idaho, and are visiting with relatives in Newton.

Bro. Chauncey Green, Neva, Kansas, post-office Elmdale, Kansas, has been appointed acting local chairman. Let us assist him in every way possible to make this division 100 per cent. Bro. R. N. Ambler, former local chairman, is in Emporia helping to audit the accounts of General Secretary-Treasurer Patton.

Upon receipt of the back pay checks for October, November and December, we secured five new members.

Bro. Burcher has returned to Burns, Kan. first after a severe tussle with the "flu."

"AC" Ark City, Kan., tower, recently destroyed by fire, has been reopened for business with Bro. F. Belles, first; Bro. Wm. Alfrey, second, and Bro. M. T. Jones, third, all old-timers.

Bro. D. Lytle, from the Empire Pipe Line, Ponca City, Okla., is in charge of Eldorado "ED" office.

Bro. Fisk, agent and operator Rock Kan., is very sick with "flu."

#### *"N" Newton, Kansas—*

Carpenter is off, sick. Work short.

CERT. 211.

#### *Topeka "GO" Relay—*

Ye Scribe was off a while with lumbago recently.

Bro. R. A. Obley, our wire chief, and his wife are both sick with the "flu."

CERT. 183.

#### *"GO" Topeka, Kan., Notes—*

The O. R. T. Club held a social session on February 27th in the Chamber of Commerce dining rooms. A very entertaining musical program was enjoyed, after which light refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in. These socials, given by the TORT Club, have proven so popular that it has been decided to give one a month. The club's membership now takes in about all the operators in the city.

Bro. Kellum, Powell and Secretary Kirkpatrick spent a few days at Peabody, looking over the oil situation. Oil has been found on Bro. Kellum's father's farm, and the well is now pumping over 1000 barrels a day.

Bro. Cross has resumed his position in "GO" after eight months in the army, stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

The four or five men laid off in "GO," now on the extra board, are making enough time to justify them remaining until business opens up again. Bro. Bobo, one of the men laid off, has resigned and left for other fields.

W. C. Carswell, manager of the Western Union, Topeka, for the past eighteen years, died March 8th at Christ's Hospital, Topeka. He was an operator and later a dispatcher on the Middle Division of the Santa Fe in the early nineties.

Bro. DeGarmo, on vacation, visited friends in Hutchinson, Kan.

Bro. "Dad" Childs has purchased a new Reo, and will spend a great deal of time fishing this spring. Fishing and hunting are his hobbies.

Robert McGiffert, candidate for Commissioner of Parks, recently returned from France, where he lost a leg in the Argonne drive, addressed the TORT Club at a recent meeting. McGiffert was all through the fight, and gives some very realistic narratives of it.

Traffic Chief Ben. Neill was off a few days on account of sickness, and Bro. Merritt was off with the "flu" a week.

CERT. 1784.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. Nelson has been promoted to manager "NR" Emporia. Bro. J. A. Myers has returned to work there after six weeks' serious illness.

Bro. Heidbrier of Quenemo is off with the "flu."

Sister C. B. Mills of Pauline is spending a month's vacation in California.

Bro. Harry E. Addington is dispatching on second trick, Second District.

Sister Mitchell of Spencer has taken Agricola agency. Get after agent Nortonville, second and third Valley Falls and line them up.

A meeting held at General Secretary Pat-

ton's office in Emporia in connection with the election of the local chairman, General Chairman Currie and Assistant General Chairman Braun being with us, was well attended. Bro. Currie stated that our proposed schedule was now in the hands of the Wage Board.

Bro. J. H. Campbell, returning to Las Vegas after an extended leave, visited Bro. Patton and the boys in "NR" Emporia between trains.

Bro. J. F. Coughlin is assisting in the annual audit of General Secretary-Treasurer Patton's accounts at Emporia.

Bro. Lynn, former agent at Zarah, has taken Neosho Rapids agency, vice Charley Gardner, now manager of a mercantile establishment there.

Brothers, don't allow yourselves to become delinquent. Remit to Bro. Patton at once if you have not already done so.

CERT. 197.

#### *Southern Kansas Division—*

Brothers and sisters, send in all the news you can.

The telegraph office at Bartlesville is to be transferred from the passenger to the freight office.

The nons got their back pay the same as we did. Keep after them.

Lineman Flint relieved several weeks recently by Lineman McLain from La Junta, who joined the Order as soon as he arrived.

Sister Roberts relieved the operator on Cambridge second while he was on the sick list.

Bro. McGary, on vacation, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Walworth. CERT. 1472.

#### **"Queen & Crescent" (North), Div. No. 62.**

*C., N. O. & T. P. Ry., Second District—*

A meeting held at Oakdale Saturday night, February 15th, was well attended by the agents on the Second and Third Districts, General Chairman J. W. Anderson presiding. Bro. Anderson always has so many interesting things to tell us that it is a pity to miss one of these meetings. Some of the operators seem to think it is not proper for them to attend an agents' meeting. Remember, an O. R. T. meeting is for all.

Bros. A. J. Jones, first W. O. Tower, to first Ten Bridge; J. B. Hamblin, third R. O. Tower, to third Sale Creek (new job); third R. O. Tower bid in by Bro. Bob Justice; Robbins agency, pending; Bro. Oliver, second W. O. Tower, to second Graysville; Bro. Kaywood Pemberton, third South Fork, to second "WO."

Manager Shoop, "G" Cincinnati, says tell the boys that they are all working hard up there, but are well satisfied.

No write-up last month on account of

your correspondent being sick with "flu."

We welcome Bros. Ritch and Mason back to our ranks and their old positions after having spent several months in the service of Uncle Sam.

J. C. MADDEN, Div. Cor.  
Cert. 83.

#### *Alabama Great Southern R. R.—*

The operators at Tannehill Junction and third trick at Vance, Ala., have been transferred on account of new double track extension beyond those places and an office has been opened near Woodstock, known as Green Pond Junction, the present terminus of double track.

General Chairman Anderson and Local Chairman L. C. Higdon held a series of meetings at various points on the division which were well attended.

The boys are well pleased with the increases obtained through our committee.

CERT. 974.

#### **A. & W. P. & W. of A. R. R., Div. 63.**

The "Sand House Committee" has been quite successful in chasing the back time, under Supplement No. 13, to its lair, and not a few of us have looked, drawn in our breath and whistled and looked again, for some of our checks certainly looked good.

We are now getting considerably more for working eight hours a day than we did a short time ago for working twelve or more. For this you can thank the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. If the O. R. T. had done nothing more than get our hours reduced we should still be very thankful. After working eight hours a day for a while I don't think anyone would want to go back to the old way. A person working twelve to sixteen hours a day is nothing but a slave, in one sense of the word, and is not living, but merely existing. The shorter work day has done more towards the moral uplift of the nation than any other one thing.

Brothers, let's everyone put his shoulder to the wheel and keep pushing. We should devote our attention first to keeping thoroughly organized, thereby insuring ourselves of keeping what we already have, then everybody together and let's go after something better.

It is with the deepest regret that I write of Bro. Worrell's loss of his oldest son. His is a loss that can never be replaced and the entire division extends their most heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends. Another very sad occasion was the death on February 26th of Mr. W. B. Rast, a veteran engineer of these roads. The next day his little girl died. Mr. Rast was a person who wore a smile that wouldn't come

off. In his death the writer mourns a personal loss;

Remember, "No card, no favors."

J. A. KIRKLAND, G. S. & T.

### Lehigh & New England Ry., Div. No. 68.

This division was organized Sunday, September 29, 1918, at Pen Argyl, Pa. The meeting was called to order by Bro. O. P. Smith, Portland, Pa., local organizer of the O. R. T., who in a few words stated to the gentlemen present some of his experiences as an organizer, and also the benefits derived from this organization.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, second vice-president, was then introduced, who gave us an able and instructive address. The twenty-six who were present joined as charter members, and the following officers were elected: C. J. Fehr, general chairman; J. R. Cowling, general secretary; M. Minogue, local chairman; A. P. Smith, local chairman.

The brothers of System Division No. 68 extend to the bereaved relatives of Bro. John Minogue their resolutions of respect. At the meeting on March 1st the brothers present subscribed sufficient funds to purchase a beautiful wreath as a token of their appreciation and esteem.

Brothers, do not forget to mail our general secretary four bits for the Flower Fund.

The Schedule Committee is expected to meet the superintendent before these notes are published.

Some people bear charmed lives, and Bro. A. P. Smith certainly belongs to this class, As he was running Extra Motor Car 512 West he collided with M. C. 552 near C. Q. station. Bro. Smith received a slight face wound.

Bro. C. J. Fehr, general chairman, is laid up with attack of "flu."

There are only a few nons left. Everybody turn a barrage upon them. Remember, "No card, no favors."

Thanks to the brothers for contributing news.

CERT. 9.

### Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 70.

#### Havre Division—

I desire to thank you for your support in the recent election, and assure you that I will put forth every effort to keep it in as good shape as Bro. McFadden turned it over to me. If you will assist me in landing the few remaining nons, which now that we have gotten our new schedule should not be very hard to do. I need the co-operation of every member on the division and will be thankful for any suggestions to help our cause along.

Bro. McQuigg, agent Chester, has returned from a month's visit with relatives in Ohio.

Sister Esther Speak, second Chester, visit-

ing in Butte and Anaconda two weeks, relieved by Elsa Wall.

Bro. Chestro, first Benton, was off 30 days on account of smallpox. He just signed up Walt Brummit, second there, making Benton solid.

Otis Mulliken has returned from the service to second Rudyard, relieving Mrs. W. W. Jones.

I have appointed Sister McQuigg, Chester Division Correspondent. You can send her all the notes you can before the 18th of each month so we can have a good write-up every issue. W. RAY WALKER, L. C.

Lock Box 151, Shelby, Mont.

#### Mountain Division—

Bro. A. W. Schilling, Bainville, Mont., has been elected local chairman and delegate to the St. Louis convention.

I wish to thank you brothers for your help in the past year and to assure you that I have enjoyed working with you. I have always taken a great interest in our organization, as my sixteen years of membership will show, and I regret very much that I am not allowed to serve you further.

If at any time in the future I can be of service to you I hope you will feel free to call upon me:

Continue to keep our O. R. T. banner flying.

With kindest regards to you all.

Fraternally yours,

H. E. WILCOX

#### Members Relay Division—

I wish to thank you for your support in electing me local chairman and delegate.

I bespeak your continued support to assist me in clearing the road of non-members, and I will put forth my best efforts in the performance of my duties without fear or favor.

I have spent considerable time and study familiarizing myself with conditions existing in the different relay offices, also to grievances and schedule matters, which I assure you will be handled intelligently, honestly and fairly from the workman's viewpoint.

L. H. MCFADDEN, L. C.

#### Messaba & Superior Division—

Local Chairman, Mrs. Pfenning and family visited the Twin Cities several days recently.

Charles N. Blodgett, agent Buhl, is back from "Uncle Sam's" service.

Bro. C. A. Tester, former operator and agent at Askov, is now operator and clerk at Chisholm; Danielson Kelly, Lake, took Askov station.

Sister Bauer, first Brookston, relieved by Bro. Frank Vleck, spent ten days' vacation

visiting in Iowa points and the Twin Cities, and purchased a new Stark piano, which is now installed in her mansion; Bro. Albertson is back at Brookston after several months in Superior, owing to lack of business and reduced forces; former Agent Hurst, Brookston, has gone to Mapleton, Ia., and Bro. Nordell is now on third there.

Bro. Hancock, former agent, Floodwood, is now at Bena, vice Agent Swift, resigned.

Leo. Pollock is back after two years in the service of "Uncle Sam."

Bro. Louis Daufney transferred from state line to aerial tower, North Tower, Duluth, was home recently.

Bro. Novak is at Sandstone helping to load milk on the midnight limited.

Custodian Kathrine McKillop, Brevator, laid off recently on account of lack in ticket sales there, and that place made a flag station.

Bro. Henry Orsen, towerman North Duluth, was a recent Brookston visitor.

Brothers, please line up the nons with or near you, and send me your news items.

CERT. 594.

#### Breckenridge Division—

Bro. Thurston, Simcoe, spent several days at Minot recently, relieved by Bro. Burns.

Bro. Youngbeck relieved brother at Junata, on sick list.

It is now Bros. Frederick, Pillsbury; Collins, Bedford, and Parness, Breckenridge, and the few nons left.

Bro. Lasen and Sister Evans were recent Fargo visitors. Miss Haley, New Rockford, and Bros. Fick and Burns, Breckenridge visitors, and Bro. Bollum, Selz, a Minot visitor.

Sister Temple relieved by Miss Haley on second Durbin; Lieut. Haley back from France, spent a week with her before going back to work; Sister Kurtz to third Durbin, relieved by Sister Lee on second Absaraka; Sister Enochson relieved Bro. Enochson, first Durbin, on vacation.

Sister Erickson, Kindred, spent several days at her home, relieved by Sister Wilson.

Since our schedule has been signed placing everybody under the best working conditions, there is no excuse for any one not joining. Remember, "No card, no favors."

A. E. SHAW, Div. Cor., Cert. 315.

#### Minn., & St. Louis Ry., Div. No. 71.

##### *Central and Western Division—*

Bros. Nelson, Minburn; Johnson, Dana, and Boyle from Paton, accompanied G. S. and T. Sandmier to Des Moines, March 2nd, audited the latter's books and counted the ballots in the recent election. The local chairmen elected were: Western Division,

J. J. Zeigler, Belview, Minn., and Central Division, J. J. Madden, Waseca, Minn., delegates to the Grand Division convention, J. C. Sandmier and J. J. Madden; alternates, S. J. Boyle and J. J. Zeigler.

We found the secretary's books in first-class shape, the way Bro. Sandmier has always kept them.

In counting the ballots we found that a few had voted for persons not nominated, as per the constitution and by-laws of which every member has a copy and should be posted how to vote, therefore, we would not take them into consideration.

A copy of the new schedule has been mailed to all stations, also a seniority list.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. F. L. and Mrs. Hanson, former agent at Grand Junction, now at Winthrop, owing to the death of their infant daughter when three days old.

It's now Bro. L. F. Brandt, second, and Bro. E. F. Factor, third, New Prague.

Bro. Auxner, second Perry, resigned, succeeded by W. H. Dresner. Keep after him for his application. Bro. G. W. Perkins to new second, Minneapolis passenger depot.

No items received from any one this month, and have been too busy to get on the wire and ask for them. With your back pay and increase, brothers, you surely can afford a postal card or stamp, and give five minutes of your time to write up the doings around or near you.

Div. Cor., Cert. 451.

#### Chicago & N. W. R. R., Div. No. 76.

##### *Chicago Terminal District—*

There were twenty members present at our meeting on March 18th. The General Chairman and General Secretary and Treasurer were unable to attend on account of the regular meeting of the General Committee being held on that date.

Bro. Drake explained matters relating to his dismissal, and appropriate action was taken in his behalf.

The split trick in effect several years at Clinton Street Tower has been pulled off. The matter was ordered investigated.

This displacement of Bro. Byrne caused several other displacements, but every one is settled down now until something else is started.

A collection was taken up for the striking cigar makers in Chicago.

Bro. Oscar Rice is back from France. One of the first things he did was to call at our office and make himself solid with the O. R. T. again.

Bro. Dave Johnson is also back from the army. On first Clybourn Tower.

We are looking for Bro. Hawkins to return at any time, and will be glad to see him back with us again.

The Terminal Relief Association has proved to be a good thing. Two members so far have found themselves right up against a severe proposition where funds were an immediate necessity, and they were given assistance without loss of time or without embarrassment of any kind, and have nothing but praise to offer for the association. Those not members should be without further delay, and thus by co-operation help others while they are helping you.

The Chicago Terminal is 100 per cent, and no delinquents in service. CERT. 486.

We owe a great deal of our success to the boys who have kept after the nons so diligently, explaining to them that without their membership we would never acquire the 100 per cent mark.

Our local treasurer turned over to me the local funds, \$16.85 which I have sent to Bro. Anholdt.

I wish to thank my assistant and every member for their hearty co-operation and support during my term, and I am sure you all will give the same support to the new officers.

With best wishes for a continued success.  
A. S. MOOREHOUSE

#### *Madison Division—*

Local Chairman Jenks wishes to thank the brothers who elected him local chairman, and asks that you write to him giving full details on any grievance you may have, so he can adjust it promptly. The local chairman's office is no snap. Let us give him all our support. Giving our employers the best service, a better grade than the "slackers," and with the latter enforce our motto: "No card, no favors," to the limit. We all received our back pay and there is no excuse for any one not carrying an up-to-date card.

Bro. Hintz relieved in dispatcher's office a few days, Bro. Yahnke taking side wire meantime.

Bro. Bergholz who relieved Agent Wilcox, West Salem, recently was relieved at Adams by Miss Mitlestead, and Bro. Wysenbek, Friesland, relieved a few days by Miss Todd.

Bro. Fred Tisher, second Tower "BR," laid up with the flu, helper had to throw the levers as no telegrapher available. Agent Busk, Mendota, is in the hospital with the same disease.

Brothers, send in your local dues as requested in my letter last month, writing you for them soon eats up the small amount you are requested to pay for local expenses.

Send the new local secretary a few items each month and pay your local dues promptly.

This most likely will be my last attempt at a write-up, and I thank all who have helped me in the past.

H. R. Pigg,  
Cert. 11.

#### *Members Wisconsin Division—*

I have been laid up with the rheumatism for two months, being unable to perform my railroad duties. This will explain why I have not been more active as your local chairman.

Bro. F. W. Anholt, Northfield, has been elected to succeed me as your local chairman and delegate to the next regular session of the Grand Division from the Wisconsin Division.

#### *Minnesota Division—*

Gillies, fourth Tracy, resigned.

Bro. Allison relieved Bro. C. H. Riebe, first Marshall, who went to Tracy several days.

Old king winter gave us a touch of high life during the past month, some heavy snows making the use of the Rotary snow plow necessary on the Watertown line several times.

Bro. R. F. Schwab has finally located a house about a mile from his office.

Bro. E. C. Mielke will soon return from naval service to his former position at Watertown.

Bro. Stock returned to Esseg on next bulletin after trying New Ulm third.

W. F. Swanson writes from France sending his "73" to the boys, saying he hopes to be with us in about six weeks.

Reports from the committee at Chicago indicate that things will be finished shortly, as there are only a few more points to be straightened out. Bro. Murphy was on committee work several days.

D. J. MAHONEY, Div. Cor.

#### *Peninsula Division—*

Bro. W. R. Damitz, agent Narenta recently injured his hand, relieved several days by Bro. L. Ranquette, who later relieved Bro. Johnson, agent Alpha, while he went to Chicago to meet his wife, returning from a few months' visit with relatives in New Mexico.

Bro. Ed. Martin, Escanaba, on a vacation trip through Florida, looking up an orange grove, relieved by Bro. C. H. Seymour.

Bro. R. A. Moran, Powers, a few days visiting around Chicago, relieved by Bro. R. L. Vachon.

Bro. Anderson, Larch, on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. J. Jensen.

It is now Bro. T. A. Larsen, agent Swanzy.

Bro. W. J. Wormwood, agent Lathrop, is

back at work again after quite a sick spell.

Bro. Peters has arrived in New York from "overseas," and will soon be with us again.

Stambough third closed until opening of the ore season. Bro. Hansen relieving A. R. Perket, on second, there.

Bro. Erickson is relieving the train dispatchers on their vacations. Wilson station has recently been repainted and improved.

Wish to thank Bro. C. A. Laure for items this month. Brothers, mail your notes so they will reach me about the 15th of each month.

J. E. RANGER,  
Indian Town, Mich.

#### *Black Hills Division—*

Bro. Chamberlain, of Johnstown, is in Omaha hospital.

Bro. Holt, Orin Junction, returned a few days ago, bringing with him Mrs. Holt and the new son.

Bro. E. S. Wood, second there, was called to his home recently near St. Louis, Mo., owing to the death of his mother.

It is now Bro. M. L. Russell and Sister Helen Welshouse at Douglas.

CERT. 1891.

#### **Gulf, Mobile & Northern R. R., Div. 80.**

General Chairman Craig, Chairman-Elect Wilson and Local Chairman Graves, New Albany District, met at New Houlka, February 23rd, and drew up a contract which was slightly revised at the following meeting held Saturday night, March 8th, in the Masonic Building there, with attendance of thirty-two members and one non.

General Manager Owen called Local Chairmen Hamil and Foster to Mobile, February 21st, to discuss the Sunday hours and pay. Mr. Owen stated that an employe could be worked as many hours and shifts as the company saw fit to assign them to, and be paid for the actual time worked, but instructions have been received from Washington stating that if we are assigned one hour on Sundays or holidays, that we shall receive pay for eight hours.

We hope in the near future to have Supplement 18 embodied in our contract, as we have elected officers who believe in justice.

Bro. Moffett from Richton relieved by a new man, took the new trick at Frascati Junction.

A non-telegraph agency was opened at Avera on the Blodgett Branch, salary \$125. The management has so far been unable to secure an agent for this station. Let's have it embodied in our next contract.

Bro. H. C. Wilson, of Houston, Miss., has been elected general chairman. We are sure he will make us as good a one as Bro. Craig did, to whom we owe our sincere thanks for his labors in our behalf.

Thanks to Bro. Leeke for his items. Please have your notes reach me by the 20th of each month at least, so I can have them in St. Louis before the 25th.

C. B. H.,  
Div. Cor.

#### **Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.**

##### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. K. H. Stover, a member of the legislature, Charleston, W. Va., has been made chairman of the committee of labor, also a member of the railroad committee.

A large burly negro recently walked in on Bro. Kibler, third Walbrook, while he was getting his change ready to sell tickets for No. 1 in the wee hours of the morning. The negro was sizing up the several hundred dollars on the desk when a cop came in and took charge of him, much to Bro. Kibler's relief.

The following is the result of our election: Local chairman, Hagerstown Division, Baltimore District, Bro. P. C. Gardner; B. & H. District, Bro. C. F. Dietz, and Western District, Bro. C. R. Arnsperger; Cumberland Division, Cumberland District, Bro. K. H. Stover; Connellsburg District, Bro. J. F. Hershiser, and Elkins District, Bro. H. E. Bell; Cumberland Valley Division, Bro. E. H. Minnick, and Cumberland and Pennsylvania Division, Bro. H. L. Matthews.

Delegates: Hagerstown District, Bro. D. O. Martin; Cumberland Valley District, Bro. E. H. Minnick, and Cumberland Division, including the C. & P., Bro. K. H. Stover. Alternates: Bros. V. B. Young, W. A. Clark and J. F. Hershiser.

Bro. W. H. Gill has been appointed vice-general chairman to take care of the business during the absence of the general chairman.

Straight seniority has been retained by unanimous vote.

Let not one of us break from our organized ranks, always carry an up-to-date and we will always be well protected.

##### *C. V. Division—*

New tricks have been established at "UX" Martinsburg, bid in by Bro. E. G. Smith, and Waynesboro, bid in by Miller, recently discharged from the navy.

Bro. G. W. Smith has been promoted to extra train dispatcher, relieved by Dorman in "C" office, relieved by Bro. Yoh, "SO" tower, getting Dorman's trick, and he by Bro. Winters on third "SO" tower.

"WS" tower closed, vice Bro. Burk to first, Bro. Hose to second "HW" tower, and Bro. Farner working relief.

Anyone wishing information on musical instruments, inquire of Bro. Doc McClay, first Marion.

Boys, work on these station agents and get them in the Order; they are not joining as promptly as they should. The O. R. T. got as much for them as it did for the operators.

Div. Cor., Cert. 94.

Thurmont, Md.

#### Texas & Pacific Ry., Div. No. 88.

On February 22d I attended the funeral of our former superintendent of telegraph, Mr. Frank Tremble at Dallas, Texas, at which was present hundreds of his friends.

There were many beautiful floral offerings. This division sent a bouquet of violets and an O. R. T. emblem floral wreath. Attached to the latter was a large cardboard on which the artist had painted a telegraph sounder.

Our donation was accompanied by a letter expressing our grief over the sad and untimely death of our friend; which was graciously acknowledged by his wife and daughter, Mrs. and Miss Dorothy Tremble, expressing their gratitude for our sympathy and remembrance, stating that the violets were the most beautiful they had ever seen, and the wreath wonderful; and that they would always keep the picture of the telegraph instrument as a memento of our love for him.

The friends of Mr. Tremble have formed an association to secure funds with which to erect a memorial to his memory that will endure for all time.

To insure the proper handling and accounting of the funds, arrangements have been made with the Dallas Trust & Savings Bank, Dallas, Texas, to act as trustee of the memorial.

All who desire to subscribe to this fund should send their remittances to this bank, giving their names, address and occupation for which a receipt will be mailed. These subscribers will be advised of total amount received and other matters of interest. Subscriptions will be closed June 30th, after which a special committee, composed of Mrs. Frank and Miss Dorothy Tremble and three others, elected by popular vote of the subscribers, will decide what form of memorial is to be erected and the final consummation of the plans adopted. The co-operation of all those interested is earnestly requested, and they are urged to write the committee any suggestions to help make it a fitting tribute.

The temporary committee is: G. C. Comstock, chief dispatcher, T. & P. R. R.; G. E. Booksh, circuit manager, T. & P. R. R.;

C. W. Cooper, operator, T. & P. R. R., and T. H. Lowry, operator, W. U. T. Co.

J. P. ABNEY, Gen. Chmn.

#### Rio Grande Division—

I wish to thank you for your loyal support and unanimous election as local chairman without opposition. I will try to conduct the office to the very best of my ability. Bro. Geo. S. Littlefield, Kent, Texas, has been appointed assistant local chairman of this division.

Bro. Neidemeyer, second Vanhorn, is being relieved by Bro. Murdock, later relieved by Bro. M. B. Pitzer from third, relieved by Bro. Earl Pitzer; Bro. Murdock going to Roscoe, vice Bro. Cush, to third Colorado.

Bro. John Sharmon took first Roscoe, and Bro. Lindsay, Tye, Texas, agency.

Bro. Jones, on schedule work, reports favorable progress being made. He recently completed an extensive trip over the division, meeting many of the good, loyal members who are making "No card, no favors" their watchword, with the result that the only "non" left is Sandy at "AO."

Bro. W. J. Knight has been granted an extention of time on account of the condition of his wife's health. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Brothers, you should support the floral fund by remitting one dollar to B. S. Littlefield, Kent, Texas, who is acting treasurer of this fund.

W. M. JONES, L. C.

#### Joint Track Division—

Bro. McCoy, third Denton, off on account of his mother's illness, was relieved by Sister Price.

First Trick Dispatcher Johnson is back at work again after three months' illness. Second Trick Dispatcher Watkins is now on second West End.

Only one "non" left on this division. "No card, no favors." Let's make it 100 per cent.

Local Chairman Canafax is in Shreveport in the interest of the Order. Bro. J. E. Flory is now our assistant local chairman.

"WH," Cert. 685.

#### Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

##### Tennessee Division—

A very interesting letter was received from Bro. J. M. Robbins, formerly of Jackson, Tenn., who returned to the Naval Radi Service last October. He was recently assigned to a ship in the coal trade between Cardiff, Wales, and France, but is now located on the U. S. S. Black Hawk at Inverness, Scotland. He says, in part: "We have

a powerful radio set aboard and are able to copy press and other important business from the States, which is quite an experience."

Most all of us have received our back pay from October to January, which was appreciated very much.

The writer relieved the dispatchers on their two day vacations and went to "JC" during the recent wash-outs around Jackson and Medon, Tenn.

Bro. W. D. Briggs, Fulton, has been promoted to extra dispatcher.

I am almost on the extreme end of the division and can't get all the news. Help me with some notes. G. C. D.

#### *Y. & M. V. R. R., New Orleans Division—*

I want to thank the brothers who supported me for local chairman, although I was defeated, I assure you that I appreciate your votes just as much as if I had been elected.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Boudreau in the loss of his baby.

Bro. Briscoe, agent Centreville, off with the "flu," was relieved by Bro. Knox, and Bro. Seidenspinner, third Baton Rouge, sick a few days, by Sister Smith, who also relieved Bro. F. J. Szubenski, first Lutcher, on sick list.

Local Chairman Levi has gone to Chicago to assist on the new schedule.

Bro. Powell is back at "HD" Wilson after working several weeks as extra dispatcher.

I was away several days during my brother's illness and have not been able to get much news. Boys, send me all you can every month. C. L. BRUECK,  
Asst. L. C.

#### *New Orleans Division Notes—*

What are the joint agents going to do about the express commissions? Shall we continue handling express matter for 10 per cent? Railroad wages were increased from 25 to 60 per cent, why should express commissions remain the same? Why not get 15 per cent? Mr. Taylor, president American Railway Express Co., says the express business is good and they were allowed two 10 per cent increases, but the commission agents none. Think it over, boys.

CERT. 644.

#### *Illinois Division—*

Bro. McCoy is now at Kensington, being relieved on third Broadview by Bro. Hoffman, just released from the army. He was a member of the Dixie Division, spent four months in France, and was ready for active

service at the front when the armistice was signed.

It is now Bro. Dressander on second Broadview, making it solid once more. We are glad to have Charles with us.

The boys at Hawthorne Tower are kept very busy now on account of the new arrangement at Hawthorne. Bro. O'Rourke, third Hawthorne Tower, is very sick and is being relieved by Mr. Lackowitz.

Bro. Wesley, second Ash Street, now rides to work in his new "Henry." The raise or back pay came in handy for "Wes."

The death of former Trainmaster Ehretzman is lamented by all of us and he will always be remembered, especially by the boys on the West End. CERT. 3728.

#### *Chicago Great Western Ry., Div. No. 96.*

##### *Western Division—*

We had a very pleasant meeting at Ft. Dodge, March 9, called at 5:35 p. m., attended by thirteen. The action taken by our local committee in revision of schedule approved unanimously.

A few grievances were disposed of favorably and satisfactorily.

The meeting then adjourned until the second Sunday in May (the 11th), to be called at 2 p. m. at Ft. Dodge, Ia.

I have been asked to act as secretary of meetings. I want each one of you to bring or see that some one of the b's in your territory attends so we can get acquainted with one another and find out what the Order is trying to and will do for its members with your support. Let us all try and make our next meeting a large one.

Those who do not have annual pass, please ask the superintendent for trip pass in plenty of time, which he will give you, and if you can get away at the last moment you will not have to be embarrassed by having to ask for a pass by wire. If you cannot get away there is no harm done.

Thanking each and all of you for your co-operation. Send me some notes for next month. G. R. H., Cert. 169.

#### *Ulster & Delaware R. R., Div. No. 113.*

A meeting was held at Hotel Eichler at 8:30 p. m. March 1st to hear the result of the election of officers and celebrate our 100 per cent membership victory, there being present Second Vice-president Pierson, 11 members of this division, five from Division No. 20 and one from West Shore Division No. 8.

The following officers were declared elected: General chairman, G. C. Hedges; general secretary and treasurer, G. E. Griffin; local chairmen, Main Line, P. D. Lem-

ing, and S. C. & K. Branch, T. Ennist; delegate to St. Louis convention in May, G. C. Tedges; alternate, L. P. Riley.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to our retiring general chairman, M. L. Klein, and General Secretary and Treasurer L. P. Riley for their hard and efficient work of putting Division No. 113 "over the top" with a 100 per cent membership, which Vice-president Pierson stated no other division had yet attained. He congratulated the retiring officers for their good work and hoped the incoming officers would keep the division 100 per cent strong.

It was voted to pay a salary of \$60.00 a year to the general secretary and treasurer, effective July 1st, and increase our dues to \$10. instead of \$8.00 per year.

Vice-president Pierson gave us a very interesting talk which was very much enjoyed.

At 11 p. m. a course dinner was served in the dining room in celebration of our 100 per cent membership, and very interesting speeches were made by Vice-president Pierson, General Chairman Conner, ex-General Chairman Cochrane of Division 20 and our retiring General Chairman Klein. The members of this division present contributed \$1.00 each to defray the expenses of the dinner.

As Bro. L. E. Joyce has purchased a new Chevrolet car and several of the agents and operators have sent for auto catalogs and also attended the auto show at Kingston, March 13th, 14th and 15th, at our next meeting we will, no doubt, have a 100 per cent attendance.

Bro. Burgher is still at Katterskill Station as the Knickerbocker Ice Co. is harvesting ice from the lake there.

We are glad to hear Bro. Sanford "MO" back on the wire again after an operation in New York City, relieved by Bro. Merrihew.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Goodsell is still on the sick list and hope for his speedy recovery.

CERT. 50.

#### Quebec Ry., Lt. & Pr. Co., Div. No. 115.

##### NOTICE.

To All Canadian Divisions—

We can now furnish you with emblems.

C. B. RAWLINS, G. S. & T.

#### Duluth, S. S. & A. R., Div. No. 116.

The results of election were as follows: Local chairmen, F. E. Marsh, Mackinaw Division; W. E. Poppe, Houghton Division; H. C. Wubbena, Western Division; J. E. Peppe, Mineral Range R. R., and division correspondent, Neil Hume, Marquette, Mich. P. M. Stillman, delegate and he and C. W. Dan-

elson unanimously re-elected general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, respectively, for the next term and commended for the good, efficient work they have done in the past.

Bros. Hjort and Gothe and Bro. (Clerk) Peterson of Nestoria spent a day in the copper country recently on business.

Bro. A. J. Kroencke, Covington, on sick list with eye strain, relieved by Bro. C. F. Sullivan, second Thomaston, relieved by Mr. Ristell, just back from eight months at the front. We hope Mr. Ristell will make as good a "warrior" for the O. R. T. as he did for his "Uncle Samuel."

Bro. Anderson of Thomaston made a business trip to Saxon, Wis. Bro. Miller, third Thomaston, called on friends at Ironwood. Bro. Thebert, Bessemer, visited friends at Chassell and Bro. Benning, agent Sanborn, was a Thomaston visitor recently.

Brothers, I have been elected your correspondent. I have to depend on Bro. Casey to get anything over the wire at "G" office, as we have no wire in the local freight office here, so if any of you have anything give it to him.

I wish to thank Bros. Poppe, Anderson and Fish for the help they gave me in securing these notes.

The clerks have organized a lodge in Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace. If any of the brothers have a clerk working for them and he or she is eligible, also your baggagemen, warehousemen, etc., drop Bro. Fish at Marquette a line and he will see that they are lined up. This is a good way to keep your station "solid" every way.

So far the exclusive agencies have had no raise only on General Order No. 7. The way the other department heads have been boosted up it looks like they have forgotten the exclusive agents entirely. Bro. Garmon at Marquette got the magnificent sum of 25 cents per month for his raise and from the latest returns is still getting it.

The railway employees of Marquette, Mich., have organized a co-operative store which they hope to get started in the near future. The railroad men are taking a strong interest in the movement and it looks as if the proposition will be a success. H. H. Landry, train dispatcher for the D. S. S. & A., was the promoter and has worked hard to get the proposition started. Bro. Fish of Marquette is also on the board of directors.

Bro. P. M. Stillman of Seney was in Marquette recently attending the meeting of the Railway Employees' Co-operative Association.

Business on the road has been rather slow the last two months, but hope with the opening of navigation will see things moving more briskly.

Bro. (now corporal) R. E. Neilan of the 310th Field Signal Battalion, in a hospital in Germany, is reported recovering and hopes

to soon be back in the United States again. Word was received from former Bro. Ben J. Peterson, formerly first Trout Lake, that he expects to leave France shortly. He was in a machine gun outfit and saw service at Chateau-Theilerry, was invalided to a base hospital at Tours, France, but discharged and went back to his company. N. H.

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#### *Minnesota Division—*

Bro. C. T. Holmes, agent Portal, on vacation, relieved by Bro. R. G. Wegener, cashier.

Bro. J. M. Swartz, first Portal, attended the Odd Fellows' dance at Kenmare recently.

Sister Irene Lee, second Minot, was off several days on account of sickness, relieved by John Nealis.

Bro. Carl Edling, agent Flaxton, to Enderslin as dispatcher, relieved by Knudson.

Sister Mamie Peterson reopened Logan agency, closed several weeks, when S. W. Edwall resigned.

Bro. Geo. W. Donovan opened second McLeod again, closed several weeks owing to shortage of operators.

F. G. SPIELBERGER.

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#### *W. and P. Division—*

Bro. Seemen, side wire and extra dispatcher at Gladstone, put in a few days recently going over the western part of the division in the Gladstone dispatching territory.

Only about 60 per cent of the membership voted in the recent election. It don't look as though the boys paid much attention to what is going on when they don't take interest enough to vote.

Bro. R. A. Bates' wife went to Rudyard to nurse some of her brother's family who are down with the "flu."

Last reports Bro. Harry Anderson was still in France feverishly waiting to get back home. Understand he was gassed during October, but is fully recovered and in good shape.

W. H. B.

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#### **"Soo Line" Ry., Div. No. 119.**

##### *Members Soo Line Division :*

The following is the result of the recent election to serve for the next two years:

Local chairmen—Wisconsin and Peninsular Division, E. R. Cram. Marine-on-St. Croix, Minn.; Minnesota Division, J. A. Dos, Elbow Lake, Minn.; Duluth-Superior Division, I. D. Kretser, Clearbrook, Minn.; Mis-

souri River Division, G. W. Collings, Kulm, Minn.; Winnipeg Division, J. O. Herrick, Warren, Minn.; Chicago Northern District Division, J. E. Marshall, Abbotsford, Wis.; Chicago Southern District Division, N. J. Frost, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Delegates—W. & P. Division, E. R. Cram; Minnesota Division, F. G. Spielberger; alternate, C. D. Brazil; Duluth-Superior Division, J. B. Sprague; alternate, J. W. Lucius; Missouri River Division, G. W. Collings; Winnipeg Division, F. C. Paine; Chicago Northern Division, J. G. Mais; Chicago Southern Division, N. J. Frost; at large, G. W. Lewis; alternate, Harry Hoel.

F. C. PAINE, G. S. & T.

#### **Lake Erie & Western R. R., Div. No. 120.**

A meeting was called at Tipton the evening of March 8th by General Chairman Turner to count the ballots for the election of chairman of the local board of adjustment and delegate and alternate to the Grand Division for the convention in May.

Bro. Turner could not attend and General Secretary and Treasurer Steckle presided and represented the I. & M. C. Division.

The canvassing board consisted of J. M. Dennis, Hobbs, Ind., Sandusky Division; J. P. Walker, Peoria Division, and R. J. Wise, proxy for other divisions.

The ballots showed the following local chairmen elected: Peoria Division, H. R. Denton, Morton, Ill.; Sandusky Division, F. X. Shireck, Portland, Ind.; I. & M. C. Division, P. W. Brickley, Indianapolis, Ind.; F. W. C. & L. Division, Carl Dick, Muncie, Ind.

C. L. Turner was elected delegate to the Grand Division and M. A. Steckel alternate.

A number of offices have been closed on Sundays.

Bro. Walker, first "RF" Tipton, is off with the "flu." M. O. Burt, formerly on third "RF," has returned from service over seas and takes his old position. He has promised to take out a card.

New members: O. R. Bowsher, Delphos, O., and F. A. Pearson, Purdueville, Ill.

Keep after the men in Tipton yard "ZN." They all promised to get out a card long ago. Also the three men at Belt Junction "DF." Let's all try and line these nons up. We should have a full membership when we go up for a new schedule.

Brothers, if you have any notes mail them to "RF."

CERT. 78.

#### **Lehigh Valley R. R., Div. No. 124.**

##### *Members Auburn Division :*

For personal reasons I am obliged to resign as local chairman. It has been a great pleasure to be in this work and I appreciate

the loyalty and co-operation given me by all the members. There are only two or three nons on the entire division and am quite sure these will soon be with us.

I have been very much impressed with the ability and efficiency of our officers, Bro. Leh as general chairman and Bro. Crane, our secretary and treasurer. Our affairs are well looked after and the work thoroughly done. Bro. Leh's work at Washington has been productive of splendid results as you all know.

Bro. Fred Howe of Cortland is my successor. I am sure the same co-operation will be given him as you have given me. Remember, "No card, no favors" is our motto. We must all hang together as one man; in doing this no one will regret it.

J. D. JOSLIN, L. C.

Bro. Warden M. Mott is now agent at South Bay, vice A. J. Piccianio, resigned. Bro. Frank Chapman is assisting Bro. Mott.

Bro. R. J. Cleveland, "NV," was a guest at the recent Loss and Damage meeting at Auburn. Bro. Clark and family were visitors in Cortland March 8th.

B. H. France has been having a "swell" time with the mumps.

It is now Bro. Welser, second Freeville.

Some operators and agents are receiving the additional 2 cents per hour in lieu of vacations with pay and others are not. This matter should be looked into and a report made on same.

Bro. D. A. Yontz, who, since July 15, 1918, has been in the service in a railroad telegraph battalion of the Signal Corps, has returned to first Freeville. He did not get across the "pond," but he spent three days on a transport waiting for orders to go.

Bro. M. B. Yontz, now in the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Foods and Markets, Rochester, N. Y., who recently visited his son, Bro. D. A., was a member of the Grand Division until November 1, 1917, "pounding brass" for over 30 years on the D. L. & W. and L. V. R. R. Although he is not now a "R. R." man, he still carries his O. R. T. card and wears the wreath and sounder.

At a meeting held at 11 a. m., March 10th, at Allentown, Pa., Bro. Leh was re-elected general chairman and Bro. Crane, general secretary and treasurer. Bro. Leh presented the proposed schedule for working conditions applying to all operators, dispatchers and linemen, each clause being considered and many changes suggested. It will be presented to the general manager, printed later, and each member will be given a copy. It behooves the nons to get in at once or they may not know where they are at. Every job will be advertised and seniority and fitness will prevail.

We were very sorry to lose Bro. Joslin as our local chairman. He has done splendid work rounding up the nons under difficulties, having outside cares which took up all of his spare time and thanks are due him for what he has done. We welcome our new local chairman, Bro. Fred Howe, of Cortland, and wish him success in rounding up the few remaining nons in which he should have our earnest support.

It will soon be Bro. and Sister Beers at DeRuyter. They have signed the applications, but Mr. Beers has been sick for several weeks and that is holding up his M. B. D. blanks. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Send me your notes in time so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 26th of the month.

DIV. COR., CERT. 280.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

I wish to thank the members of this division and also that part of the Seneca Division taken in for the election of delegates District No. 6 for the support given me in the election of local chairman and delegate to the national convention. I also wish to thank Bro. Fuller of "FS" for the "boosters" sent out by him.

At the recent meeting of the local chairmen at Allentown Bro. Leh was re-elected general chairman. He has filled this office so faithfully and effectively in the past that we feel we are lucky to get him to continue in that office. Bro. Crane was also re-elected general secretary and treasurer. His efforts to keep this system on as large a membership basis as possible and the condition of his records showed no need even of the nomination of another man. We could not possibly do better.

Bro. North, the other member of the general committee, was also re-elected. This is no time for experiments in any official capacity. Do not get discouraged on the Sunday question. It will all be settled in due time. Do not hold up paying your dues because you feel that you have a grievance against the railroad company. That is like putting a knife in your own back. We want every man on this division paid up and the few nons brought in. If you have one in your locality I'll be glad to send you an application blank for him. You can readily see the result that can be obtained through this.

E. L. CONLON, L. C.  
339 East Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

#### *Seneca Division—*

You have elected me to again serve as your local chairman and as delegate to the St. Louis convention in May. I want to thank you for your confidence and I assure

you I shall do all possible to serve you. I ask your continued co-operation. The few who have not yet paid their dues should remit at once.

The two new towers at Vosburg were opened March 3rd, all O. R. T. except Mr. White, who will also soon be with us.

Bro. Walbridge, Geneva Junction, off sick, is being relieved by Bro. Withiam.

The committee appointed by the general chairman to count the votes of our election were Bros. Pinckney, Higgins, Graver, Sayre and MacCheyne. There was a total of 287 ballots cast on the system, less than one-half of the members voting, which perhaps was on account of there being no opposition on the majority of the divisions.

There are still a very few men on this division that have utterly failed to show their appreciation for what has been done for them. Every effort has been made to get them to join. I never knew before there were so many excuses that could be used as some of these men give. There may be more still. I am going to find out if there is by asking them every little while to join and when I get them all together frame them.

Do not forget the meeting dates, second Wednesday in each month, April and May at Sayre, June at Geneva. We will try and have a few eats and smokes at most of these meetings.

The meeting at Geneva in June will be an open air affair at a little park across the lake from Geneva. We can go across by boat and have our eats, etc., and make an all day and evening session out of it, and all members are invited that care to attend from any of the other divisions as well as our own. Full arrangements and particulars of this will be made later and I hope we have a good crowd and we will surely have a good time. Begin right now to figure on it and come. Let us all put our whole heart into the O. R. T. It is a business that is all our own. Make a one hundred per cent success of it in all ways.

M. M. CRANE, L. C.

#### New Jersey and Lehigh Divisions—

We congratulate Thomas R. Cayton on his promotion to third trick, Jersey Dispatcher.

Let's "boost" the idea of holding that "smoker" at Mauch Chunk which our line-

men members are planning. Don't let it fall through, owing to lack of our support.

Bro. G. E. Knittle was elected delegate to the St. Louis convention, and Bro. V. R. Butz, alternate, and desire to thank you for your support and votes. They promise whichever one makes the trip as representative will see that our interests are properly taken care of.

Brothers, if you know of a delinquent near you, tell him how important it is for his own benefit as well as ours to get up-to-date at once, especially if he carries an M. B. D. policy. By his failure to do this he leaves his beneficiary without protection in the event of his death.

Through the efforts of Bro. Campbell, the first meet of the "B. R." gun club proved a success. Several brothers from "BM" attended.

Our soldiers are rapidly returning, and we are all glad to welcome them home again.

Bro Mincham is lining up his baseball team for spring training.

General Chairman Leh has done wonderful work for us, and the prospects are very good for a fine schedule in the near future.

I hope our Jersey brothers will respond to my request for notes, so that territory can be represented in our next write-up. Some one over there "start the ball rolling."

Bro. Heffner, "HQ," is getting used to coming to work in the morning and finding the safe cracked and the money gone. Twice in a few months yeggmen cleaned up that station.

Bro. Yale bid in second "MW," and Bro. Bartholomew, third "MV," secured third "KD."

Bros. Williamson and Snyder recently looked over "the Honolulu Girl." Both love Hawaiian music.

We hope to soon receive our back pay checks, when we should make it our business to see that the few nons all get an up-to-date card. Let us help Bro. Leh all we possibly can. All will be well repaid for our efforts.

CERT. 76.

#### C., R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.

#### Chicago Relay—

Bros. Kay and Dunnam have been re-elected for another term. One member of

the committee was absent account of sickness. Brothers, now let our representatives have our whole-hearted co-operation, and don't hesitate to speak about it any time you feel they are not doing things right.

Ye scribe visited the Drexel Arms Hotel while the committee was here and got acquainted with some of the members.

Bro. Patterson, our Mgr.-W. C., called to New York account of the death of his father. Bros. Lyons and Christensen doubling in his absence. Too bad, Mr. Hood says there is no one in "GO" that he can trust with all this valuable equipment for which he is personally responsible.

Bro. Pacatte is back from the war. He didn't get as far as the Rhine.

Bro. Knapp won the bug. Bro. Teeter's claims it was a frame-up.

These fine days make us feel like getting down the shovel and the hoe and getting out the seed catalog, ready for gardening.

Bro. Flannagan returned after three months' broker work.

Sister Essley is sojourning in southern California.

Gone are the days when we use to get in from three to five hours overtime a day when we needed a little extra money. The total overtime for a day now is about three hours.

Bro. Odum was off a few days recently on account of his father's illness.

Bro. Lafferty and Gaines have resigned, and gone East. "V." Div. Cor.

#### Kansas Division—

I wish to thank the brothers who made it possible for me to serve you again as local chairman and delegate. This will be starting on my third term, and the unexpired term of the former local chairman. Will try to serve you in the future to the best of my ability as I have in the past, and as the most important part is lining up the non, will ask you brothers to give me your support.

When a new man comes to the division, talk with him, by wire or person, and get his certificate and division number, and how far his card is paid up to. I can have him transferred to this division. This means more money to us.

I can not get in touch with the new men, as they usually work nights. If they are not members, try to get them to join, and advise me of the result.

Bro. Frank Girdner and C. R. Smuck, Kansas Division, and Bro. Harry Ford, Chicago Relay, with Co. B, 13th Engineers, are about ready to sail for home. We will be glad to see all the brothers back with us again.

Bro. L. A. Wilson, third Dwright, dismissed from service January last, has been reinstated with full seniority. He has a good job in Oklahoma, and preferred to remain there.

Bro. L. R. Lady, third Latimer, goes to Lost Springs agency, his late father's job. He is the support of his mother and brother, and this enables him to be at home.

Bro. J. M. Cole, agent Enterprise, on sixty days' leave, relieved by Bro. C. R. Beckwith. Bro. J. K. McClure, agent Alma, is home from sixty days' vacation spent in California.

Bro. M. W. Shaw, off two weeks account "flu" in his family, relieved by Bro. H. M. Gilbert.

Third Peabody pulled off Bro. Kurtze, bumping Bro. Gilbert.

Bro. F. E. Kuckuck, Herington yard second, relieved a few days by Bro. Beckwith, and Bro. M. L. Emery, third there, by Bro. C. B. Ault.

Bro. H. A. Pearsell bid in 60 days on second there while Bro. Brosseau is working 280-job in dispatcher's office, vice Bro. W. E. Mitchell to "RI."

Bro. Fraser to late Mgr. "RI," succeeded on third Manhattan by J. H. Thompson, returning from military service.

Bro. H. C. Harper, gent Herington, called to Attica, Kansas, his wife visiting her parents there down with "flu."

Brothers who subscribed to the flower fund, kindly remit.

R. E. Sneider has returned from serving "Uncle Sam," to third Alta Vista, vice Bro. Blakley; Bro. Avery, Alta Vista, C. B. Reiblin, Herington "RI," and Blakley, all down with "flu," and Bro. Kellar, Marion third, on vacation, called back on that account.

Bro. Euler, second Dwight, on vacation in Colorado, relieved by Mrs. N. Ussary. Bro. Sumner, second Willard, in Kansas City hospital, relieved by Bro. Ussary.

It's now Bros. R. L. Watson, C. A. Musgrave and A. P. Ussary. Bros. W. W. McQuisten, G. P. Jones and R. T. Lindsay transferred to this division.

Bro. Keplinber, agent Clyde, at Excelsior Springs with nervous breakdown after a siege of "flu," Bro. McQuisten relieving.

Bro. Watson has returned from a visit in Illinois.

Bro. Johnson, Latimer, on vacation.

The Thirteenth Engineers are at port of embarkation for their homeward trip. We welcome them back.

M. W. SHAW,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Des Moines Valley Division—*

Bros. Taylor and Jenison from the radio schools are back on Evans first and second again. They are glad to be back, and we are all glad to have them.

Bro. and Mrs. Whiting, agent and second Milcher, have resigned, and gone to Fargo, N. D.

Bro. J. E. Sweeney writes from France, but hopes to be with us in few months. Bros. Hulen and Hunter are also still "over there."

Bro. B. B. Brown has returned from his vacation spent in Seattle.

Bro. F. F. Winser, Oneida, Kansas, has gone with the St. J. & G. I.

Corydon and Beach are now continuous officers. E. E. Trimble and W. F. Cunningham to second and third Corydon; Mrs. Eva Moore to second Beach; third there bulletinized, also agency Bonaparte and second Melcher.

Mrs. Boling, wife of Dispatcher Boling, died of apoplexy February 26th, when she passed away at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, where she had been taken for treatment. Funeral in Oshaloosa, Ia., her girlhood home, Friday, February 28th.

The deepest sympathy of all is extended to Mr. Boling. Bro. Toson, who relieved him on second three weeks, also relieved Dispatchers Tazewell, Welsh and Pollock on their two days' rest.

Bro. R. N. Jemison resumed at Evans after two weeks' visit with his mother in Keosauqua. Bro. Bell, agent Keosauqua, attended the recent Methodist Sunday school convention in Des Moines, Bro. Madden relieving.

Sister Wassam, operator Keata, was a Des Moines caller February 24th.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Sweeney, who was operated on in Rochester some time ago, is very much improved.

CERT. 785.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Watertown consolidated with the M. & St. L., Bro. Mitchell going to Luverne. New call for Watertown is "X."

Granite closed, the agent being unable to get a place to stay.

Chairman Staggs, on a ninety days' leave, is visiting at St. Joe, Mo.

Bro. Cramer relieved by the writer, while having a siege with the dentist.

Agents not being transferred promptly within the thirty days allowed in the schedule should be sure and send in an overtime slip for \$1.00 for each day. Any trouble had collecting this should be taken up with Chairman Staggs.

The discrepancy in the floral fund was taken care of by Bro. Cramer, as the last flowers we got put us in the hole, and we must do something to put it on a financial basis again.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Koppen's wife, agent Buffalo Center. He has the sympathy of the entire division. The flowers for this occasion leaves our fund in arrears. We have had no contributions to it since January, 1917, and that was fifty cents each. We should now donate one dollar apiece, and we will not have to ask for another contribution for a long time. Send your dollar to Bro. Cramer, Estherville. We now get \$1.44 for a call and can well afford to send in our dollar.

Bro. Cramer issues an itemized statement through this magazine from time to time, showing how this fund is used.

"GM," Cert. 1742.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

Having been appointed correspondent for this division by Bro. Jones, I shall endeavor to have a write-up each month. Brothers, send me anything of interest about the 20th of the month in order that I can arrange it and get it to St. Louis by the 25th.

Bro. Jones, recently elected local chairman,

was relieved a few days by Bro. Speer, owing to the illness of his sister in Little Rock.

Bro. C. R. Brown is back on Ruston first after spending a few weeks among the home folks in Mississippi. Bro. C. O. Nelson sounds familiar on Ruston third after eighteen months in "Uncle Sam's" service, Bro. Brothers going back on second. We are all glad to welcome the old boys back among us. Bro. C. E. Henry, formerly on first Ruston, is now agent-operator at Dubach.

Bro. J. P. Wade, agent Ivan, was a recent Ruston visitor.

Keep after the few nons, and make this division solid. Their back time and increased salary should induce them to join at once. Bro. Jones has been assured of our united support in this work.

Bro. Guinn has recalled his bid on Lamourie agency.

We congratulate Bro. Russell, Mamou, on his recent marriage.

The section men have been holding meetings in Eldorado recently, organizing B. of R. and M. and S. We wish them success.

Bro. J. E. M. Fordyce is investing some of his back pay in oil.

Bro. Moore, Winnfield, off few days on account of sickness, Bro. McQuiddy, agent, doubling.

Bro. Burrow reports fine business in the movies, showing some good pictures, including Anneta Kallerman. I. M. GIBBONS.

#### *Panhandle Division—*

Bro. C. V. Wales to first Sayre, vice Reddington, relieving Agent Jerich, Amarillo Division.

Bro. Ed. Jackson, third Weatherford, is visiting in Arkansas.

Bro. W. R. Wilday, first Oklahoma City passenger station, elected local chairman again. Let's all help him in every way possible. The Panhandle is in better condition now than ever, due to his untiring efforts.

Bro. J. W. McPherson, recently discharged from the army, is now agent at Homestead.

Indianapolis has been opened as regular day telegraph office by Bro. K. B. Asher.

BLYTHE.

#### *Amarillo Division—*

Sunday evening, February 28th, all the

boys from the East End, except two, joined by one good lady and her husband from the West End, met in Amarillo to have Bro. Kay with us. Quite a number of items were disposed of, and he made a very enjoyable talk, explaining many features we did not thoroughly understand, and what he had gone through with during our recent efforts to secure an adequate wage. The meeting was both pleasant and beneficial.

Our local chairman was off a few days recently visiting his brother at Greenville, Texas, on furlough from the French front. From Greenville he went to Chicago. Relieved by Bro. Reddington from Sayre.

Bro. Piper, second McLean, is being relieved by Bro. Reed.

We have no nons on this division. We make one remittance, and the dealer gives every man on the division a card. Boys, get busy. You can't hope to beat us, but make an honest effort to tie us.

Pretty soon there will be a bunch headed for St. Louis. Make that a representative body. Tell your delegate anything you think will result in good for the Order. Let him discuss it with all of them, you may not get it, but (sure, Mike), you will not if you don't tell him. I am writing mine to press the Western Union commission business; paid and collect makes no difference to us. We do the work and want the commission.

CERT. 3156.

#### *C., B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130.*

Members Division 130:

The following were elected local chairmen at the election held March 3, 1919: Relay Division, J. J. Rose; Aurora, E. F. Todd; Alliance, L. M. Davis; Brookfield, A. F. Ritter; Burlington, J. F. Frain; Beardstown, C. W. McConnell; Chicago, M. T. Dwyer; Centerville, L. E. Buckles; Creston, J. C. Overmier; Casper, A. G. Straley; Galesburg, D. C. Root; Hannibal, Callie Mays; Lincoln, P. H. Miller; La Crosse, C. E. White; McCook, H. R. Weyl; Omaha, C. W. West; Ottumwa, P. E. Haist; Sterling, F. A. Sense; Sheridan, C. M. Miller; St. Joseph, F. A. Arnold; Wymore, W. F. Denton; Q. O. & K. C., L. E. Schoene.

I trust the brothers will give their local officers as well as the general officers the same loyal support in the future as they have

during the past. We have at the present time one of the best memberships in our history. We have a gain of eight delegates compared with the number sent to the last convention. This record is due to the individual effort made by the entire membership and the harmonious feeling among all concerned. May the good work go on.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. ROERS,  
Genl. Secy. and Treas.,  
LaCrosse, Wis.

#### *Relay Division, Chicago—*

Our sick list comprises Bros. Martin Trumble Haines, Wood Truax and Mr. Crandall.

Mr. Carter, a new man from the U. P., making reliefs.

Bro. Castle was called to South Chicago recently to put on K. P. work. Understand he did excellently.

Bro. Lewis, Casper, was a recent "GO" visitor.

Bro. Riggan and Sisters Davis and Riordan are back at work after a short illness.

Mr. Duffy, Hannibal, assisted the superintendent of telegraph with his work in Chicago several days recently.

#### *St. Joe—*

Bro. W. E. Daigh to Sheridan, Wyo.

Bro. Weise is back here from the navy, extra.

Bro. Ingle off sick with smallpox.

Mr. French, now in dispatcher's office, relieved by Mr. Colvin from Brookfield.

Bro. Bill Norvell is a regular man here now.

Bro. Mike Collins, second trick wire chief, attended a meeting of wire chiefs and operators in Omaha, Sunday, March 2d.

Bro. Pumphrey and wife spent Sunday recently in Kansas City.

Bro. Pebley is doing the heavy on "GO" wire regular now.

Slack business caused one man to be cut off here. "N."

#### *Members Aurora Division:*

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to you for the kind expression of sympathy at the death of my dear father, and for your beautiful floral gift.

Fraternally,

E. F. Tonn, Cert. 5, L. C.

#### *Aurora Division Notes—*

Bro. Sergt. D. G. Yaunt, who was with the chemical service at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., making poison gas and gas shells, has returned from the army and relieved Agent Haubers at Wataga pending bulletin. Bro. Bud Nordeen, of Wataga, has returned from overseas.

Bro. E. F. Todd, called to his former home near Shabbona on account of the death of his father, was relieved by Bro. R. D. Hade, another returned soldier. Bro. Todd has the sympathy of all the boys on the Aurora Division.

Bro. R. C. McNutt, relieved a few days by Bro. F. A. Martin, just returned after a year's service in France.

Night trick Malden abolished, Bro. M. C. Snow taking night helper's job in preference to the extra list.

Bro. C. L. Brusate, returned, relieved Bro. Miller, second Earlville, and Bro. H. E. Radcliffe a few days, then to Prophetstown, later relieving Bro. Martin, who relieved Bro. O. F. Butler, first "MO" Mendota, while he visited his brother in Omaha a week.

Bro. G. W. Lambertson to first Neponset Cabin. Bro. F. E. Lind, at Bristol tower before going to the army, took second Neponset Cabin.

Bro. Jack Miller, second Earlville tower, is passing around the cigars—it's a boy.

The new seniority lists are out, and Bro. Todd is going to have one printed for every brother on the division. The Aurora Division is 105 per cent.

The election returns were unanimous for Bros. Todd and Salander. CERT. 491.

#### *Beardstown Division—*

Brothers and sisters, you have elected me for your representative on this division. I want you to feel that you have not misplaced your confidence. I feel proud to be elected chairman of a division that has come out of the kinks as this one has in the past few years. I earnestly solicit your co-operation, and with Bro. Korte's help hope to make this division solid. In handling grievances, give me all the facts and see that they conform with the schedule, so that difficulties may be adjusted at the earliest possible moment. And don't forget that this is what you elected me for.

Bro. Korte any myself visited Bro. Livesey, Jacksonville, on March 8th, and got Agent Mitchell's promise to join us.

Bros. Turley and Ball, Block 104 nights, had a head-on collision with their cars while changing tricks the night of March 3d, resulting in a couple of smashed wheels.

Bro. Postlewait, Block 107, relieved a few days by V. I. Bell, Jr., while he relieved Bro. Haney, Arenzville agency.

Bro. Cooper, agent Alsey, and Sister Eva Wilson, Girard, are on the sick list.

The assistants to local chairman will remain the same as under Bro. Frazier until further notice.

Any one violating Rule "G" has no case for the Order to fight. "A word to the wise."

C. W. McCONNELL, L. C.

#### *Beardstown, Ills., Division—*

Bro. C. W. McConnell, of Concord, has been elected local chairman.

Bro. Cooley, of Waltonville, has been appointed to the freight inspection run between Concord and Metropolis, with headquarters at Centralia, Ills.

Bro. Mestler, Centralia, on a trip to Florida, relieved by Bro. Van Velson.

Bro. Mark Cole is back from the service on second Keysport.

Most of the brothers are excused from Sunday work and reporting, which gives them time to rest up. J. H. MANN, Asst. L. C.

#### *Brookfield Division, West End—*

We are glad to see Bro. N. K. Coit back from the navy in Brookfield relay.

Bro. York, who relieved Bro. Vest, second Breckenridge, a few days owing to sickness, also relieved Bro. Smith at Osborn several days.

Bro. Sprague is back on second Lathrop after a long sick spell.

Bro. Teich, Hamilton, off a few days with the "flu," was relieved by Bro. Naugles.

Bro. H. Barron, third Saxton, relieved a few days by Bro. Kimsey.

Chief Dispatcher Allen and Relief Agent Bro. Owen went over the line recently re-examining the operators.

CERT. 1536.

#### *Brookfield Division, East End—*

All jobs reduced to eight hours where possible on this division.

Bro. Leaton, first Shelbina, off with the "flu," relieved by Extra Buckman.

Bro. Muldrow, third Palmyra Jct., off several days recently on account of sickness.

Bro. Geo. Daume, Old Palmyra agency, has returned to work after a serious case of lumbago, relieved by Bro. Stevens.

Bro. Rice, agent St. Catherine, who accompanied his wife as far as St. Louis on her way home to Mokane to visit her parents, stopped off at Lentner on his way back to visit old friends.

Bro. E. L. Kinsey, of Randolph, recently discharged from military service, displaced L. B. Swearingen on third St. Catherine.

Bro. Collins, agent Annabel, was called to Macon recently to give testimony at inquest on the death of brakeman killed at Annabel by 43 on February 26th.

Bro. Dye, second Annabel, was off a few days recently to attend a funeral at Palmyra.

Bro. Doolin, Sentner second, off a few days recently on a trip to Oklahoma.

Bro. Humphrey, while off with the "flu," was relieved by Bro. Sherry, lately discharged from military service.

Bro. L. H. Sherry, discharged from the army, has returned to the extra board again.

Bro. Rice, agent St. Catherine, wrenched his back while lifting a sack of mail, relieved several days by Extra Admire, who later relieved Bro. Nolan, agent Bucklin, who accompanied his wife to St. Louis.

A. JONES, Div. Cor., Cert. 1536.

#### *Quincy Branch—*

Bro. Gookins, returned from military service, bid in third Colchester, vice Bro. Lambert to Moline.

Bro. Haist, third Quincy switch, called home on account of the sickness of his sister, Straub and Bro. Powell doubling.

Bro. Mullen, off few days sick, relieved by Bro. Wood from Bardolph, relieved by Cooperthwaite. Bro. F. B. Swissgood, first Plymouth, off sick, relieved by Peterson. Bro. H. L. Thompson, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. R. R. Garrison, who also relieved Bro. Gookins, third Colchester, off sick. Bro. Garrison also relieved Bro. Slater, agent LaPrairie, on vacation. Bro. Hendricks, agent Golden, also on vacation, relieved by Bro. Chambers, relieved by Bro. Jones.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the mother of Bros. L. E., R. H., Wallace and Mr. I. O. Gray. Bro. Wallace, second Quincy depot, relieved bzy Bro. Warren, Division 32. Bro. L. E., first Ewbanks, relieved by Extra East. Bro. R. H., third Camp Point, relieved by F. S. Omer, and I. O., third Ewbanks, relieved by Bro. McVay, third Augusta, Bros. Thompson and Herron doubling during his absence.

G. M. Adams, first Avon, off on account of the death of his daughter, relieved by Miss Ethel Spurgeon.

Div. Cor.

*Galesburg Division—Peoria, Buda, Rushville Branches—*

I wish to thank the brothers who helped elect me local chairman for another term. I certainly appreciate it and will do my best to justify your decision. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and live up to it. I have a list of nons on the division prepared and will furnish any brother with a copy of it on application.

Bros. Conner, Moore and Fleisher, Elmwood, Ill., all taken down with the "flu" within two days. Bro. Fleisher relieved by Bro. Hendricks, Bro. Conner by L. F. Antrim, later by J. P. Tobin; Bro. Moore by Bro. Higgins.

Bro. O. H. Lambert to second and Bro. Tobin to third Farmington. Latter was later called to first Yates City to relieve me for a few days' siege of the "flu," relieved by Bro. Stout.

The flower fund in the hands of Bro. Waddill is getting rather low. Please make your remittance to him at once.

Bro. F. W. Nagel, agent Edwards, checked out, relieved by L. F. Antrim, pending advertisement.

We are sorrowing over the death of Bro. Henry A. Stevens, second Yates City, on March 15th. His remains were taken to his old home, Washburn, Ill., on March 18th and laid to rest beside his father and brother. Bro. Stevens was a patient sufferer for nearly five months. On account of his death Bro. Eakman, third Yates City, was off several days. Bros. Root and Hughbanks doubled one night, later relieved by Bro. G. C. Scott.

Word has been received that Bro. Chester C. Mills was killed in action while engaged

in capturing an enemy machine gun between October 1st and 12th. The Galesburg Division had long mourned his loss and had just about given up hopes of learning his fate.

Automatic protection signals for Yates City and Farmington yards are being installed and will soon be in operation, also an electrically controlled train order signal for south-bound trains at Yates City. These signals will be a great improvement and will abolish all wire lines.

Bro. T. C. Love, agent Knoxville, visiting with his daughter in the Southwest, relieved by J. P. Tobin. Bro. Hughbanks to third Farmington relieving Bro. J. F. Stout, relieved on second Yates City by Bro. G. V. Jones.

D. C. Root, L. C.

*La Crosse Division—*

We have closed the semi-annual dues paying period without a delinquent. This is the third time for this division and an excellent showing, thanks to the co-operation of all our members, and we challenge other divisions to show a like record. Bro. White was re-elected local chairman and delegate and Bro. H. B. Lindner elected alternate.

CERT. 84.

*La Crosse Division Notes—*

Bro. Glomski, third Nelson, and Bro. Sparling, third Trempealeau on sick list, relieved by Bro. Fetting.

Bros. Fridgen and McGrath, extra, rejected by relief department, now out of service. Buss relieving McGrath, North Junction third, later relieved by Bro. Spratt, relieved on Lytle second by Bro. Fetting.

Bro. Kimball to Bay City second, relieved on third by Bro. J. Reed, returned from military service.

Stockholm third opened during ice harvest by R. C. Scholmeier.

Bro. Harville and wife of Cassville attended the opera at La Crosse recently.

Bro. A. Wetterlin, third Victory, relieved a few days by Bro. Wetterlin, Diamond Bluff.

Bro. C. J. Nelson, first Oakland, resigned.

Bro. E. W. Dyer, Grand Crossing Yard days, to dispatchers' office La Crosse. Bros. Paul and Johnson, second and first Purdy, sick several days, relieved by Bro. Paul's brother and Bro. Zube from the W. U.

Telegraphers returning from the army or

navy will be placed back on their former positions when vacant without being required to bid on them. All previous positions received on bulletin will not be molested, except as per Rules 29 and 30.

Bro. Lindner wishes to thank the boys for electing him as alternate to the Grand Convention.

Want to thank Bros. White and Lindner for this write-up.

CERT. 227.

#### *Hannibal Division—*

Bro. G. H. Beck, general chairman of the M., K. & T., and father of Bro. G. E. Beck, agent Machens, Mo., died at his home in St. Charles, Mo., February 7th.

Bro. C. Allen has resumed on third Machens after being confined to his bed over a month with pneumonia, relieved by Bro. C. A. McKinney, a new man from "Big Four."

Bro. H. M. Anderson, agent West Alton, while attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, was relieved by Bro. Joe Hays.

Bro. Guy Zinn, Hannibal, acted as first trick dispatcher a few days on South End.

Bro. Frank Minor is back on at Canton, Mo.

Helton office closed, Bro. E. T. Martin to extra list again.

H. Woster, on this division a few years ago, later transferred to Casper Division, is back at Montrose after 18 months' service in the U. S. Navy.

The last of the back pay arrived March 17th.

CALLY MAYS, L. C.

#### *St. Joe, Mo., Division—*

Write-up for March issue was received at St. Louis too late for publication in that issue.

Bro. T. E. Burgess has returned to Waldrum from military service, also Bro. M. C. Allison, latter bidding in Naple third.

Bro. F. B. Adamson, on sick list now, relieved Bro. Bradley at Beverly recently on same account, and Bro. R. R. Johnson, Percival, and Bro. Ed. Boyd, Forest City, on sick list, relieved by Bro. A. A. Brown of Bigelow third.

Bro. G. W. Potter, agent Bartlett, also on sick list, relieved by Bro. Pettit of second, relieved by Bro. Walter, relieved on McPaul second by Bro. Tom Hood, also Bro. H. Sprecklemeyer, agent Napier, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Adamson.

All the nons on the main line are now members except Geo. Morgan. Keep after him.

Bro. R. I. Gills, Armour first, has resigned to go farming at Halls, Mo. We all wish him success and trust he will continue to carry an up-to-date.

L. J. MILLEN, Coin, Iowa.

#### *Omaha Division—*

Returned from the military service: Bro. McManus, third "SY" South Omaha, and Moore, Schuyler, Hubbell, third Gibson, and Bros. Graham, second, and Biggs, third Louisville. Bro. Baum spent a few days at home in Prague, but had to return to the service, will be out in about four months.

New members: E. Westphalen, F. M. Daley, I. E. Crocker, Fremont, Neb., Nickerson Tower.

Bro. Graham, South Bend, relieved a few days by Bro. Tyo.

Sister Elder, La Platte, on sick list, relieved by Bro. White from Gibson.

Bro. H. V. Adair, on second Waverly, pending bulletin transferred from Missouri Pacific.

Bro. Henesh, relieved Bro. Rhine, "DA" Omaha, and Bro. Fender, first Ashland, a few days; latter on a trip to Chicago. Bro. West, Ashland, also off several days.

Regular meeting in Chicago of the General Committee postponed from March 17th until May 8th, when it will be held in St. Louis, just prior to the Grand convention, saving the expense of calling it twice. General officers hold over until that time.

Schedule negotiations with company officials at Chicago broken off will be taken up at Washington for decision, and will be lined up under Supplement 13.

Bro. Miller, of Goodwin, has quit the railroad and bought the livery and dray line at Jackson. Mitchell of the A. T. S. F., who bid in Goodwin has a crippled arm and has gone to the hospital. Goodwin now closed.

Bro. Hays is back at Waterbury.

Some of the West End boys on the O'Neill line missed out on their pay checks on account of the snow blockade. No notes received last month was the reason we had no write-up.

H. L. GILBERT,

Wann, Neb.

*Lincoln Division—*

Brothers, send in at least one item. I heard from no one this month, except the local chairman.

Bro. Plith, agent Larsonville, Smith, Juwealth and Cogil, Holstein, were recent Hastings callers.

Bro. W. S. Harris, first Cobb, on vacation, relieved by Mrs. Beatty from Berks.

Bro. Kunselman, agent Marquette, on sick list, relieved by Bro. C. M. Miller.

York Tower has been made a train order office with C. A. Joenike on first, S. F. Grace on second and H. S. Smith on third. Get after these boys, also L. A. Huffman and A. E. Padden at Seward Tower. Plenty of applications can be had by asking your local chairman or myself.

W. H. BURKHALTER,  
Cert. No. 1052.

*Sterling Division—*

Bro. Lyons, who relieved "Non" Walker, now in Texas looking after his old interests, was relieved on Morrill first by Meeker, who has been working in a bank at Sterling. "Non" McLean, Morrill, is suffering from arsenic poisoning inflicted by a wrecked car on the station platform. Several cars were piled up there at that time.

Bro. Close, Carpenter, relieved Torry, agent Grover, two weeks; Keeley, second Guernsey, released from service account physical defects, relieved by a new man.

A large gang laying steel at Mitchell, contemplating laying new rails on the entire Guernsey line.

Brothers, as you have again elected me for your local chairman for another two years, and also delegate to the convention in St. Louis next May, I want to thank you all for your support, also for the assistance you have given me during the past two years in lining up this division. Two years ago we had twenty-three members, today we have fifty-two, with sixty-two schedule positions on the division, and with your continued support we will get the other ten. Keep the good work going on. Twelve out of forty-eight members on this division who have paid their dues this year have taken out annual cards that looks good. I was not able to get relieved last year to make a trip over the division, but expect to get over as much as possible this spring, imme-

dately on my return from the convention next May.

Sorry to see Bro. Wright leave the service, but wish him success in his position as cashier in the bank at Mitchell. I am looking for a good man to take his place as assistant local chairman.

Brothers, if any of you know the present address of Bro. F. C. Tanna, Cert. 2917, please send it. Bro. Rogers at LaCrosse, Wis., has important mail for him.

Thanks to Bro. Burkett, Mitchell, for items this month. All of you try and send me some not later than the 18th.

F. A. SENSE, L. C.

*Alliance Division—*

Brothers, we now have a membership of 116 on this division. Keep after Doolittle, at Anselmo; Simonds, at Ashby; Triggs, at Edgemont; Nutton, at Keystone, and Claytor at Sweetwater, and give them no rest until they sign up. Recent new members: E. A. Webb, E. R. Graham and Sister Petra Hobson.

Bro. Corporal J. B. Jolly, Co. C, 314th F. S. Bn., A. El F., writes from Ritterdorf, Germany: "We landed in the trenches August 8th and remained at the front until November 11th. We were in the big drive of September 12th at St. Mihiel and Argonne-Musse front October 12th. When we stopped we were at Stenny, France. Stayed there about four days and began hiking for Germany, going through Belgium, Luxembourg and entered Germany December 6th. Will be mighty glad to get back to the good old U. S. A." We will be glad to welcome him home and hear more of his experiences.

Bro. T. J. Cummins, agent Crawford, just returned from California, where he was called owing to the serious illness of his mother, reports her condition still very serious.

Sister Helen Knox, laid off recently owing to reduction in force is back again doing extra work.

Bro. Ed. Hawley, agent Belmont, recently discharged from Alliance hospital, is visiting relatives at Lincoln while convalescing. Bro. George Brewster relieving him, relieved by Bro. Wynn on third Belmont.

Sister Wood, second Rutland, on thirty days' vacation, relieved by Sister Snider.

Bro. Webb is relieving Spease, third Lakeside, on vacation.

Bro. C. J. Hitt, is working extra at Hemingford.

Bro. T. E. Beard has accepted the cashiership at Glen Rock for C. & N. W. Ry., succeeded by Bro. F. W. Koch on Lakeside first. Our loss is the C. & N. W.'s gain.

Bro. A. H. Sheets, just back from the navy, bld in second Orella; L. M. Davis doing extra duty temporarily.

#### *Wymore Division—*

The new membership list just received from Bro. Rodgers shows this division as 99 per cent solid, we hope the six delinquents will pay up at once and help us make the division 100 per cent. The delinquent list will be printed in the next issue.

O. L. Jackson, former night chief of Wymore, is still in Vladivostok, Siberia, directing traffic for the Siberian Railroad, and likes it so well that he talks of staying.

Bro. M. W. Hamilton to Armour, relieved at Bennett by Bro. A. T. Watson.

Bro. P. C. Jones relieved by his wife at Haddam, relieved Bro. F. H. Haley at Palmyra during a siege of the "flu."

Bros. C. E. McIntyre and J. A. Daily in Cambridge, Mass., radio school the past year are back with us again.

Myself and wife wish to thank the many brothers for the beautiful flowers sent us during our illness a balance of \$3 from this fund was sent to Bro. Denton to start a flower fund.

It is now Sister Jackman at Rockford, the first lady to join this division, we have one more we would like to have in.

Don't forget to drop me a letter about the 15th of the month with all the news items you have, it is hard to get a write-up unless we have a little help.

F. H. HALEY, Cert. 842.

#### *Brothers, Creston Division—*

I wish to thank you for your support in both the nomination and election as local chairman and delegate to the Grand Division in St. Louis. I appreciate the honor and will endeavor to hold this division in its present high standing, hoping to make it 100 per cent by 1920.

Don't fail to send me a copy of your bids so I can keep tab on what is doing. Don't

try to fight your grievances, send them to me.

Bro. J. E. Pace, Malvern, Iowa, has been appointed correspondent, send him your item's. Keep after the non-member working with you until you land him, also keep your own dues paid up in advance, and we can always expect a good pay check.

It is now Bro. W. L. Nellis, second Pacific Junction.

We are very sorry to learn that Bro. Willis Fleming's health is so impaired that he had to give up Hopkins, Mo., agency. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Pace called at Pacific Junction on his way, Council Bluffs to Malvern, where he relieved Bro. Wilber a few nights.

Brother F. B. Rose, back from army, assigned first Glenwood.

Brothers, let's give the company our best service, be on the job all the time while on duty, it's only eight hours. Show the officials that O. R. T. members are up to date in everything, courtesy included, and remember our slogan: "No card, no favors."

J. C. OVERMIER,

Cert. 341, Local Chairman.

#### *Creston Division Notes—*

Boys, I have been appointed correspondent for this division and hope you will send me all the news you can from your offices.

It is now Bro. Nelles on third Pacific Junction.

Bro. Wilbur, third Council Bluffs, was off a few days taking his wife to St. Louis with him to see his brother just back from France.

Bro. Nelles, third Pacific Junction, is still taking in the sights at Omaha occasionally.

Bro. Caldwell, agent Malvern, was off few days on account of death in his family, relieved by Bro. Hale.

Bro. Hickman back on his regular job after being laid up with a broken arm.

Vanderwall and McDow, second and third Villisca, are just back from the service.

I am going to ask a brother on each branch to gather the news for me there, and I will do my best on the main line.

We now have three more members than positions, and still some of our old-timers are nons yet. "PACHT," Cert. 1608.

*Ottumwa Division Notes —*

Bro. Brown, second Lockridge, seriously ill several weeks with the "flu," Bro. Orman relieving, is now out of danger. Bro. Littleton was off several days to assist in caring for Bro. Brown. Bro. Stout, agent West Burlington, was off three weeks with rheumatism, relieved by Bro. Mahnesmith, who previously relieved Bro. Brown at Lockridge. Bro. Sefrig, third Mt. Pleasant, was also off several days sick.

Bro. Harrell, first Fairfield, was a recent Ottumwa visitor, also Bro. Carr, agent and mayor of Melrose, latter calling on the mayor.

Bro. Hanks, third Maxon, resigned, relieved by Bro. Bush, later to Murry third, relieved by Bro. Mahnesmith.

Lieut. O. A. French, formerly of Albia and later dispatcher, has returned from Siberia. The boys are drifting back again and we welcome them.

In 1912 we had 26 nons on this division. Today all we need is Palmer at Afton to make it solid. Keep after him and stay organized.

O. E. McBRIDE, A. C. L.

Cert. 269.

New members: G. E. Armstrong, St. Charles; L. M. Lytle, Cainsville; Friend Curry, Ottumwa, and A. L. Hanks, Maxon.

Bro. Studer, back from military service, to Rome first, vice Bro. Ford to Batavia first.

Remit your dues to Bro. Rogers as quickly as possible. We don't want any names on the delinquent list this time.

Committee is in Chicago trying to get all of Supplement 13 into our schedule and hope it will not be necessary to make a trip to Washington to complete it.

Cainsville Branch is solid. Now, boys, let's keep it that way.

Bro. John Butler of Lacona visited his sister at Albia recently.

Bro. Bush relieved a few nights at Tower 280, later going to Murray third.

The brothers from Maxon, Albia, Tower 307, Whitebreast and Troy were recently called to Ottumwa for examination and instruction on the use of controlled manual block rules.

O. E. McBRIDE, A. L. C.,

Cert. 269.

*Ottumwa Division—*

I wish to thank the brothers who nominated me and those who voted for me to act as local chairman of our division for another term, also as delegate to the St. Louis convention. I will endeavor to stand by our rights as I have in the past two years and act to the best of my ability. I plan to make this the banner year for the Ottumwa Division in membership and will appreciate any help from the members for the write-ups in our journal each month. Let's abide by our motto, "No card, no favors," better than we have in the past and then there will be very few nons in a short time.

Bro. J. H. Rogers recently received an interesting letter from Sergeant R. L. ("Bob") Richardson, Bonnetable, North France, in which he mentions meeting Lieut. Minor, ex-wire chief, and Sergeant Curley, Ottumwa, and Corporal Pasnau of our division. All send their best regards to the brothers. We are glad to note their rapid promotions and hope to have them with us again in the near future.

I hope the few who have neglected mailing their dues will send them in at once.

Bro. J. C. Baker, first Mt. Pleasant, off few days sick, was relieved by Bro. Crossland, relieved on third by Extra' Duman.

P. E. HAIST, L. C.

*McCook Division—*

Brothers, I am much pleased that you have selected Bro. Weyl as the local chairman for this division and sincerely hope you will aid him in all ways possible, for without the assistance of the membership the local chairman cannot do much good for you. I appreciate the support given me in the past nearly seven years as your local chairman and know I could have done nothing without your solid backing in all our good work. Bro. Weyl is so situated that he can run in and see about any matters that may come up a great deal handier than I have been able to do, and the consolidation here made it impossible for me to even think of running another time, as it takes all my time for station work. Thanking you one and all I remain yours in S. O. & D.

C. R. HUNT.

*McCook Division Notes—*

Brothers, as I suggested in last month's journal, kindly give me the names of all nons at or near your station each month and try and eliminate the slacker.

I want to thank you for my election as local chairman of this division and I sincerely hope that you will all co-operate with me in making a success of my term. Bro. Hunt will be the assistant local chairman. There are a number of new men coming in now and it won't take but a few minutes of every member's time to tell the delinquents not to backslide and to tell the new ones what organization means to us. Read your **TELEGRAPHER** thoroughly every month and am sure you will get some new and interesting ideas therefrom.

Bro. H. L. Billesbach, agent Edison, off with the "flu," and his wife, second there, is taking care of him, leaving both positions in charge of Messrs. Weiser and Brown.

Bro. U. D. Koelman, on vacation, relieved by F. E. Norton.

Tell me of any grievance you may have. Will do my best to settle it.

H. R. WEYL, L. C.,  
Cert. 202 H.

*Sheridan Division—*

February 20th, Mrs. Z. A. Willis, out riding with her husband, who is cashier, fell from her horse that was running away with her, striking her head on a fence, fracturing her skull. It was about four hours before medical aid could be secured and she almost bled to death. After three weeks' treatment in Sheridan Hospital she was able to be taken home and we are glad to say is getting along nicely.

Bro. Willis, off five days with his wife, was relieved by Bro. Wham from Rauchester, later relieved by Bro. Bramel, relieved by Bro. L. L. Thomas from Ulin; Bro. Wham going to Hardin to work on correspondence.

Sister Beulah Thomas, who relieved Bro. Higgins, Osage, several days while he was out on his dry farm, also relieved Bro. Hunter a few days, called to Sheridan owing to the serious illness of his wife's mother, now almost recovered.

Bro. Pollard, "SA" relay, is relieving Sister Howorth, second Parkman, on sick list, and Sister Mrs. W. A. Mikesell of Toluca is relieving Sister Halley, Rauchester second,

also on sick list. Sister Mrs. Carta relieved Bro. Kissinger, who went East after his mother.

Bro. Barnhill has gone to Casper relay.

Bro. Bennett's wife is visiting in Crawford.

Local Chairman Miller has returned home from Sheridan where he was treated for serious eye trouble.

Sister Beulah and Bro. L. L. Thomas spent a few days at Chicago recently.

Bro. Igoe has returned to Sheridan from his trip South and East.

Chief Dispatcher Coleman went over the division recently refreshing the boys on the book of rules.

F. B. THOMAS.

*Casper Division—*

Bro. Allen, Basin second, on vacation, relieved by Bro. D. Brown, later to Stephen second, relieved by J. H. Davisson. Bro. Early took Worland first, relieved by Bro. T. S. Dunning.

Bro. Forbs, Stephen, is a frequent Douglas visitor.

I have not received any news from any of the boys this month.

A meeting was called for April 6th at Greybull, which will be the first one to be held on this division.

CERT. 298.

*El Paso & So. Western Ry., Div. No. 137.  
Western Division—*

Mrs. R. V. Christian, wife of Bro. Christian, of Osborn, has been visiting friends at Naco.

Bro. "Bob" R. L. Liggett, goes to Rodeo agency; Bro. Keyes, the Western Division cartoonist, is quite an artist with the pen.

Many of the operators have the oil fever now, and if the company drilling at Columbus strikes a gusher, most of them will retire to "private life."

Bro. Sam. Williams, first Douglas, relieved by Bro. Jack Williams, a few days, while taking remains of his brother who passed away in Douglas of the flu to their home in Arkansas for burial. Bro. Williams and relatives have the sympathy of the entire division in their loss.

A set of dispatchers were pulled off some time ago: Dispatcher Lane bumped Bro. McQueen off second, who bumped Bro. Devere from third and report job.

Bro. C. G. McQueen and his wife, Sister

Irene McQueen, have transferred from Division 53 to 137. Both up-to-date.

Bro. Drummond, Fairbank, off few days last month visiting El Paso, relieved by Bro. Jack Williams CERT. 211.

#### Ft Worth, D. C. & W. V., Div. No. 145.

##### *First and Second Divisions—*

There are two nons on Decatur, first and second. Boys, don't allow them to rest until you secure their applications. There is no excuse whatever for any non, as they have recently receivd thir back pay through Suppliment 18, the same as we did.

We now stand about 98 per cent strong on the entire division. Let's all get busy and blot out the remaining 2 per cent and make Division 145 solid, which we can if we will only do our part toward lining up the NON next to us.

The writer, second Bowie was relieved by Mr. Harvey, former joint ticket agent Wichita Falls, while off on committee work. On account of some misinterpretation of Supplement No. 13, the schedule could not be completed and signed up, but the committee expects to meet the management again in the near future for the purpose of completing schedule negotiations or agreeing on such articles as we can and appealing those we cannot reach an agreement on.

We desire to call your attention to the importance of sending in the assessment at once if you possibly can, as we cannot do committee work without funds to defray expenses, etc.

We desire to say in connection with the above that your committee was compelled to use some of their personal funds during our recent schedule negotiations. Brothers, you should not allow your committee to go on such an important errand without the necessary funds to carry on the work. Your committee and officers are working hard for you and, we must say, without compensation, as the division is not financially able to pay any of the officers a salary. We urgently request you to send in the assessment at once.

Bro. Dorsey, agent Bellevue, is off for a few days, relieved by Mr. Nichols, a new man. We are glad to say that the exclusive agents are lining up right along and some of them will be on the committee that

meets the management in the near future. We want to thank Bro. Abington for the good work he is doing in behalf of the division.

CERT. 230.

##### *Third and Fourth Divisions—*

Only four nons on the Third and Fourth Divisions. Come on, boys, and let's get 'em. It does not necessarily mean that a man is a Bull-shiviski or an outlaw when he will not join the Order, but he is hardly a man when he won't even recognize your letters, but sits back and enjoys the good things the Order has bestowed upon him.

Bro. Stroup, Memphis, was off eight days in February, relieved by Mr. B. W. Stallings, just back from the front in France. He was in active service and tells us some thrilling experiences. He has the right spirit—says he is coming in this month. Stallings now on extra at Claude.

If the Order doubles a man's salary and betters his working conditions, should he not be willing to help keep them there?

Bro. Jim Adams is back from overseas with Uncle Sam, and he is now regular steady second Childress "X." The first thing he did was the right thing—lined up. Glad you are back with us again, Jim.

R. E. STROUP, L. C.

##### *Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Divisions, W. V. Ry.—*

This line has been put on a straight eight-hour day basis since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. However, no new positions on this account at present. Cannot say how long they will try to work us just eight hours with twelve hours' work to do. The changes have been few, if any, and while I have not received a line from a single one of the boys, it is most impossible to make a good report without assistance.

We are 98 per cent strong on the Valley end and prospects for a whole 100 per cent are mighty good. The boys have responded in good shape. Keep after them, and we will soon have and be able to present a solid front.

Bro. Riggs, Stamford first, relieved by Mr. Darling, dispatcher from Childress, recently from Wichita Falls; Riggs to Burk Burnett, on Katy. Sorry to lose him.

E. I. HESTER, L. C.

Mrs. Jessie Daniel, wife of Bro. H. A. Daniel, second Amarillo, who died February 22nd, left a husband and four boys; one sister and four brothers, viz: H. C. Lucas, Long Beach, Cal.; Judge O. A. Lucas, Kansas City; Lee Lucas, Monmouth, Ill.; B. T. Lucas, Roswell, N. M., and Mrs. Ross Barnett, Roswell, N. M.

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**Western Pacific R. R., Div. No. 153.**

*Eastern Division—*

It's a long time since we have had any write-up from this end of the road. Wish some of you brothers and sisters would send me a few notes. Address me at Ventosa, Nevada.

Bro. Gibson assigned agency Salduro, relieving Bro. Cole, who bid in Tobar agency. Fritz assigned agency Jungo; Bro. Mayer bidding in Red House, Bro. Rea to ticket agency Remnox.

Bro. McElroy, first Pardo, has transferred to the Western Division, but is waiting to bid in something before going, as there are a great many extra men on the board just now.

O. W. Evans relieved Bro. Wright at Ventosa a few days. Evans promises to line up as soon as the extra list gets to paying a little better. He will make a good member.

Bro. Ramsdell, first Weso, was on a layoff for several days, relieved by Bro. Wright and later by Bro. Burns. K., CERT. 113.

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*Eastern Division Notes—*

Our pay checks this month show the new increase, which we greatly appreciate. This should be a great incentive to all of us to do our best and show our appreciation by answering calls promptly, keeping our work up and offices in neat condition, as there is no reason why anyone should not be on the job every minute of the eight hours assigned, when the majority of us have put in twelve hours night or day at the tune of \$30.00 to \$45.00 per, and not so many years ago, either.

Received a card from Bro. Oaks of Keddie, Cal., showing his design of a new O. R. T. button, which is a beauty and would be an attractive ornament on any coat lapel as well as showing our colors.

Eastern Division is proud of the fact that

there are only a few nons left, and most of these promise to come in shortly.

Members of this division who are interested in having a write-up each month, please kick in with a few notes not later than the 15th of the month, so they can reach St. Louis by the 25th.

J. H. W., CERT. 269.

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*Western Division—*

Bro. H. B. Marshall, general secretary-treasurer, Pleasant Grove, appointed agent Gerlach, displacing Mr. Birdsell. Bro. Lyons, second "GR," to Frisco for a few days' visit, relieved by Bro. Wayneck, extra dispatcher.

Bro. F. C. Rodewald back to agency Reno Junction after five months' leave of absence. Bro. Aldrich goes to third Keddie.

Sister Williams of Beckwith spent Sunday at her home in Doyle recently.

Chief Dispatcher Barker, off a few days first of the month, relieved by Dispatcher Tussey; Mr. Crandal working second trick East End.

G. O. Fackrell relieved Bro. Marshall at Pleasant Grove one day while he attended the safety first meeting in Sacramento. Bro. Roberts off one week on committee work, relieved by Fackrell.

Occasionally we get a call on the wire or a little note asking for a block of expense bills or some blank form. If he is a non, quote our motto, "No card, no favors." If he inquires as to a train, let him get his information from a non. Make him realize that unless he unites with us it will be pretty hard sledding in California on the W. P. When a man shows up without a card he should be shown every courtesy and given reasonable time to prove his worth, but nons who have been with us for years, enjoying the benefits of the Order and paying nothing, should be shown at every opportunity that "No card, no favors" means exactly what it says.

You new arrivals, as soon as you locate send your name, certificate and division number to Bro. Marshall at Gerlach, so he can keep a line on the membership. If the correspondent classes you among the slackers, don't get peeved. Keep the secretary-treasurer advised of your movements.

Cert. 122.

**Florida East Coast R. R., Div. No. 160.**

We regret to announce the death of Bro. B. L. Stephens, agent at Jewfish. The remains were shipped to Hahira, Ga., for burial. The floral offering from Division 160 was placed on the casket while passing Miami. We all extend our sympathy to Mrs. Stephens and family. Miss Pearl Stephens wishes to thank each member for the floral offering.

Bro. Sale b'd in second Buena Vista, and Bro. Pierce third.

Lieut. Matchett to third Key West temporarily.

Bro. Lott, from the A. C. L., to second West Palm Beach.

With Bro. Holland as local chairman, I expect to get a few notes from the Northern Division for the next write-up.

A. F. BAUER, General Chairman.

**Kans. City, Mex. & O. R. R., Div. No. 163.****K. & O. Division—**

Special meeting at Altus, Okla., March 1st, attended by Bro. Parkhurst, general chairman; Bro. Kennedy, general secretary and treasurer; Bros. Morris and McGonagle, local chairmen, and a goodly number of brothers.

Biennial election resulted as follows: Local Board of Adjustment—Bro. Morris, Wichita to Altus District; Bro. McGonagle, Elmer to Tennyson; Bro. Puckett, San Angelo to Alpine. Delegate to Grand Division, Bro. Morris. Alternate Bro. Kennedy to Grand Lodge.

It was decided to create a flower fund by special assessment. Don't fail to send in your bit. This will do away with one brother having to pay out his money in case of sickness or death, and then have to wait for volunteers to reimburse him.

Your committee is soon going up for a new schedule, so give it all the help you can. Any suggestions you have to offer will be appreciated.

CERT. 147.

**Texas Lines—**

Assignments: Bro. J. E. Martin to Maryneal agency, vice R. L. Glass, resigned; Bro. Ellis, Crowell agency, Non Case going to Hamlin. Sister Russell, Rankin, vice her husband, Bro. D. C. Russell, who died of "flu" in December. Sister Russell took out

a card immediately after being assigned the position.

Several members attended a very interesting meeting at Altus, March 1st. The proposed schedule was discussed and will be drafted by committee. It was decided to hold meetings every three months, and brothers, who can possibly attend, should do so.

Bros. McGonagle and Pickett were elected local chairmen of their respective districts. They are the right men in the right place, and every one should give them their loyal support and help "round up" the few remaining nons.

No write-up in February on account of attending the funeral of my brother, E. C. Glass, of Division 88, who died of influenza-pneumonia January 20th.

Would like to hear from some brother on the West End, so we will know what is going on out that way.

H. R. GLASS, Div. Cor.

**Ann Arbor R. R., Div. No. 164.**

Result of election to represent us at the St. Louis convention in May: Bro. H. J. Werkman, delegate, and Bro. Welker, alternate.

Brothers, all dues for this term are in but two. Let's make it solid Toledo to Frankfort.

Bro. Suydam, Ashley, relieved Bro. Lewis at Boulevard, while on sick list. Third Ashley closed, Sister Jordan to second there.

Bros. Weed and Shields transferred from "BR" passenger office to the new office, "QN," opened at Ferry, Elliott still at ticket office; extra man on third "QN."

Slear and Lane are back from the army. Get after them for a card.

Bro. and Sister Barr now agent and operator at Temple.

CERT. 42.

**Third District—**

Glad to hear Bro. Damiski, Harlan, is recovering from several weeks' siege with the "flu"; also Bro. Ritter, Harrietta.

Bro. Baker, at Mesick, now has an assistant operator after a long fight with the company to get him. Congratulations.

Business has been very quiet as compared with former winters. Weather conditions have been very favorable this winter for a heavy amount of traffic. Keweenaw let loose

with a large volume of business for thirty days. We are getting three to four large drags out of Frankfort every twenty-four hours, it being a short haul from Kewaunee. Car ferries could keep things jingling on this run.

CERT. 42.

**Northwestern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 165.**

Several of our former soldiers have returned to work, included among them are Bros. Minto and Nivison. Bro. Minto taking his agency at Kentfield, vice Bro. DeSoto, to first San Rafael. Nivison going back to third San Rafael, vice Bro. Nelson, who bid in first Santa Rosa. Bro. Sallee, displaced by Bro. DeSoto, has gone to San Anselmo freight office pending bids.

The loss by fire of the depot at Geyserville leaves Bro. Irwin at present doing business "a la box car." Bro. Irwin was fortunate in rescuing all of his records and most of the freight stored in the warehouse. The company will build an up-to-date depot at once.

The correspondent received a letter from J. M. Camp, a former telegrapher on this road, who happened to run across some of my notes in a recent TELEGRAPHER. He would like to hear from some of his old friends. I have his address.

The following brothers have been elected for ensuing term: Local chairman, P. G. Sanborn, Sausalito; C. W. Blabon, San Rafael, and W. R. Boice, Eureka, for Northern Division.

Bro. Sanborn was elected general chairman and Bro. L. E. Green will continue to hold down the secretary and treasurer job.

Bro. J. E. Adams and Bro. L. E. Green were elected delegate and alternate, respectively, for the St. Louis convention. Bro. Adams informs me he will most likely go to St. Louis and represent our division as first delegate since organization of this line.

As a closing word, now that we have all received substantial back pay, pay up your dues promptly, keep after the nons and make our division solid. I hope the boys of the Northern Division will not feel slighted, having no mention in this write-up, but I have received no notes from them as yet. They can all be assured, however, that we are

glad to have so many of them in the fold, and our thoughts are with them.

E. L. ELY, Div. Cor.

**Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 168.***Southern Division—*

Bro. John L. DeVault was elected new delegate to the convention in St. Louis. Bros. Gentz, Riley and Grimsley were re-elected.

A letter written January 15th, received by Bro. W. L. Sloan, at Godfrey, reported his son, Bro. L. Sloan, sick in a Germany hospital. All hope for his speedy recovery.

The son of Bro. A. C. Watkins, seriously burned by a live wire, causing amputation of his right arm and leg, is reported recovering.

CERT. 543.

**Central Vermont R. R., Div. No. 171.***Southern Division*

On February 2nd the Telegraphers took advantage of the Trainmen's special train and held a meeting in Brattleboro, with nearly every position on this division represented. The special arrived at 12:15 p. m. and after dinner at the Brooks House met in closed session.

General Chairman Gibbs spoke of the plans the committee was trying to work, also what had been done to bring about a better understanding with the officials. Short discussions followed, and a committee was appointed to bring up Superintendent Guthrie and Assistant Superintendent Fenton, Bro. J. R. Parkhurst taking the chair. During this open session Bro. Gibbs explained that the object of the meeting was to try to come to an understanding as to the interpretations in Supplement No. 13, and explained his understanding of the different articles.

Mr. Guthrie then gave his understanding of them. Of course, there was a difference of opinion as to how the articles would work out when put into practice. Mr. Guthrie promised to clear up some points, and it was agreed that other questions would have to rest until interpretations were received on them.

Mr. Fenton, recently promoted from the ranks, gave us a short address, which was very much appreciated. While agent at White River Jct., he won the friendship of every man on the system and made a great success as an agent, which was dem-

onstrated by the beautiful gold watch the employees presented him before leaving to take up his new duties at New London.

The meeting adjourned to 4:45 p. m., all feeling better from having gotten together and discussed the points of such vital interest to all.

Bro. Roubillard, East New London, reports that his son Paul expects to soon be able to leave the Army Hospital. He received severe wounds in his leg while doing duty on the American front in France. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

It is now Sister Darby at Norwich, Conn.

Bro. Heath is in the lumber business on the side. We wish him success.

We are all glad to learn that Sister Palmer, South Windham, is on duty again after two weeks' illness. We missed her voice on the 'phone.

Bro. Cone, Mansfield, added wonderfully to the musical feature of the Brattleboro trip. His splendid bass voice was just what was needed to fill in the gap of the famous Central Vermont Quartette, under the leadership of Bro. Seltz, New London, which entertained us.

Bro. Medbery has returned from camp, having received his discharge, and expects to soon resume work at South Willington.

We missed Sister Wheedock and Miss Nichols at the Brattleboro meeting.

Sister Bothwell has been assigned to first Palmer.

Bro. Ashby did everything possible to make the Brattleboro trip a success, and the boys all appreciate it.

Bro. Sprague and Bro. Ballou are the new members on the branch. Bro. Wheeler is doing good work. The new man at So. Londonderry is the only man left.

Bro. Wilson received a letter from his brother Claude, with the American forces in France, who expects to soon return and resume his former position as ticket agent and operator at Norwich, Conn. We will all be glad to have Bro. Wilson with us again.

We are nearly 100 per cent strong and should make every effort to reach that goal. Our organization has done splendid work the past year, and if the committee can carry out the plans it has formulated, we will be on an equal footing with other roads in our territory. Let us all keep busy.

H. J. Gibbs, Gen. Chairman.

#### District Two—

Bro. W. E. Kidd, agent Northfield, was elected local chairman of this district. Congratulations.

The accounts of General Secretary and Treasurer Monnie were audited by Bros. Bug-

bee, Perroult and Flanagan and found in good order.

General Chairman Gibb and Bro. Bugbee extended their trip to Montreal with Bro. Monnie.

We wish to thank Bro. Brooks for the good work he did while he was local chairman, and we know he will continue to work for the interest of the division as he has done in the past.

Sister Lynch, second Windsor, visited Lyndonville; Bros. Hurley and Bohonon visited Burlington, and Bro. Courtney, B. & M. at Ely, visited Hurley recently.

Hope the few members who have not yet paid the special assessment will remit as soon as possible.

Brothers, send in your items.

L. J. M., Gen. Sec. & Treas.

#### Oregon Short Line R. R., Div. No. 172. Montana Division

Third Shelley closed; Bro. Shaw, Weaver, to St. Anthony days.

The boys on the Victor Branch have escaped the usual spell of isolation thus far this winter, account of no trains, which they usually experience, incidental to the snow blockades which are so common during the winter months on that branch.

Bro. M. K. Kelley, branch dispatcher, bid in Newdale agency, relieved by Bro. D. Durham.

Sister Polly Perry relieved Bro. Drollingher, first Blackfoot, ninety days, spending winter months in California.

Let's have a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. Send your local chairman any news items you can.

Send your TELEGRAPHER to your neighbor "non" when you get through reading it. It may influence him to join the Order.

I wish to thank the members of this division for electing me local chairman. I will make every effort to uphold the dignity and rights of our organization on this division.

I desire the earnest support of every member of the division in an earnest solicitation of new members and putting forth of every effort to make our organization as strong and efficient on this division as possible. We have several "nons" on this division who should be incessantly reminded of what the Order has secured for them. Regard our schedule from the company's as well as our own point. If we fulfill the requirements of the schedule as far as we are concerned, then we can consistently require the railroad company to live up to it. The reconstruction period immediately ahead of us will cause questions to arise which can be settled satisfactorily to us only by our united efforts.

Yours for 100 per cent strong.

T. B. KINGHORN, Cert. 150.

## THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

*Montana Division, Seventh and Eighth Districts—*

Bro. Flaghtery relieved Bro. Perlywitz, agent Feely, a few days.

Sister Sullivan has returned to Dillon after four weeks' absence on account of sickness.

One trick at Spencer and one at Monida taken off, Sister Burnett, Spencer, going to Dubois second.

Bro. L. C. Weaver visited relatives and others in Lima, Sunday recently.

Seems to be plenty of operators in the country at the present, and this is not a very good part of the country to come to if seeking employment as operator.

CERT. 441.

*Idaho Division—*

Bro. R. E. Lefler, first Weiser, Idaho, now sick with typhoid, will be unable to work for a month or more, and is being relieved by H. J. Fulker, just out of the army, who will be up to date in a short time.

We are 100 per cent strong here and don't want to spoil our record. CERT. 442.

*Fourth District—*

Medbury is again a one-man job; second trick taken off recently, leaving ex-Bro. Woods in charge.

Mrs. McDonald, first Reverse, is now the proud possessor of an annual card. Bro. Beacham, from Division 130, on second Reverse extra, vice Johnson to second Nyssa. Nyhart, third Reverse, can't see his way clear for a card, but he takes the back pay and overtime the O. R. T. got for him just the same as we do.

Bro. Forbes, first Emmett, off two weeks on account of the death of his father-in-law at Portland, relieved by North, just returned from the army, who later bid in second Mountain Home, vice Emery, gone to his ranch. We are glad to see him back. He will soon have an up to date.

Bro. Selix third Mountain Home, was off a few days recently on account of ear trouble; also went up to Nampa on a little business.

Atwood, third "Q" Nampa, spent a few days in Portland, spending his back-time check. Understand he carries no card. Let's get busy, boys.

The sad news came over the wires last week of the death of Bro. Eberly's little daughter of Vale, Oregon. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

I recently sent out about twenty letters, asking the boys to send me in a few notes from around their stations, but haven't received any replies yet. All try and help, as it's hard for one to get all the news.

We are all getting a good salary now and things look pretty good for us, so let's keep it going.

We have as fine a set of dispatchers to

work with as could be found anywhere, and our chief can't be beat, so let's answer our calls promptly, give them the best of service and all work together for our mutual benefit, and last, but not least, remember our motto: "No card, you can't expect any favors."

J. K. W., CERT. 390.

*Utah Division, East End—*

We met at Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Sunday, March 2nd, to count the ballots for officers and delegates. More than fifty members of the division were present. Bro. James Stice was elected local chairman of the Utah Division. He has secured about eight new members already.

R. C. Gooden, a returned soldier, who bid in second Kemmeren, says he will be a member first pay day.

Keep after that man at McCammon. Bro. Stice will give you his name.

Miss Miller has returned to third Pogram from an extended vacation.

*Utah Division, South End—*

Bro. V. A. Kedney, Pocatello, Idaho, has been elected general chairman of Division 172, and Bro. S. B. Summers was re-elected G. S. & T.

After the recent election and meeting at Hotel Utah, Salt Lake, the hotel management served a nifty banquet. Two brothers were detected doubling up on crab cocktails, which cost the division two dollars extra.

It is now Bro. E. E. Peebles, agent at Honeyville, who was mentioned unfavorably in the February TELEGRAPHER, before his application was received.

New members: Agent Latham, Cornish, and Agent Chism, Clearfield.

Ray Horth, for several years an operator in "SA" Salt Lake, died recently after six days' attack of influenza.

Bro. Harry Waples, agent Tremonton, is reported sick, relieved by Traveling Agent Welch.

Bro. R. P. Lowry was elected a delegate to St. Louis CERT. 15.

*T. O. & C. Ry., Div. No. 173.*

Bro. Bronson, second Marysville, off several days, having an operation performed, is getting along nicely; relieved by Bro. Arnold, who later went to Arnold agency.

Bro. Ralph Albery relieved Bro. Pond, agent McCutchenville, a few days when called to Shepard, Ohio, on account of the death of his eldest son. We extend Bro. Pond our heartfelt sympathy.

Former Bro. F. E. Billett, called to the colors about nine months ago, has resumed on second Berwick, and advises that he will be back in line shortly. He relieved C. H. Tober.

Sister F. M. Krouse has returned to third Stony Ridge after several weeks' illness.

We hope the few delinquents on the East-

ern, Western and Corning Divisions and St. Mary's Branch will realize that they are injuring their own prospects and keeping down the percentage of this division by falling behind and send their dues to Bro. W. T. Cox without delay. We would like to have a solid membership before the expiration of the present term.

Brothers, remember, "*No card, no favors.*" If there is a non near you, work on him with all your might until he has an "up to date."

I am indebted to Bro. Powless for items this month. Was off nearly three weeks while myself and family had the "flu."

S. E. GARD, Cert. 165.

**Chicago, T. H. & S. E. Ry., Div. No. 180.  
Illinois Division—**

We are glad to hear Bro. Mitchel, back from the army, on first at "HK."

Bro. Tutewiller is back on second, Bro. Oliver going to third and Mr. Roney to second "FN."

Bro. W. S. Blythe, third Delmar, has resigned, relieved by Bro. Karn, from Stockland; second and third there closed.

Sister Resler is back at Johamott after two months' illness, relieved by her brother, who is also Bro. Danner, and has taken "UT" Knols, relieving Bro. Winfry.

Bro. Wright of "NY" is sick, relieved by Bro. Winfry.

Local Chairman Blyth, General Chairman Powell and Local Chairman Tolliver of the Indiana Division met the officials the first of March for a few days, clearing up a few mistakes and making working conditions better. All returned home very well satisfied, feeling they had been well respected by the superintendents and had gotten most all they had asked for. Bro. Blyth was relieved by Bro. Winfry during his absence.

Bro. Pat Baily went to "DX" a few days, relieved by Mr. Graves on "XN" third.

Bro. Malone, second "XN," was relieved several days by Bro. W. S. Blyth.

Bro. Page, at "NY," has a new Burlington Special.

Keep after that non on our division. Don't let him be taking something for nothing, we brothers have paid for.

Shoot in the notes, boys. Let us have a few in each month. P. A. MALONE, L. C.

**Mo. & No. Ark. R. R., Div. No. 182.**

Our committee has been convened for revision of schedule and to sign up a new contract, and copies will be furnished members at the earliest possible date. Several points are up for interpretation, to clear up questions of importance. General Secretary and Treasurer Brasfield, "DE," will be unable to attend the committee meeting on account of station work.

Local chairman elected: Bro. Stevenson, Joplin to Leslie District, vice Bro. Beatty, and Bro. Gresham, Leslie to Helena, vice Bro.

Roy, Jr. retained as general chairman. Matters pertaining to differences, etc., should be placed with the above mentioned officers for adjustment.

It is now Bro. Aderhold at St. Joe.

We are glad to welcome Bro. O. L. Jennings back to Miller agency after three years' service as a radio man for "Uncle Sam." During his absence he visited many places "across the pond." Bro. Fronnabergen, whom he displaced, bumped Mr. Ferguson at Moro, youngest man in service.

Bro. Bradley, Heber, on two weeks' vacation. Bro. Musick, Heber, was shaking hands with the boys in Harrison while attending the safety first meeting; also Bro. Kendall, Creen Forest.

Brothers, don't forget our motto, "*Stay Organized.*" Our division is now 99 per cent. Let's get after the "nons," make it 100 per cent and keep it so.

CERT. 61.

**Carnegie O. R. T. Club.**

This club was organized Monday, January 27, in Husler Hall, Carnegie, Pa., with a morning meeting for second and third trick men and an evening meeting. Both were well attended.

Organizer Dunn gave us a very interesting and instructive talk on organization at the evening session.

The second meetings, held Monday, February 24, were also well attended, and the following officers were elected. M. J. Carlson, president; Wm. J. Reese, secretary and treasurer and vice-presidents, Robt. Allott, S. Q. Millar, T. S. Keenan, R. D. Thomas and A. G. Jones.

Was glad to see the boys on the C. V. Branch at the meetings; also the boys west of "CH" on main line.

Glad to see Bro. P. Fleck back again after serving "Uncle Sam."

Bro. W. E. Barrett, on the sick list, is recovering.

Our meetings will be held on every second Wednesday in each month in Husler Hall, Main street, Carnegie, Pa.

CERT. 77.

We already have 55 paid-up members and have appointed a committee to look after the "nons" that will be right on the job all the time; also a relief committee to look after the sick or those in need. We already have one case, that of Bro. J. P. Cullins, first Sturgeon, Pa., who has a large family to support. His home was burned recently and he had no insurance on his furniture. The brothers responded to the hurried call to help him with a handsome donation.

No telegrapher or leverman should be outside of the O. R. T., as they cannot say truthfully now that the Order has never done anything for them.

The brothers in the Carnegie O. R. T. Club will all go the limit to look out for the Pittsburgh Division of the "Panhandle."

# GRAND DIVISION

## Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 143 is due January 1, 1919  
Time for payment expires February 28, 1919

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS

On \$ 300.00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500.00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000.00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

### BENEFITS PAID IN MARCH.

Claim No.	Name	Cause	Div. Cert. Series	Amount
2793..S. K. Yarbrough.....	Intestinal Nephritis .....	Gd..17727..C..	\$ 875.00	
2794..Milton C. Bayer.....	Influenza .....	54..35123..C..	1,000.00	
2795..George R. Spencer.....	Influenza .....	7..35714..C..	1,000.00	
2796..James E. Harris.....	Influenza .....	46..54565..C..	1,000.00	
2797..William E. Sledge.....	Influenza .....	5..11157..C..	1,000.00	
2798..Frank E. Jordan.....	Acute Dilation of Heart.....	76..49670..C..	1,000.00	
2799..J. O. Lepage.....	Influenza .....	1..39085..C..	1,000.00	
2800..George R. Smith.....	Influenza .....	7..48534..C..	1,000.00	
2801..Judson Watson.....	Influenza .....	28..12534..C..	1,000.00	
2802..William E. Lewis.....	Influenza .....	7..25775..C..	1,000.00	
2803..George F. Robbins....	Suicide .....	30..35838..B..	500.00	
2804..Fred M. Brown.....	Broncho Pneumonia .....	31..32075..B..	500.00	
2805..James A. Murphy.....	Influenza .....	141..24754..B..	500.00	
2806..H. C. Lasater.....	Influenza .....	28..28452..B..	500.00	
2807..Arthur M. Spencer....	Explosion .....	92..16072..C..	1,000.00	
2808..Peter B. Cain.....	Influenza .....	82..35520..A..	300.00	
2809..Everett P. Laird.....	Pneumonia .....	31..45736..A..	300.00	
2810..Harry B. Sullivan.....	Influenza .....	40..20118..C..	1,000.00	
2811..Francis V. Phillips....	Typhoid Fever .....	10..56287..C..	1,000.00	
2812..William F. Thomas....	Tuberculosis .....	59..38943..C..	1,000.00	
2813..Miss Georgia Cramp...	Influenza .....	61..56809..C..	1,000.00	
2814..Fred Szepanek.....	Influenza .....	16..38696..A..	300.00	
2815..James T. Boss.....	Influenza .....	1..21826..B..	500.00	
2816..Clarence O. Taylor....	Pneumonia .....	59..21571..A..	300.00	
2817..William R. Kent.....	Angina Pectoris .....	93..17465..A..	300.00	
2818..William E. Ahearn....	Cardiac Syncope .....	8..25312..B..	500.00	
2819..Leslie J. Hayner.....	Influenza .....	41..41010..C..	1,000.00	
2820..Clancy A. Mullin.....	Tonsilitis .....	43..35026..B..	500.00	
2821..Homer A. Love.....	Influenza .....	93..28599..B..	500.00	
2822..Charles P. Kirkland..	Influenza .....	28..22038..B..	500.00	
2823..Joseph A. Chenier....	Angina Cardiac.....	1..20442..A..	300.00	
2824..Harvey Null.....	Influenza .....	43..47651..A..	300.00	
2825..James E. McFarlane...	Chronic Nephritis .....	11..350..A..	300.00	
2826..Lloyd Tryon.....	Cardiac Dilation.....	26..49057..A..	300.00	

\$23,075.00

Claim No.	Name	Cause	Div. Cert. Series	Amt. Brt. Fwd.
2827	William O. Guidry	Pneumonia	50801..C..	\$23,075.00
2828	Wick Fisher	Gall Stones	17095..C..	1,000.00
2829	Charles K. Moseley	Appendicitis	28354..C..	1,000.00
2832	Leo Loftus	Pneumonia	54971..C..	1,000.00
2831	W. N. Bradford	Wounds received in action	24924..C..	1,000.00
2833	Robert W. McCarrell	Lobar Pneumonia	13916..B..	500.00
2834	M. H. Holmes	Influenza	56357..C..	1,000.00
<b>Total.....</b>				<b>\$29,575.00</b>

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

##### Receipts.

Received on assessments to February 28, 1919.....	\$2,288,987.60
Received on assessments March, 1919.....	9,766.04
Interest, 1918.....	30,221.16

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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,328,974.80</b>
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##### Disbursements.

Death claims paid to February 28, 1919.....	\$1,760,752.47
Death claims paid in March.....	29,575.00
Assessments refunded account rejected applications.....	2,836.97
Assessments transferred to dues.....	391.39
Balance on hand credit Mortuary Fund, March 31, 1919.....	535,418.97

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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,328,974.80</b>
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C. B. RAWLINS, Secretary and Treasurer,

Mutual Benefit Department.



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- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. A. Compton, Gen'l Chairman, Box 171, Denver, Colo.; J. C. Brannan, Gen'l S. & T., 1014 S. Union ave., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Ry. R. B. Morgan, Gen'l Chairman, Dearing, Ga.; J. P. Luckey, Gen'l S. & T., Dearing, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets the 4th Thursday of each month in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. M. Miller, Gen'l Chairman, 11 First ave., Greenville, Pa.; E. E. Keane, Gen'l S. & T., Box 103, Greenville, Pa.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets Saturday, June 15th, 1918, and each alternating Saturday thereafter at 6:30 p. m., 231-233 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Roberts bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. S. C. Phillips, Chief Tel., 2209 7th ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.; R. W. Bees, S. & T., 1417 Huron ave., New Castle, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers Southern Pacific Railway Pacific System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. T. Cull, Gen'l Chairman, 303-305 Pacific bldg., San Francisco, Cal.; A. M. Hammond, Gen'l S. & T., 303-305 Pacific bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; B. E. Nason, Gen'l S. & T., North Branch, Minn.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Rys. Meets 3d Saturday evening of each month at Harmon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. E. Baltzer, Gen'l S. & T., Box 246, Navarre, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. G. L. Siebert, Gen'l Chairman, Valdosta, Ga.; F. H. Casdon, Gen'l S. & T., Lake City, Fla.
- No. 57—Division covers Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. J. M. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, 408 Fourth National Bank bldg., Nashville, Tenn.; T. J. Hale, Gen'l S. & T., 408 Fourth National Bank bldg., Nashville, Tenn.
- No. 58—Division covers Louisville & Nashville R. R. S. E. Bryant, Gen'l Chairman, 408 Fourth National Bank bldg., Nashville, Tenn.; H. Moneypenny, Gen'l S. & T., Guthrie, Ky.
- No. 59—Division covers the Southern, Northern Alabama and Danville & Western Railroads. Meets subject to call of Chairman.

H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 122 Tate st., Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Burgess, Gen'l S. & T., 223 Ninth st., S. W. Charlottesville, Va.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., at 811 E st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. T. McKean, Chief Tel., 220 V st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; J. Webb Richman, S. & T., 1424 W. st., N. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System. R. K. Currie, Gen'l Chairman, 3400 Franklin blvd., Chicago, Ill.; W. L. Braun, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, G. C. & S. F. Lines, Milano, Texas; J. S. Patton, G. S. & T., 14 Kress bldg., Emporia, Kan.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (North). J. W. Anderson, Gen'l Chairman, Oakdale, Tenn.; L. C. Higdon, Gen'l S. & T., Battelle, Ala.

No. 63—Division covers A. & W. P. and W. of A. R. R. E. Oates, Gen'l Chairman, 312 Columbus st., Montgomery, Ala.; J. A. Kirkland, G. S. & T., 51 Jackson st., Newnan, Ga.

No. 64—Division covers Gulf & Ship Island and Miss. Central R. R. R. F. Bass, Gen'l Chairman, Collins, Miss.; M. B. Henry, G. S. & T., Mendenhall, Miss.

No. 65—Kansas City Terminal. Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 8 p. m., Room 304 Curtice bldg., 818 Walnut, Kansas City, Mo. C. H. Allen, Gen'l Chairman, 2445 Harrison ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Frank E. Hancock, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 2038 Jefferson st., Kansas City, Mo.

No. 66—Division covers Indianapolis Union & Belt Railway Companies. Wm. M. Lindley, Gen'l Chairman, 2209 N. Delaware st., Indianapolis, Ind.; E. J. Payne, G. S. & T., 54 Raymond st., Indianapolis, Ind.

No. 67—Division covers Union Terminal of Dallas. F. B. Whitis, Gen'l Chairman, Route No. 8, Box 399, Dallas, Tex.; Guy A. Littlepage, G. S. & T., 1426 First ave., Dallas, Tex.

No. 68—Division covers Lehigh & New England Railroad. C. J. Fehr, Gen'l Chair-

man, Box 466, Pen Argyle, Pa.; J. R. Cowling, G. S. & T., Wind Gap, Pa.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. O. Peavey, Gen'l Chairman, Meehan Jct., Miss.; W. A. Stennett, G. S. & T., Lake, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers Great Northern Railway System. O. P. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, 355 Shubert bldg., St. Paul, Minn.; A. O. Olsen, Geh'l S. & T., 355 Shubert bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

No. 71—Division covers the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. A. L. Gardner, Gen'l Chairman, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; J. C. Sandmier, Gen'l S. & T., Waukee, Iowa.

No. 72—Division covers Southern Pacific Ry., Atlantic System. A. E. Laisure, Gen'l Chairman, No. 622 Euclid ave., Houston, Texas; F. W. Bush, Gen'l S. & T., 444 West 18th ave., Houston, Texas.

No. 73, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—A. C. Craighead, Chief Telegrapher, 1013 James bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wilson Hanson, S. & T., 504 Temple Court blvd., Chattanooga, Tenn.

No. 76—Division covers Chicago & Northwestern R. R. System; Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern Ry.; Wyoming & Northwestern Ry. Meets subject to call of General or Local Chairman. E. J. Thomas, Gen'l Chairman, Suite 547-548 Webster bldg., 327 S. LaSalle st., Chicago, Ill.; R. B. Boyington, Gen'l S. & T., Suite 547-548 Webster bldg., 327 S. La Salle st., Chicago, Ill. Chicago Terminal Levermen meet third Tuesday of each month at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., 180 West Washington st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at Markham Hotel, Denver, Colo. C. S. Guernsey, Chief Tel., Apt. 16, 2018 Calif. St., Denver, Colo.; F. Eppelsheimer, S. & T., 234 King st., Denver, Colo.

No. 80—Division covers the Gulf, Mobile & Northern Ry. H. C. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Houston, Miss.; H. C. Hughes, Gen'l S. & T., New Augusta, Miss.

- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. K. H. Stover, Gen'l Chairman, Beryl, W. Va.; D. O. Martin, Gen'l S. & T., Hampstead, Md.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Systems. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. G. R. Lilley, Gen'l Chairman, Sherman Sta., Me.; J. L. Robbins, Gen'l S. & T., Grindstone, Me.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway system. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J P Abney, Gen'l Chairman, Longview, Tex.; R. E. Cecil, Gen'l S. & T., Bunkie, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting), in Pilgrim Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. H. J. Bardol, Chief Tel., 2 Maple st., Franklin, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 8:15 p. m., in Hall 912, Masonic Temple, cor. Randolph and State sts., Chicago, Ill. G. S. Nafe, Chief Tel., 521 Tremont st., Chicago, Ill.; B. F. Roberts, S. & T., 6347 Greenwood ave., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. M. P. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, Falls Creek, Pa.; E. H. Eastman, G. S. & T., 532 Wood ave., Du Bois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; L. M. Elliott, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Rolling Forks, Miss.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 96—Division covers Chicago Great Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. L. Coleman, Gen'l Chairman, 1941 Thompson ave., Kansas City,
- Kan.; G. A. Ott, Gen'l S. & T., Box 83, Deerfield, Ill.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—Covers Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry. Meets on call of Gen'l Chairman. R. Richardson, Chief Tel., Timmins, Ont., R. Workman, Gen'l Chairman, North Bay, Ont.; T. J. Baker, S. & T., Redwater Sta., Ont.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher. L. L. Larch, Chief Tel., Knoxville, Pa.; E. C. Cole, S. & T., Westfield, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers Los Angeles & Salt Lake R. R. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. M. Hearn, Gen'l Chairman, Room 227, O. S. L. Station, Salt Lake City, Utah; W. D. McGee, Gen'l S. & T., 324 Concord st., Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. C. Hedges, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Pleasant, N. Y.; G. E. Griffin, G. S. & T., Hallcottonville, N. Y.
- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, Anna Co., N. S.
- No. 115—Division covers Quebec Ry. Light & Power Co.'s Ry. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. Richard, Chairman, 199a Crown st. Quebec, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., Gifford, Quebec, Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets 2d Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in place designated by Gen'l Chairman. P. M. Stillman, Gen'l Chairman Seney, Mich.; C. W. Danielson, Gen'l S. & T., Chassell, Mich.
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No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. J. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; M. A. Steckel, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ind.

No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Railway System. C. W. Leh, Gen'l Chairman, 39 N. West, Allentown, Pa.; M. M. Crane, Gen'l S. & T., 159 E. North st., Geneva, N. Y.

No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets at 8 p. m., the 2d Friday of each month, at Fredericksburg. Z. Talbot, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. 4, Alexandria, Va.; J. C. Farmer, Gen'l S. & T., 712 Main st. Fredericksburg, Va.

No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. W. F. Kay, Gen'l Chairman, Room 1, 804 W. 63d st., Chicago, Ill.; S. P. Ayers, Vice-Chairman, Windsor, Mo.; W. H. Dunnam, Gen'l S. & T., Room 1, 804 W. 63d st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—W. W. Woodward, Chief Tel., Hibbing, Minn.; C. J. Keenan, S. & T., Calumet, Minn.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. F. Denton, Gen'l Chairman Sterling, Neb.; E. F. Todd, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Sandwich, Ill.; J. H. Rogers, Gen'l S. & T., 1505 Market st., La Crosse, Wis.

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No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. C. M. Armstrong, G. C. and G. S. & T., Vaughn, N. Mex.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. J. Hayes, Gen'l Chairman, Leeds Junction, Me.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Me.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. H. Hepler, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Tex.; R. O. Little, Gen'l S. & T., Box 305, Walvis, Tex.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. R. Olson, Gen'l Chairman, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. C. Yancey, Gen'l Chairman, Coledge, Tex.; R. V. Smith, G. S. & T., care of T. & B. V., Waxahachie, Tex.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. G. C. Webster, Gen'l Chairman, Dalhart, Tex.; S. L. Greenwood, G. S. & T., Box 198, Bowie, Tex.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Owen D. Gorman, Gen'l Chairman, Mauk, Ga.; C. A. Pye, Gen'l S. & T., Ideal, Ga.

No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. Miss S. D. Taylor, Gen'l S. & T., care J. H. Williams, Wilson, N. C.

No. 148—Division covers Lehigh & Hudson River Ry. J. S. Lawrence, Gen'l Chairman, Chester, N. Y.; F. H. Kelley, G. S. & T., Warwick, N. Y.

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No. 153—Division covers the Western Pacific Ry. V. W. Breeding, Gen'l Chairman, 770 Eleventh st., Oakland, Cal.; H. B. Marshall, Gen'l S. & T., Gerlach, Nev.

No. 155, HAMILTON, ONT.—Covers Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Meets 2d Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Temple bldg., Gore st., Hamilton, Ont. R. P. Nevills, Chief Tel., 221 Robinson st., Hamilton, Ont.; E. D. Armstrong, S. & T., 263 Caroline St. So., Hamilton, Ont.

- No. 156, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets in Rathbone Hall, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass., 3d Thursday each month, day and night alternately commencing with the day meeting in July. Daylight meetings 11 a. m.; night meetings 7 p. m. Robert H. Buxton, Chief Tel. 8 Dresden st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.; F. J. Dansereau, S. & T., 65 Boylston st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.
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- No. 168—Division covers the C. & A. Ry. E. E. Gentz, Gen'l Chairman, Braidwood, Ill.; Thos. Riley, Gen'l S. & T., Atlanta, Ill.
- No. 171—Division covers Central Vermont Ry. H. J. Gibbs, Gen'l Chairman, Yantic, Conn.; L. J. Mannie, Gen'l S. & T., St. Alexander Sta., Que.
- No. 172—Division covers the Oregon Short Line Ry. V. A. Kedney, Gen'l Chairman, Pocatello, Idaho; S. B. Summers, Gen'l S. & T., Roy, Utah.
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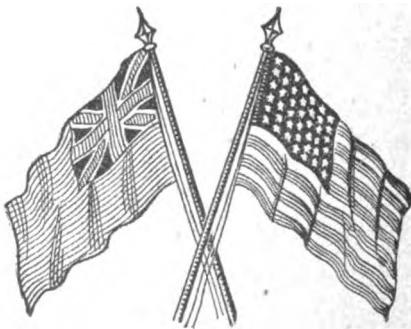
**THE GOLDEN RULE TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB**—Meets 7 p. m., 3d Tuesday of each month at Crowe Hall, corner Broadway and Seeger ave., Toledo, Ohio. F. H. Simon, Pres., 302 Georgia ave., Toledo,

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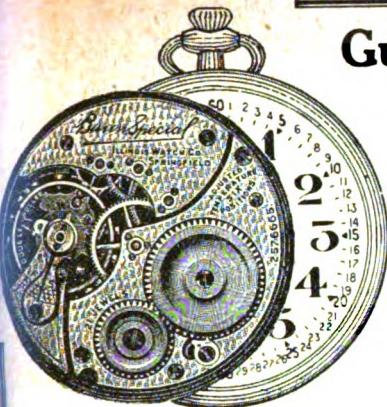
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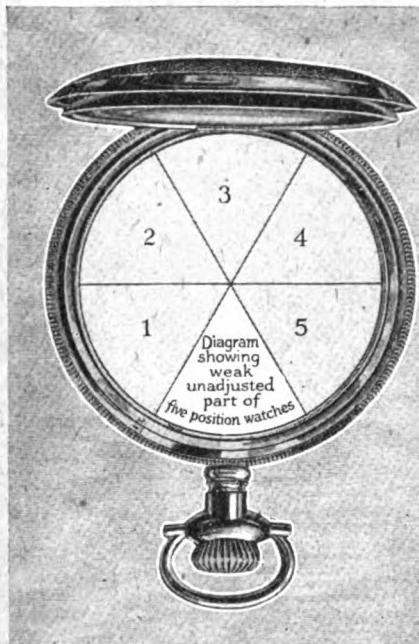
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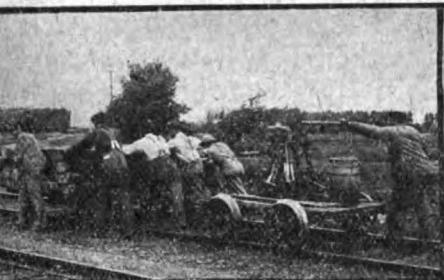
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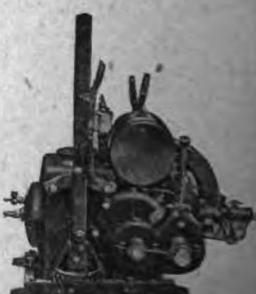
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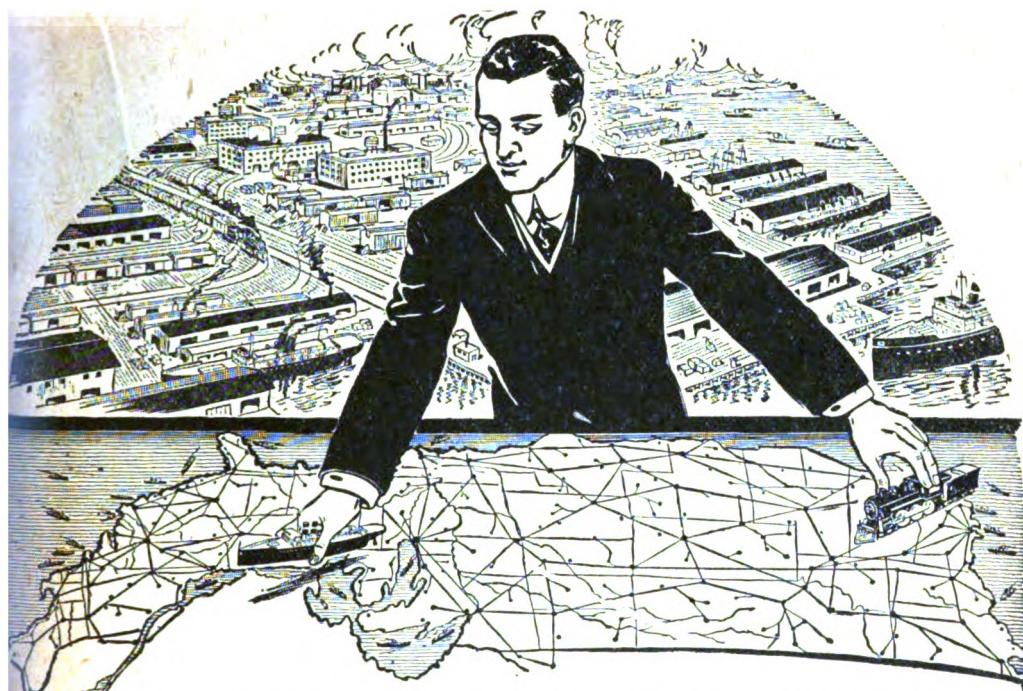
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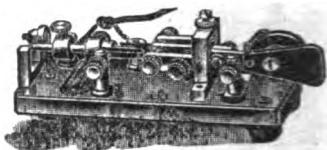
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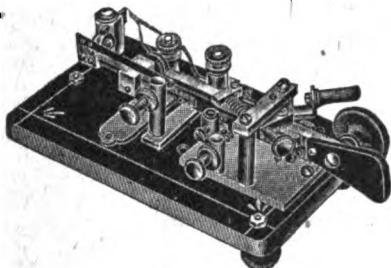
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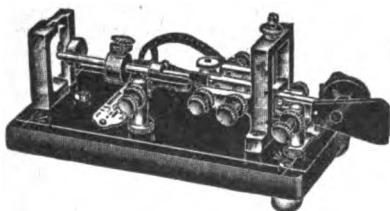
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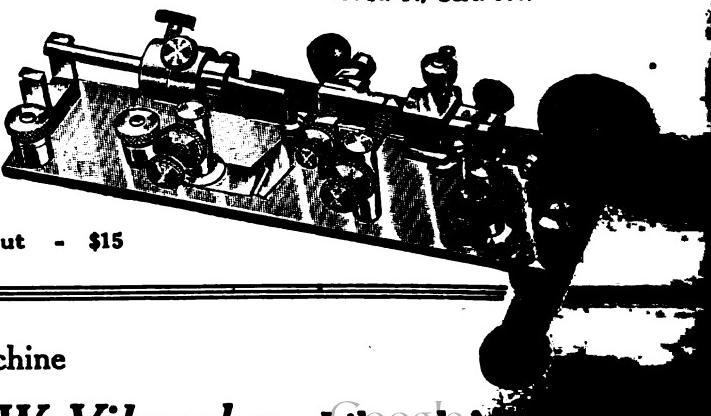


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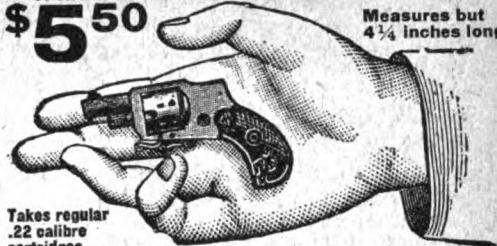
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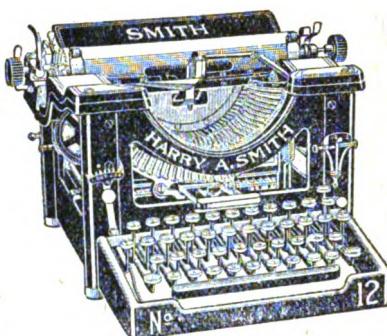
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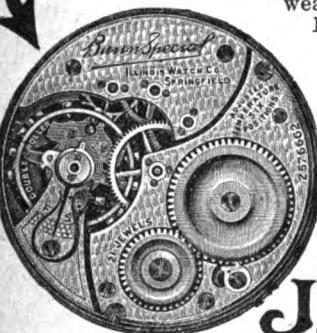
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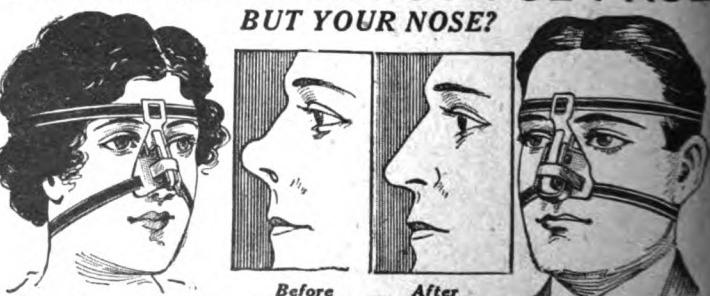
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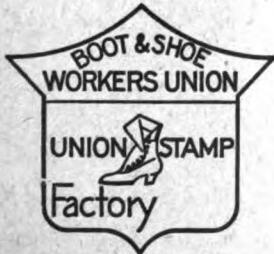
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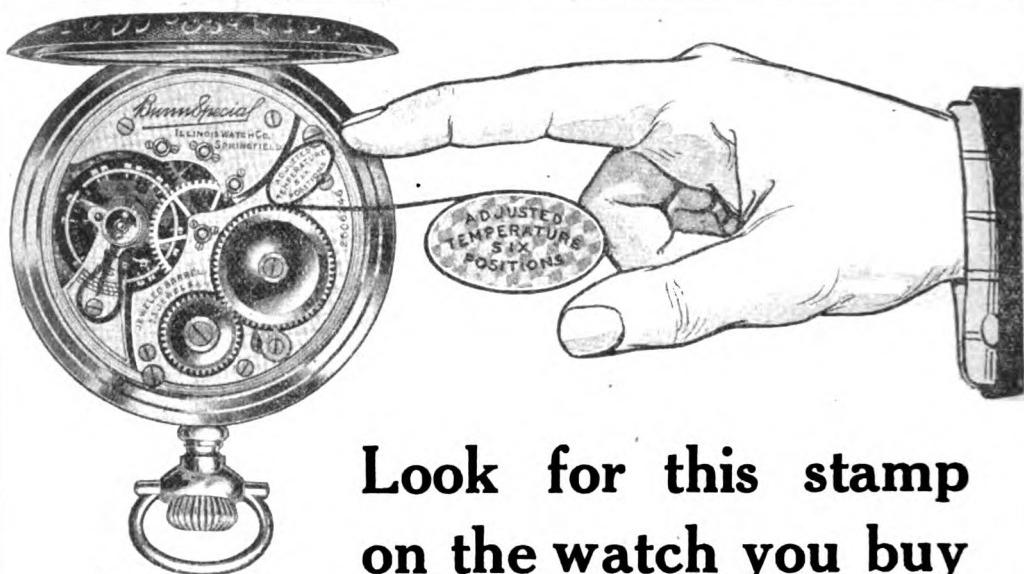
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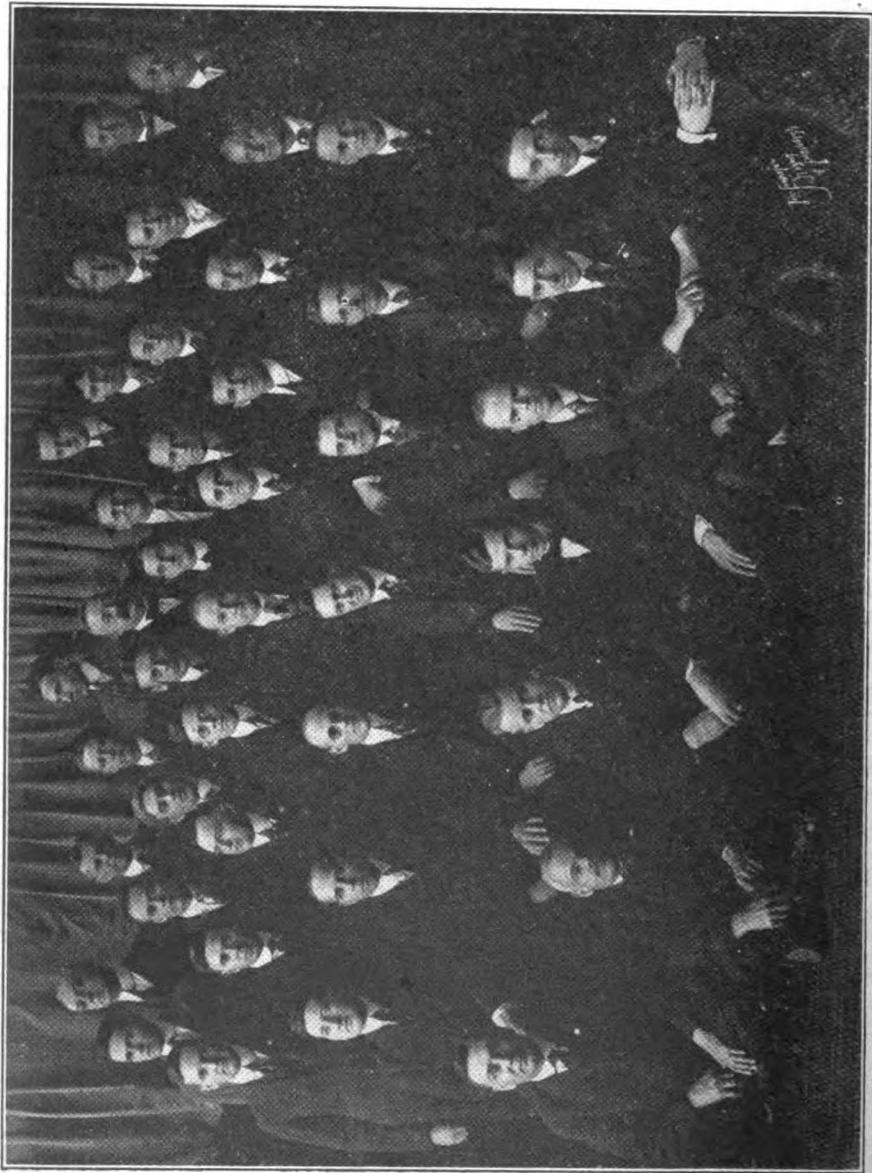
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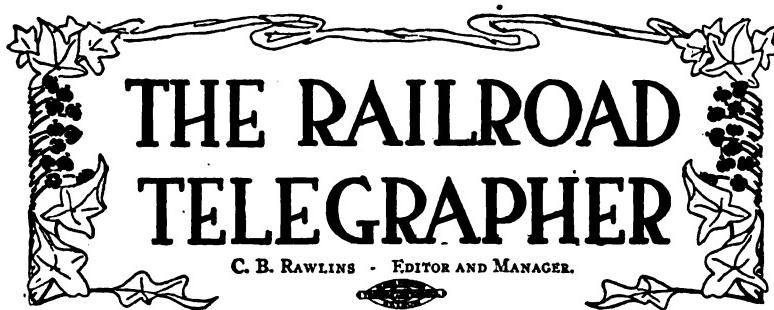
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## EDITORIAL

### THE CONVENTION

THE Twelfth Biennial and Twenty-second Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order is now assembled and more than seventy thousand members are, no doubt, anxiously awaiting the results of the deliberations of the largest and most important convention of telegraphers ever held in this or any other country. Many significant changes have taken place in the labor world since the Seattle convention in 1917, which mean much to the worker.

During the past two years, the conflict which has been raging in Europe and other parts of the world has been brought to a close and our members from the United States and Canada, who were on the firing line, played no small part in the battle for RIGHT AGAINST MIGHT. Many brave members who were living and enjoying a peaceful life when we assembled at the Seattle convention in 1917 have paid the never-to-be-forgotten sacrifice for their country and mankind on foreign battlefields. Those who remained in the employ of the railroads also played a part which was of vital consequence in the world war by assisting in the transportation of material and supplies to our boys "over there." There were no slackers in our ranks, every member having done his or her duty during the entire period of the war. The delegates to this convention have many questions of paramount importance to solve. The railroad question is one of the supreme questions which will be handled by the next Congress and this matter is of vital interest to each of the more than two million of railroad employees and your representatives will, no doubt, give a great deal of their time to consider this subject. The reports rendered by the different officers of the Order indicate the wonderful progress made

by the organization during the past two years and further indicate that the handling of the affairs of the Order is

predicated upon safe and sound business methods, which were in evidence during the trying days of the war period.

## Labor Principles in Peace Treaty

The nine clauses proposed by the Commission on International Labor Legislation which are to be inserted in the peace

nizing that the well-being, physical, moral and intellectual, of industrial wage earners is of supreme international im-



H. B. PERHAM, President.

treaty have been made public by the State Department at Washington, and it is noted the standard eight-hour day, weekly day of rest, abolition of child labor and the worker's right of association, in other words, granting the right to organize has been incorporated in the proposal. The text of the clauses follows:

"The high contracting parties, recog-

portance, have framed a permanent machinery associated with that of the league of nations to further this great end. They recognize that difference of climate, habits and customs, of economic opportunity and industrial tradition make strict uniformity in the conditions of labor difficult of immediate attainment. But, holding as they do, that labor remedies (probably error in transmis-

sion) be regarded merely as an article of commerce, they think that there are methods which all industrial communities should endeavor to apply so far as their special circumstances will permit.

*"Labor Not a Commodity."*

"Among these methods and principles the following seem to the high contracting parties to be of special and urgent importance:

"1. The guiding principle above enun-

ard to be aimed at where it has not already been obtained.

"5. The adoption of a weekly rest of at least twenty-four hours, which should include Sunday whenever practicable.

"6. The abolition of child labor and the disposition of such limitations of the labor of young persons as shall permit the continuation of their education and assure their proper physical development.



C. B. RAWLINS, Secretary and Treasurer.

ciated that labor should not be regarded merely as a commodity or article of commerce.

"2. The right of association for all lawful purposes by the employed as well as by the employers.

"3. The payment to the employed of a wage adequate to maintain a reasonable standard of life as this is understood in their time and country.

"4. The adoption of an eight-hour day or a forty-eight-hour week as the stand-

*Equal Pay for Women.*

"7. The principle that men and women should receive equal remuneration for work of equal value.

"8. The standard set by law in each country with respect to the conditions of labor should have due regard to the equitable economic treatment of all workers lawfully resident therein.

"9. Each state should make provision for a system of inspection in which women should take part in order to in-

sure the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the protection of the employed.

"Without claiming that these methods and principles are either complete or final, the high contracting parties are of opinion that they are well fitted to guide

the policy of the league of nations, and that if adopted by the industrial communities who are members of the league and safeguarded in practice by an adequate system of such inspection, they will confer lasting benefits upon the wage earners of the world."

#### **DECISION ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.**

**UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.**

Washington, April 3, 1919.

**Interpretation No. 2 to Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27:**

**Question.—Are towermen or levermen, classified by the railroad as signalmen, operating electropneumatic signaling apparatus, in connection with the operation of**



W. T. BROWN, First Vice-President.

an interlocking plant, included within the provision of Supplement No. 4 to General Order No. 27, its Addendum and Interpretations?

**Decision.—No.** Towermen or levermen come within the provisions of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, and shall be classified and paid in accordance therewith.

**WALKER D. HINES,**  
Director General of Railroads.

Docket T-63-e

**UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS, RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3.**

**INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD VS. TELEGRAPHERS.**

**Query No. 5.**

**Question.—Application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27. Should the railroad be required to furnish typewriters to employes who are required to use them in the performance of their duties?**

**Employes' Position.—Committee for the employes insist that a great injustice**

and hardship is being imposed upon them by the practice of the Railroad in compelling employes to furnish typewriters in certain offices where the Railroad has arbitrarily adopted a rule requiring that typewriters must be used. The Railroad does not require employes in other departments to furnish typewriters, neither do the commercial telegraph companies require their employes to furnish typewriters.

The employes hope that they will be relieved of this heavy expense and that the Railroad furnish typewriters where the use of same is required.

**Railroad's Position.**—No contractual obligations exist as between the Railroad and its employes for the railroad to furnish typewriters to employes who are required to use them in the performance of their duties. It has been the practice in the past for the employes to furnish the typewriters, using same in the performance of their duties. We, therefore, feel that the last paragraph of Article IX, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, does not permit the Railroad to go beyond the agreements or practices except as changed by the order. We find nothing in Supplement No. 13 that requires the Railroad to purchase typewriters for the purpose of furnishing the employes who use them in the performance of their duties.

**Decision.**—If the railroad requires its employes to use typewriters in the performance of their duties, such typewriters shall be furnished by the railroad.

**RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,**

H. A. Kennedy, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., April 9, 1919.



T. M. PIERSON, Second Vice-President.

Docket T-63-b

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
RAILROADS, RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3.

INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD VS. TELEGRAPHERS.

Query No. 2.

**Question.**—Application of Article V of Supplement No. 13.

**Employes' Position.**—Committee for the employes claims that the rule covering service outside the limits of their regular assigned hours is not abrogated by Supplement No. 13, and that a minimum allowance of two hours should be allowed for meeting trains before or after regular assigned working hours. The practice has been that employes be not held on continuous time for this service. We quote below rule referred to—agreement between the I. & G. N. R. R. and the telegraphers, dated December 1, 1917, Article No. 18, paragraphs 3 and 4, reading:

"Telegraphers required to meet trains within one hour before or after their regular working hours, will receive 40c for such service, and regular overtime rates thereafter, if held by competent authority to exceed one hour."

"Telegraphers required to meet trains earlier or later than one hour be-

fore or after their regular working hours will receive 55c for such service, and regular overtime rates thereafter, if held by competent authority to exceed one hour."

**Railroad's Position.**—The railroad interprets "Overtime" as time worked continuously in excess of the basic day, or eight hours; if held in continuous service after the expiration of eight hours by proper authority they should be paid for the actual time worked in excess of eight hours at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate applicable. If an employee is notified or called to work outside of the established hours, the service rendered should be paid for as a call with a minimum of two hours' pay at the rate of time and one-half times his regular hourly rate—it being understood that there must be an actual release from duty and a period intervening before duty is again resumed.

**Decision.**—Employes required to meet trains before their regular assigned hours will be paid as per Section (c), Article V, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

Employes held on continuous duty after regular assigned hours will be paid at the overtime rate as per Section (b), Article V, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27:

Employes notified or called to work after being released will be paid as provided in Section (c), Article V, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,

H. A. Kennedy, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., April 9, 1919.



G. D. ROBERTSON, Third Vice-President.

Docket T-91.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
RAILROADS, RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3.

NEW YORK, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD VERSUS TELEGRAPHERS.

**Question.**—Application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, relative to method of computing increases.

**Employes' Position.**—The committee contends that the monthly rate of pay to be used as a basis for computing the hourly rate upon which to apply the increase of 15 cents per hour is the total amount of money earned in the regular assigned hours in the calendar month, not including express or other commissions or pay for taking care of switch lamps, handling crossing gates, etc.

The committee contends that the amount of pay received for Sunday service prior to January 1, 1918, was a part of the employes' regular salary, and that the same should be taken into account in arriving at the total regular monthly salary, used in arriving at the regular hourly rate of pay. This for the reason that the men were regularly assigned the same hours on Sundays as on week days and were paid

the same rate of pay as on week days, and while the amounts received for Sunday service were not shown in the table of rates in the schedule book, the Sunday service was a part of and paid in the same check as the balance of their monthly service. It was clearly regular salary, and this amount was taken into account when figuring our averages to compare with other roads not having a Sunday rule, so that other roads were able to secure a higher straight schedule rating than obtained with us, for the reason that we received a part of our salary in Sunday pay, and now under supplement unless we are given the benefit of the Sunday pay in figuring our hourly rates it leaves us at decided disadvantage over such lines.

**Railroad's Position.**—The officers disagree with the committee's contention that extra compensation allowed for Sunday should have been added to the regular monthly rate of pay used in determining the hourly rate as of January 1, 1918, and they call attention to Paragraph (b), Article I, Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

This specifically states, exclusive of all compensation for extra service, and under our agreement of March 1, 1916, with telegraphers there is a monthly rate established, and any Sunday work performed is provided for as extra compensation.

**Decision.**—The total amount of money earned as salary from the railroad in regularly assigned hours on the calendar days of the month shall be considered as the regular monthly rate in effect as of January 1, 1918, and used as the basic rate upon which to apply the increase accruing under Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 3,  
H. A. Kennedy, Chairman.

Washington, D. C., April 24, 1919.



J. J. DERMODY, Fourth Vice-President.

#### DECISION OF CANADIAN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 1.

CANADIAN RAILWAY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT No. 1.

Montreal, April 17, 1919.

Case No. 26 Heard at Montreal, April 14th, 1919, Concerning

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE ORDER OF RAILROAD  
TELEGRAPHERS

Dispute Regarding Inclusion of Train Dispatchers in Revised Agreement With  
Telegraphers.

**Joint Statement.**—A disagreement exists between the Grand Trunk Railway and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers concerning Train Dispatchers being included in the Telegraphers' Schedule, and we beg leave to submit the matter to your honorable body for adjustment, and request for an oral hearing is hereby made.

**Contention of Railway Company.**—That Train Dispatchers occupy an official position, and one which carries with it more supervision of other employees than any other position on the railroad, and, therefore, it seems inadvisable to obstruct the full exercise of their authority by being affiliated with any organization.

**Contention of Organization.**—The Train Dispatchers request that they be included in the Telegraphers' Schedule, and that rules and rates of pay governing their position be granted to them.

Train Dispatchers on other Trunk lines in Canada have been granted this consideration, and Train Dispatchers on the Grand Trunk Railway are not different from Train Dispatchers on these other lines.

Train Dispatchers are Telegraphers holding preferred positions in the Telegraph Service, and are entitled to a voice in all questions affecting their rates of pay and working conditions.

(Signed) H. B. PERHAM, President, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

(Signed) W. D. ROBB, Vice-President, Grand Trunk Railway.

**General Statement.**—Representatives of both the Company and the Telegraphers appeared before the Board to give additional oral evidence and information.



E. J. MANION, Fifth Vice-President.

While it was conceded by both parties to the dispute that Railways in the United States generally do not include Train Dispatchers in Telegraphers' Schedules, it was admitted that they are included on railways in Canada having approximately 90 per cent of the existing mileage.

**Decision.**—Inasmuch as conditions prevailing on the Grand Trunk Railway are similar to conditions on other Canadian railways respecting Train Dispatchers, the Board decides that Train Dispatchers shall be included in the Telegraphers' Schedule covering that Company's lines in Canada.

S. N. BERRY, Chairman.

GEO. HODGE, Vice-Chairman.

## An Important Victory

It was announced in the April TELEGRAPHER that an important Conference began in Washington, D. C., April 7th, composed of a committee of fourteen, who had been appointed by the different Regional Directors and President Perham for the purpose of considering a uniform schedule on rules governing employes who were eligible for membership in our Order on all of the unscheduled railroads and terminals. The committee consisted of the following members:

Eastern Region—J. N. Haines, Asst. to Gen. Mgr. Lehigh Valley; H. B. Perham, President, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Allegheny Region—F. E. Blaser, Asst. to Gen. Mgr. Baltimore & Ohio; J. F. Miller, General Chairman, Pennsylvania.

Pocahontas Region—Geo. W. Jett, Regional Supt. of Telegraph; H. C. Callaway, Local Chairman, N. & W.

Southern Region—J. A. Jones, Staff Officer, Southern Region; S. E. Bryant, General Chairman, L. & N.

Northwestern Region—J. C. Rankine, Supt. of Tele., Great Northern; Sam Johnson, General Chairman, Northern Pacific.

Central-Western Region—F. C. Fox, General Manager, Eastern Lines, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; R. F. Currie, General Chairman, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

Southwestern Region—J. H. Brennan, Supt. of Tele., Frisco Lines; J. F. Siefert, General Chairman, St. Louis Terminal.

A decision was reached on April 16th by this Committee representing the Regional Directors and the Order, and report was rendered to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions for its approval and submission to the Director-General. The action of the Director-General is contained in Supplement No. 21 to General Order No. 27, which was issued May 7th, reading as follows:

### UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, D. C., May 7, 1919.

### SUPPLEMENT NO. 21 TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 27.

Effective May 1, 1919, the following rules and working conditions will apply to employees herein named in the service of Railroads in Federal operation where agreements are not in existence, namely: telegraphers, telephone operators (except switchboard operators), agents (except those specified in Article IV of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27), agent-telegraphers, agent-telephoners, towermen, levermen, tower and train directors, block operators and staffmen, hereinafter referred to as employees, except where the context otherwise specifies.

#### ARTICLE I.

##### *Basis of Payment.*

Employees shall be paid on the hourly basis in accordance with the terms of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

#### ARTICLE II.

##### *Classification—New Positions Created.*

(a) The entering of employees in the positions occupied in the service, or changing their classification or work, shall not operate to establish a less favorable rate of pay or condition of employment than is herein provided.

(b) Where existing pay roll classification does not conform to the preamble hereof, employees performing service in the classes specified therein shall be classified in accordance therewith.

(c) When new positions are created, compensation will be fixed in conformity with that of existing positions of similar work and responsibility in the same seniority district.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Hours of Service—Overtime—Notifications.*

(a) Eight consecutive hours, exclusive of the meal hour, shall constitute a day's work, except that where two or more shifts are worked, eight consecutive hours, with no allowance for meals, shall constitute a day's work.

(b) Overtime shall be computed at the rate of time and one-half time; even hours shall be paid for at the end of each day period; fractions thereof will be carried forward.

(c) When notified or called to work outside of established hours, employees will be paid a minimum allowance of two hours at overtime rate.

(d) Employees will not be required to suspend work during regular hours, or to absorb overtime.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *United States Mail.*

When the carrying of United States Mail and Parcel Post by the employees herein specified become unduly burdensome, or interferes with the proper operation of trains, they will be relieved from such work.

### ARTICLE V.

#### *Discipline and Grievances.*

(a) An employee disciplined, or who considers himself unjustly treated, shall have a fair and impartial hearing, provided written request is presented to his immediate superior within five (5) days of the date of the advice of discipline, and the hearing shall be granted within ten (10) days thereafter. A decision will be rendered within ten (10) days after completion of the hearing.

(b) If an appeal is taken, it must be filed with the next higher official and a copy furnished the official whose decision is appealed within ten (10) days after date of decision. The hearing and decision on the appeal shall be governed by the time limits of the preceding section.

(c) At the hearing, or on the appeal, the employees may be assisted by a committee of employees, or by one or more duly accredited representatives.

(d) The right of appeal by employees or representatives in regular order of succession and in the manner prescribed, up to and inclusive of the highest official designated by the railroad to whom appeals may be made, is hereby established.

(e) An employee on request will be given a letter stating the cause of discipline. A transcript of the evidence taken at the investigation or on the appeal will be furnished on request to the employee or representative.

(f) If the final decision decrees that charges against the employee were not sustained, the record shall be cleared of the charge; if suspended or dismissed, the employee will be returned to former position and paid for all time lost.

(g) Committees of employees shall be granted leave of absence and free transportation for the adjustment of differences between the railroad and the employees.

### ARTICLE VI.

#### *Seniority and Promotions.*

(a) Employees will be in line of promotion, and where ability and qualifications are sufficient, seniority will prevail.

(b) When vacancies occur or new positions are created, they will be advertised to all employees on that division between the first (1st) and the tenth (10th) of each month (or more frequently if mutually agreed upon), and accepted within ten (10) days thereafter. The position must be permanently filled within thirty (30) days after advertisement.

(c) An employee applying for and being assigned to an advertised position will not be eligible to the position vacated by him until same shall have been declined by all employees on that division, or is advertised a second time.

(d) Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, office seniority will prevail for telegraphers or telephone operators in dispatching, relay and division offices. When vacancies occur in these offices they will be filled by advancing the regular force, and the last trick left vacant will be advertised to all employees on that division, and filled in accordance with Sections (a) and (b) of this Article.

(e) The Local Chairman will be furnished annually a complete seniority list of all employees on their respective divisions.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Meal Hours—Beginning Hours.*

(a) Meal hours, as provided for in Article III, Section (a), shall be allowed between 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m., or 11:00 p. m. and 2:00 a. m. If not relieved in accordance therewith, one hour's pay at the overtime rate shall be allowed, and thirty minutes shall be granted for lunch at the first opportunity.

(b) In one-shift offices, work shall begin between 6:00 and 9:00 a. m., or 5:00 and 9:00 p. m.; in other offices, no shift will begin between 12 o'clock midnight and 5:00 a. m.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Extra Work for Regular Men—Relief Men.*

(a) Regularly assigned employees required to work temporarily at other than their regular station, office or tower, will, in addition to their regular pay, be reimbursed for any necessary additional expense incurred on account of the change, and will be paid at pro-rata for any additional time required in traveling to and from the temporary assignment. If the temporary assignment pays a higher rate than their regular position, the higher rate will be allowed.

(b) Regular relief employees will be allowed two dollars (\$2.00) per calendar day for expenses while away from their headquarters. This Article does not apply to extra men.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Typewriters.*

Typewriters will be furnished at offices where the railroads require their use.

## ARTICLE X.

### *Distributing Schedules.*

This schedule of wages and working conditions shall be printed by the railroads, and each employee affected thereby shall be provided with a copy.

## ARTICLE XI.

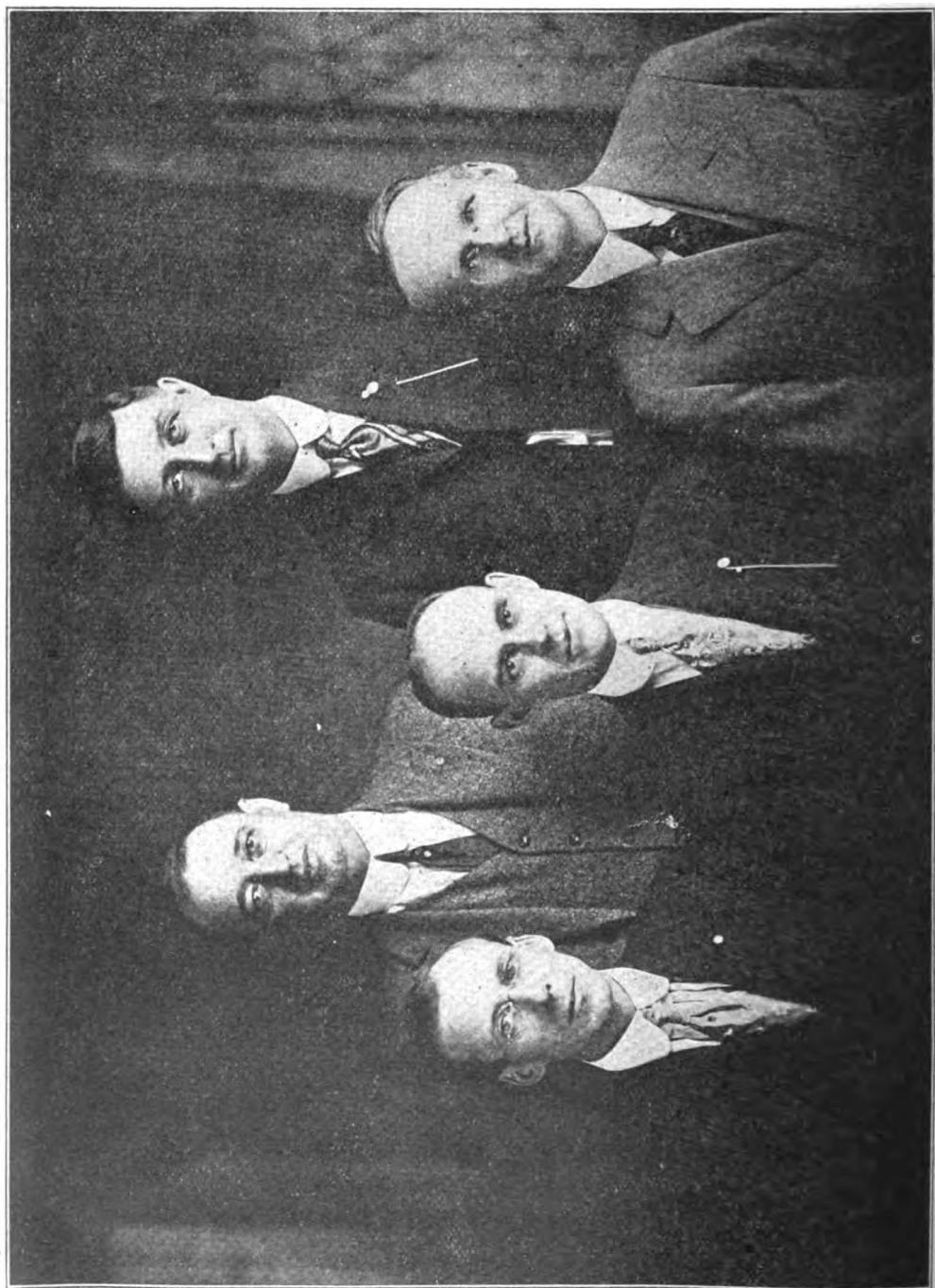
### *Disposition of Controversies.*

Controversies arising under the application of this schedule of wages and working conditions shall be referred to Railway Board of Adjustment No. 3, in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 53.

WALKER D. HINES,

Director-General of Railroads.

This schedule of rules will cover more than one hundred railroads and terminals, including the Pennsylvania Railroad, lines East and West, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Louisville & Nashville, Philadelphia & Reading, Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis, and applies to approximately 25,000 members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. It will be observed that where it is desired, that this schedule be amended or controversies arise as to its application, or where any other kind of a grievance comes up, and a settlement not having been reached, all questions can be referred to the proper Board of the Railroad Administration for adjustment. This is one of the most important victories for our craft that has been won by the Order among the many during the past two years.



MR. C. E. MASON, SECRETARY; MR. J. F. MILLER, CHAIRMAN; C. C. FORBES; GEO. O. FORBES; W. S. SOTTERER.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# Government Ownership of Railroads

(Continued from April Issue)

**Senator Underwood:** Mr. Garretson, is not this the fact in reference to this valuation: I do not think there can be any dispute as to your main proposition that the basis of return should be fixed on a fair and reasonable valuation; but so far as this committee and the Congress are concerned, is there any way for us to go farther, having in mind the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees that a man's property shall not be taken without just compensation—

**Mr. Garretson (interposing):** Yes.

**Senator Underwood** (continuing) —and the courts having to determine what is "just compensation," because they have held that the Congress cannot even fix the basis of their determination.

**Mr. Garretson:** Yes.

**Senator Underwood:** When we have reached the point of saying that no matter which way we go—whether we take it for Government purposes or fix it for a reasonable return—in the last analysis, the fact as to valuation has got to be fixed by the court and not by the Congress?

**Mr. Garretson:** That is possibly true, unless it is fixed by the stock market.

**Senator Underwood:** I mean, when you go to take it, the stock market cannot determine the value of this property?

**Mr. Garretson:** But it has demonstrated, by its quotations, what its opinion is as to the ability of the properties to earn a return, as reflected by uninfluenced market values.

**Senator Underwood:** That might affect the Congressional mind in reaching its decision.

**Mr. Garretson:** It might.

**Senator Underwood:** But that is not what I am talking about. I am talking about the real question that confronts us; that when we say that these properties shall be paid for in any way that will get at a fair and reasonable value, then we are done?

**Mr. Garretson:** I think it is very possible that you are, and the courts might

have to determine how much of the present stock issue really represents property; that is, what proportions of it.

**Senator Underwood:** That is what I mean.

**Mr. Garretson:** That is possibly the case.

**Senator Underwood:** But when we come up to the point of saying, whichever way we go, that these people are entitled to only a fair and reasonable return or value, we have washed our hands of the proposition?

**Mr. Garretson:** When you have done that, Senator, you have "done your bit."

**Senator Underwood:** And the other questions are for the courts?

**Mr. Garretson:** Many of them, beyond a doubt, are.

Now, on this question of the tendency toward consolidation; it is rather interesting just to look for a moment at the course that has been pursued and the road that consolidation has traveled. Take one of the early properties, for instance—one of the earliest combinations that is quoted in the railroad world, of two small properties, in order to attain a certain purpose, which was when "The Commodore" made his first combination of two small and weak properties, and established a through line between New York and Albany. There was one of the earliest steps looking to the centralization of control and the combination of properties for efficient service. Later followed the acquisition of various other properties; the control of the Lake Shore, control of the Michigan Central, control of the Big Four, control of the Lake Erie & Western, control of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo, control of the Nickel Plate, Control of the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling, and last, the Toledo & Ohio Central. There you have got a comprehensive system, which simply shows the tendency that has obtained in railway and financial circles, evidencing the need for efficient economical operation from

the standpoint of the owners themselves. What I have cited as occurring in the New York Central system has been reflected in every other one of the large systems of the country.

Now, supplementing that, comes the recommendation of the director general that the companies under private ownership should, by the methods which he believes are available, be compelled to join in—to use his own phraseology—"six or twelve regional corporations;" and, running through his idea, is that they shall attach to themselves all the smaller properties that have been ex-

to you that an enterprise of this character should never be permitted to be carried on by any private interest. There are certain functions that no government can afford, in the social sense, to relegate to private hands to administer. There are functions that are legitimately governmental, because there are certain necessities that the public at large is entitled to get at the cost price; and the principle of profit should never be allowed to intervene and add to that cost. Varying opinions are held as to how far that should go. As to public utilities, I hold that it is absolutely basic



D. G. RAMSEY, Past President.

cluded from Government control and operation. Now, when you follow up, first, the tendency of the railways themselves to consolidate; second, its logical fruit, as shown in the plan of the director general—and it cannot be denied that the present director general has an accurate corporate knowledge equal to that of any railway official on the continent—what is the next step? The combining of everyone of the railway corporations under one control, under one direction, with one overhead. It is the logical sequence to the tendency of the last fifty years. If six regional companies are good, one is still better, and I say

and a common necessity. When you come to contrast the conditions of cost to the public, as between private and Government ownership, what do you come against? Here is where I differed from Senator Underwood a while ago, as to the basic purpose of these corporations. The basic purpose underlying these, as with every other corporation, is to make a profit from the standpoint not of the public but of the incorporators.

Senator Underwood: I was speaking of them not from the standpoint of the capital invested or of the incorporators, but from the standpoint of their exist-

ing as a public utility—from the public standpoint.

Mr. Garretson: There you have it. I differentiated between the two. I am not arriving at that conclusion on account of what somebody has told me. I have not arrived at that conclusion because this or that individual expressed such an opinion. I am arriving at that conclusion as the outcome of thirty years' experience in large dealings with those corporations. With me it is not a belief, it is a knowledge, because I have found it evidenced in every dealing I have ever had with them. And I am not saying this in the sense of criticism. It is the human attitude, and God knows I have found railway officials were just as essentially human as the gang downstairs that works for them. I am intensely human in some ways myself, and you can gamble your life that I recognize humanness when I see it on the road or in the office. There is the underlying purpose in that, and in all other corporations; and from a national necessity the question of profit should be eliminated, and the public is entitled to receive those things that are a necessity at the actual cost of them. What does private handling do? Year by year the capital, so asserted to be invested, must be reflected in a constantly increasing freight rate. What is going to be the result in a hundred years? That is what everyone of us has got to take into consideration. That is a question that we do not approach from the standpoint of a representative of labor or a representative of capital or a congressman, but from the personal standpoint. What is going to be the result of it? Further, when you take into consideration the rate at which capital can be secured by a private interest, as compared with the rate at which it can be secured by the Government, the difference in that interest rate alone means a heavy burden on the public as a whole—for, in the final analysis, the final consumer has got to carry the load. It is an aphorism, for instance, as Mr. Asquith, the English premier

cited, in dealing with the English compensation acts, "The blood of the workman is a part of the price of the finished product; and the finished product of any kind, when it gets down to the consumer of it, bears the burden of all the charges that are laid upon it." The consumer absorbs the total cost, and he has nobody else to pass it on to.

Now, take Government ownership: Bonds are sold for the purpose of securing funds to buy the properties at the valuation that may be agreed upon. Return on the stock ceases to be a necessity, in the form of a dividend. The money to pay the interest on those bonds becomes the fixed charge, after operating expenses and maintenance are provided for. There is no charge of the other character to meet, except that. If the rate is fixed at a certain figure, under the plan that was presented here by Mr. Plumb, after the operating charge has been met, whatever amount is left goes on a fifty-fifty basis into the hands of the Government and the employes of all classes—an equal division. There you have the incentive for efficiency. Whether the amount is large or small, the men look forward to it. But what I am dealing with now is the 50 per cent that goes into the hands of the Government. If that is utilized as a sinking fund for the retirement of bonds, what will take place in a hundred years? Under ordinary circumstances, the bonds will have been retired. There is no fixed charge on the property and the public gets its transportation at cost, instead of staggering under the burden of an added capital account, with a reasonable return on such capital account.

Those are the things that appeal to the man who not only thinks, in a certain degree, beyond his immediate interests, but for the interest of those who must follow him.

Senator Underwood: Now, Mr. Garretson, let me ask you a practical question there, for my information: We have had a test of Government control, likened in some respects to Government ownership. It cost more to operate these prop-

erties under that control than it did under the old system. Now, why did that occur?

Mr. Garretson: Mr. Senator, you have asked a question there that opens the whole tendency of humanity, and it is a big one. I can best answer it by a statement that I made to the former director general of railways within four days after he had taken over the control of the properties. He had summoned some of us down here to the city to get the benefit of our opinions on different subjects; and the question had drifted to whether or not such operation would be successful. My own expression ran along these lines, and it will answer that question of yours as nearly as I am able to answer it. I said to him: "If any period of time be set, beyond which the horizon is clouded and unsettled as to whether the properties will be returned to their owners or whether they will be retained permanently, there will never be an honest test of whether Government operation is efficient or is not." Well, naturally, he wanted to know my reasons. I said to him: "My reasons lie in the very nature of man. You take the hundred thousand officials, for instance, of all classes, who are operating"—and bear in mind now that I am talking from the old railway experience, for I have been in the ranks; I could not be where I am if I had not been; and I have been in mighty close personal contact with the rank and file, as well as with the official staff, in all the years since—"take officials of all classes who are operating these properties; every man who has received the early promotions, and who has climbed on up the official ladder, has looked to the dominating influences over the railways for his preferment and for his future. And a more absolute loyalty has never been rendered than has been rendered by railway officialdom to the powers above it, wherever they may be located"—and I have conducted a few still hunts occasionally to find where they were located, and I have a very fair idea of my own as to where that control is.

And I said to him: "Until those men have been absolutely convinced, by decisive action, that their future lies with the Government instead of with Wall Street, you will never have efficient operation," and you never will. There is the human side of it. They have progressed according to the standards that have been established for efficient and economical operation. It was not necessary for any collusion to make Government operation neither super-efficient nor super-economical. You are all familiar, in a degree, with what is best described, possibly, as "passive resistance." The force of passive resistance is not what a man does; it is what he don't do. It is an intangible thing that you cannot put your finger on; and it has been existent from top to bottom, and there is no individual responsible for it. It is the humanity inside of men. You can always convey your idea by an illustration better than you can by words. The donkey driver who could not get his burro to move ahead devised a scheme whereby he placed a pole along his back, and tied a head of cabbage at the end of it, just a little further than the donkey could reach; and the donkey made full time in reaching for that cabbage. Now, railway officialdom has been taught that if they succeed in doing certain things, the cabbage is theirs, and they have been trying to get a bite out of it ever since, and that will continue as long as the private interest continues; but whenever it has once been demonstrated by definite action that the future of those men lies not with the old financial interests that dominated the properties, but with the Government of the United States, they will give just as good and honest service to the Government as they ever gave to their former hopes.

Senator Underwood: In a sentence, then, the answer to my question is that we did not succeed as well under Government control as we had under private control, because the Government control lacked team-work?

Mr. Garretson: That is exactly what it did, in this sense, Senator. It lacked

team-work in the fact that efficiency, such as it was, was largely secured through a sacrifice of economy—such efficiency as was demonstrated. There has been a very considerable degree of efficiency in many directions.

Senator Robinson: May I ask you a question there, Mr. Garretson?

Mr. Garretson: Certainly.

Senator Robinson: Do you feel that the circumstances which have existed during Government control—the abnormal conditions that have prevailed, the unusual and extraordinary demands that have been made upon the service, the competition for labor that has existed, growing out of war industries—have constituted a fair basis for a test of efficiency and cost?

Mr. Garretson: They have absolutely not. It has only demonstrated, to the practical man who has studied it, what it could be made, under conditions of absolute Government ownership, and the holding out of a future from the Government instead of from other interests. That is my own absolute personal conclusion—and I have paid some attention to it.

Senator Kellogg: Have you examined government ownership in foreign countries, as compared with private ownership in those countries?

Mr. Garretson: Only in a cursory way, Senator, for this reason: I have only looked into the general features of it; to some extent, I have verified conclusions that have been reached or statements that have been made—or failed to verify them—but I have not gone into any exhaustive study of those conditions. I have probably paid more attention to the Australasian situation than to any other phase of the problem, because they have been under conditions where they were under a democratic government, which was not the case anywhere else, except for what was formerly a limited amount of properties in Canada. Some may question my use of the term "democratic" as applied to crown lands; but my experience in industrial matters has led me to believe that they can give us

cards and spades in democracy in both those localities.

Senator Kellogg: France is a democracy.

Mr. Garretson: Oh, yes. I have given no study whatever to that. You will bear in mind this; and I want to draw your attention particularly to it; I was possibly influenced largely in the study of locality by the sentiment of laboring men in those countries. You will bear in mind that the whole continental labor movement is purely socialistic, and has been for years. In the English labor movement and the English dependencies, and in America, the socialistic doctrine has never dominated the labor movement in the years gone by. Today the socialistic element is absolutely dominating the English movement, and it will grow in its dependencies. It may readily become the case here, but it has not yet come to that stand. At the time that I made the investigation that I did of the Australasian systems, they were not dominated by the socialistic movement; and that influenced me possibly in a very considerable degree in making that study, and that was the place where I studied it the most. I am not in a position to say that I have made any exhaustive study of it anywhere. Of course, I have come in personal contact with it so far as it has existed in Canada. They have had one property under Government control there, oh, for twenty-five years at least, and they have added largely to it, first within some three years, and later within the immediate past. Here is what will always be true in regard to Government ownership versus private ownership, and here is where a large part of the objections that are voiced by commercial bodies is founded: Under the old competitive conditions, special privilege grew up in the matter of the delivery of freight. There is no doubt about that. Solid trainloads ran to competitive points at a speed that it was claimed by those inside took all the profits out of it; but the competitive conditions made it necessary for them to run. Men got consignments ordered over

night; they did not carry stocks for slow methods of delivery. The Government has largely done away with those things, and that is one of the prolific sources of complaint on the part of men engaged in mercantile pursuits in its various forms. And, under Government ownership, that would probably never be re-established in the same degree that it existed under the private competitive system.

I want to draw attention to one phase of this Government ownership question that is utterly foreign to you, in your capacity as the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate, but one that bears a very intimate relation to other activities of the Government itself; and that is that under Government ownership only can there be a readjustment of the industrial conditions that will eliminate so-called seasonal employment or sectional employment. When the Federal Industrial Commission was in existence, they took up a rather exhaustive study of the question of Government employment agencies and means by which surplus men in seasonal pursuits could be sent to where there was need for men, and thus the evil of seasonal employment be minimized, to say the least; because there is an immense amount of common labor in this country that is subject to all the evils of three or four months' employment only in the year in the region in which they live.

Senator LaFollette: Can you state about the number of men who are only employed in that way, seasonably?

Mr. Garretson: Senator, I have not the figures, but it is an immense body.

Senator LaFollette: Can you approximate it?

Mr. Garretson: Not intelligently, because while I retain a good many things, I seldom trust my memory for figures, because they slide away from me; but doubtless it will embrace, in the Western State and Middle West—I am leaving out trades altogether; only the ordinary pursuits—

Senator LaFollette: Yes.

Mr. Garretson: It will embrace prob-

ably a quarter of the laborers of those classes.

Senator Pomerene: Does not that same principle apply also to the railroads? Is there not a certain amount of seasonal employment?

Mr. Garretson: In a certain degree, yes, Senator.

Senator Pomerene: What I have in mind is this: There are certain periods in the Central West when they move stock, and certain periods when they move grain, and certain periods, in certain localities, when they move coal?

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Pomerene: Now, what is the difference between the maximum and the minimum amount of the labor which is employed in those sections?

Mr. Garretson: That can only be illustrated from what we will call a given freight division. At one time, there will be twenty freight crews, and maybe four weeks later it will be reduced to twelve. But you will bear in mind, on account of the very factor I am going to mention, that men in train and engine service organizations are affected less by this, because they can procure transportation to find work that is waiting for them elsewhere. Mr. Frederic A. Delano, who was also at that time a member of the Federal Commission, and myself, were appointed a sub-committee to attempt to devise a means whereby transportation for these seasonal laborers could be secured to some other point, at a rate that would not be prohibitive; but with all the information that both of us had in regard to the workings of the Hepburn Act, which was the essence of the trouble under which transportation could not be issued except to certain named persons, we were unable to devise any plan whereby there could be an economic transfer of those people; and the consequence was that the commission was unable to deal with it. Whenever the railways are owned by the Government and administered by the Government, then the Government employment agencies, now strung all over the continent, can largely minimize this problem of partial

employment; and it is a social question that has got to be reckoned with. It is common in these days to misuse a good many old saws. We have one that is founded on a great primal truth, and which is a survival from the days of the patriarchal form of government—monarchical usually—that "The world owes every man a living." Now, that, as applied by the present day chevaliers of industry, means "The world owes every man who uses his wits a living." But the fact is that the world does owe every man a living, and it has to provide it for him in one form or another; it may be in prison, or it may be through poor rates—to use the English phrase—but it is up to society to take the burden of his support, if it is falling on society in general, from the shoulders of society and to place it on the individual himself; and this is one of the factors that enter into it.

Senator Kellogg: Did that commission, in examining that question, come to the conclusion that if such transportation could be furnished without cost, this seasonal employment could be largely done away with by the transfer of a large body of men to different parts of the country?

Mr. Garretson: Do not think that I take the Utopian view, Senator.

Senator Kellogg: Oh, no.

Mr. Garretson: It could be done away with to a very considerable degree.

Senator Kellogg: You examined into the different classes of employment, and the different classes of industry, and the adaptability of the men to those various industries, and came to the conclusion that it could be largely minimized?

Mr. Garretson: A large amount of those instances could be cured; not universally, however.

Senator Kellogg: Did you publish a report on that?

Mr. Garretson: The report only recites the evils, because, as I told you, Mr. Delano and myself threw up our hands in an effort to formulate a plan. The commission was ready to go along; and you will bear in mind that Mr. Delano and I

both approached it from the sympathetic standpoint. He was just as much interested in finding a solution of that question as I dared be.

Senator Kellogg: And you came to the conclusion that no modified rates for transportation, but absolutely free transportation was necessary?

Mr. Garretson: We were both of this opinion; that, as a basic principle, free transportation must be furnished to those who were the most greatly in need of it. In certain pursuits, it might be very possible to transport the man and let him relinquish a certain amount of his wages afterwards, under fair conditions, to reimburse for what is described over in Canada as an "emigrant rate." You know they have a rate for people traveling to other fields in search of employment, which is so low that many of them are able to meet it. If a man is absolutely bankrupt, free transportation becomes a necessity, if he is to be utilized elsewhere.

Now, on this question of partnership; the newspapers all over the country have had headlines, with varying phraseology, but conveying the idea that the railway employes are perfectly willing to run the railways for the Government. The most of them have treated it from the standpoint of what they thought was sarcasm. I am perfectly ready to meet that question, not on the basis of sarcasm or irony, but as a legitimate business proposition. Take it under any of the plans that have been advanced by the representatives of the corporations, or the representatives of the security holders, or by some other interests, and what do you find? Partnership. They are all willing for the Government to be a partner in the losses. They are remarkably silent about the Government participating in profits; and still more silent about the Government performing the partnership function of determining what stock issues there shall be or whether melon cuttings shall take place. They are perfectly willing to go into partnership with the Government on the basis that the Government shall bear the burden in the

heat of the day and that the other partner will take the velvet.

Now, we are perfectly willing to go into partnership with the Government on the basis that the Government will furnish the purchase price of the properties, and we will administer the properties for them, and we are perfectly willing to take the operating force of the private corporations into partnership with us on the same basis. We do not say that we want the official positions. No matter who gets it—whether it is private ownership, Government partnership with capital, or Government partnership with labor—it is we who are going to operate the railroads anyhow. That is a foregone conclusion as to the actual labor in the operation. Now, the question is, which is the most desirable from the Government standpoint, from the public standpoint? Will the Government enter into a partnership with a corporation formed with the basic purpose of securing profit, and levying its shaving off of every dollar that comes into its hands from the sale of transportation, or will it enter into a partnership with the men who do the work—both the brain work and the physical labor—who will not shave the dollar, but who only receive their wage therefor; with a profit-sharing feature in which the Government is an equal sharer, if a surplus is created? As a business proposition, which is the most desirable for the public: a partnership in which there is no element of profit, or a partnership in which a toll is levied on every dollar? As a square business proposition, we hold that it is good business to make the partnership where the public benefit arises, and not where the public is loaded with an added charge; for there you go right back to the original basic principle that there are certain things that no profit should ever be levied on, and that every individual should be able to secure at cost price.

As to the profit-sharing theory, I have only a word to say. There have been thousands of profit-sharing schemes, either suggested or put into effect in private enterprises over this country; but

when you come to analyze those profit-sharing schemes, you are exactly in the fix that Isaac was: when Isaac went to bestow his blessing, he found that the skin was the skin of Esau, but the voice was the voice of Jacob.

This is the first legitimate profit-sharing scheme that has been presented in a public utility in this country, and it is a true profit-sharing. It is not masquerading as philanthropy, as most of them do. By the way, it is surprising how many things are done for employes that are classed as philanthropy, and that are, in reality, good business. It is a little like welfare work. During a hearing before this same commission, in the City of New York, when they were investigating the conditions existing in the big dry-goods stores and department stores of that town, about eight of them came on the stand and testified how the beautiful philanthropic spirit actuated the formation of their various welfare activities; but when the tenth fellow came on—to each of those other men I had put the question of whether it was really philanthropy or good business, and there was not a man among them who was an able enough business man to figure out that it was anything but a purely Christian spirit—although they were not all Christians, by any means—that actuated them, until the tenth man came on, and when I asked him the question, he was a rather out-and-out man, who answered his yesses with "Yes" and his noes with "no," and he said, "When any of these people tell you that it is philanthropy, look at them with suspicion. It is the best business we ever invested in." And that is true with regard to most of the philanthropic things that are done in behalf of employes.

Senator Kellogg: Well, they ought to be put on a business basis, ought they not?

Mr. Garretson: They are there, in fact, but they are not in description.

Senator Kellogg: I mean that any profit-sharing scheme for the railroads that is not on a real business basis would not succeed, would it?

Mr. Garretson: It should not succeed. There is no class of men on the face of God's earth who are more suspicious, often without cause, than the great body of laboring men; and suspicion grows out of two things. Man in general, who does not study the conditions under which he lives, is afraid of whatever is behind the veil; that is, that he cannot see. Out of that grows a super-conservatism, and being exploited for fifty centuries has made hereditary in him the suspicion that whatever he does not understand, they are going to put him on the hooks; and the consequence is that he is suspicious of anything that he does not understand; and in the ordinary profit-sharing scheme if the ordinary amount of dividend is not paid to him, he feels it is because of manipulation; and I want to say that, in the majority of cases, he is right. There are shining exceptions. I have known men handling corporations that I believed might possibly be able to skin through into the Kingdom of Heaven. There is a mighty lot of them who are as good as their business will let them be.

Now, here is what I want to present to this committee as one of the things that is largely a determining factor in the attitude of the men in these organizations with regard to this return to private ownership. You can get the glimmerings of the employing class from the kind of testimony that was given here yesterday, that one of the real difficulties is that wages are too high, and the idea that a negro performing the same work that a white man performs should get anything approaching equal pay for it is almost as horrifying as that a woman who does a man's work should receive a man's pay. If the work is done, the color of a man's skin or the question of a person's sex has no legitimate place in it. But they are not bothering about the niggers who are on the railroads—pardon me; make that "negroes." You know it is said that a man who spells "negro" with two g's can never attain the presidency—and I am an aspirant. (Laughter.) Now, if the work is done by any human, that human is entitled to

the same pay for doing it as any other human would be entitled to. I am not posing as a lover of the colored brother, but I am posing—and lots of people agree with me, possibly, in the use of that word—as a fair exponent of the industrial idea in that direction. Here is what is bound to take place in greater or lesser degree: it is the fashionable thing now to denounce unreservedly bolshevism, socialism, anarchism, the I. W. W., etc.; but when a man takes into consideration the things that have caused those people to hold the opinions that they do, and to indulge in the activities in which they are at present engaged—the reasons that brought them into existence—they are an indictment of the social system. The causes that underly it are what need remedy. The people will rectify themselves when the causes for their feelings and actions are removed; and if any man thinks that because the surface appears smooth in this country, the social unrest is not bubbling under it, and that the crust is not thin, he had better revise his ideas. This is one question that every man has got to approach from the standpoint not of a labor man, not of an employer, not of any special interest, but he has got to come up to it from the broader standpoint not only of an American citizen, but of a world citizen, because I say to you that if there is an unwise effort to reduce the wage that has come into existence during this troubled period, you are going to strengthen the future army of discontent to a degree that if it does not overturn, it will shake the social structure; and I say that from the standpoint of a man who has no sympathy with the methods that are indulged in by people of that kind; but who has a very real conception of the dangers with which we are confronted. It is as near a powder mine as can be described, and the unexpected spark thrown by the man who is either careless of public welfare or of the common good, is liable to start a conflagration, the end of which will be difficult to foresee. Look at the English record within the past four months—the length

—and that discontent is world-wide, varying only in degree with the causes that have given it birth and have developed it. It has got beyond the stage where you can patch it up like the one-horse shay. You have got to go deeply into it and give it honest and intelligent study to provide the remedy for some of those things, before you will ever do away with it. If you will take the social convulsions that have shaken the world, the view from the historic standpoint, when the personal had been eliminated, is that there was justification for the action, and that it had been brought about by a disregard of the rights of man. Unless we, a so-called democratic people, are prepared to rectify the evils that have brought these things into existence, to a very considerable degree, instead of modifying them, we are only adding to the strength of the flame; and at last, unless it is decently and honestly met, it will communicate itself to enough of the body of the people, that it will seriously threaten all that the wisdom of the fathers and the blood of succeeding generations have built up; and no honest man, no matter what may be his creed, his calling, his pursuit, or his social status, can even tolerate the idea of an occurrence of that character.

Are there any other questions that it is desired to ask? If not, I wish to express my appreciation on behalf of those whom I represent——

Senator Cummins (interposing): I have some questions to ask.

Senator Robinson: It is nearly twelve o'clock.

Senator Kellogg: I want to ask some questions, but I suggest that we adjourn now until tomorrow.

Mr. Garretson: I will be at your service.

Senator Pomerene: Word has come to

to which that discontent has gone there me from the chairman of the committee, asking me to present to the committee the question as to whether we shall continue to meet daily, or to have our meetings only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. That is a matter about which we ought to confer.

Senator Cummins: We might have an executive meeting for that purpose now.

Senator Pomerene: Very well.

Senator Cummins: My own view is that we need to go on as rapidly as possible, or we will not reach any conclusion before this session of Congress shall have adjourned.

Senator Pomerene: Shall we meet in executive session, then?

Senator Cummins: Just as you say. I am in favor of meeting every day until we get through.

Senator Robinson: I think we ought to finish with this witness.

Mr. Garretson: Who is the acting chairman?

Senator Robinson: Senator Pomerene.

Mr. Garretson: Bear in mind that I have one engagement which I cannot evade. I have heard the statement about Thursday as the next meeting.

Senator Pomerene: Yes.

Mr. Garretson: I have an engagement, in common with some of my associates, with the Director General and a large part of his staff, which has been brought in here for that purpose, on Thursday, but I shall be glad to place myself at your disposal until tomorrow.

Senator Pomerene: Then, under the circumstances, I think we will adjourn until tomorrow at ten o'clock. We can then determine that other question later.

(Whereupon at 11:45 o'clock a. m. the committee adjourned until Wednesday, February 12, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m.)

(To be Continued.)

## BRIEFS

All wires lead to the St. Louis convention.

There is no let-up in our "drive" for a one hundred per cent organization.

Two thousand one hundred and thirty-seven new members were initiated into the Order during the month of April.

The cry against Mr. Burleson first uttered by organized labor is beginning to pierce the stony hearts of autocracy. He has no place "in the sun."

The Pennsylvania Railroad System Committee photograph appearing in this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER represents nearly seven thousand of our members.

The tactics employed by the Manufacturers' Association, Congressman Thos. L. Blanton, of Texas, and their ilk against Union Labor and its ideals only serves to breed the Bolshevik plague.

Several plans for the consolidation of railroads into ten or more huge systems have been suggested by the various interests during the past few weeks. Why not continue Government operation?

More than six hundred delegates are in attendance at the convention now being held in St. Louis, which is the Twelfth Biennial and Twenty-Second Regular Session of the Grand Division.

California assembly passed bill requiring that industrial workers under 18 years shall be given at least four hours a week in class room between hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., and that night classes shall be established in high schools to train persons under 21 unable to read or write English.

The New York state assembly has defeated the compulsory health insurance

bill, which was approved by the senate. The measure made it mandatory for employers who employed eight or more workers to carry health insurance for them, the cost to be divided equally between the employer and the employed.

Additional funds needed to carry on the work of the National War Labor Board until June 30th, the end of the fiscal year, have been obtained from the President. Continuance of the board was discussed at a meeting, but no decision was reached and the meeting was adjourned until later, leaving the question open.

Mothers' pensions were indorsed by Henry J. Gideon, chief of the Bureau of Compulsory Education, in a speech in Philadelphia.

"If the mother," he said, "must depend upon her children for support, and the law says they shall go to school, the state should provide her with an income to secure food and clothing."

As a result of experiments extending over 11 years construction of a giant airship designed to carry 50 passengers and two carloads of express or mail at 100 miles an hour and shaped like an inverted U to reduce the air resistance will be started soon in St. Louis by Thomas M. Finley, inventor and president of the corporation which plans to build the dirigible.

Senator Peter A. Abeles, of The Bronx, introduced at Albany a bill designed to relieve the rent profiteering situation in New York city by giving power to municipal court justices to make it incumbent on the landlord to show he has supplied proper heat in cold weather or that he has not increased the rent to a figure that would give him a return of more than 10 per cent on assessed valuation.

In comparing changes in trade union wage rates and in retail prices of food from 1907 to 1918, the United States bureau of labor statistics shows that an hour's wages in 1918 purchased but 79 per cent as much food as in 1913, and a week's wages but 77 per cent as much.

As compared with 1907 an hour's wages in 1918 bought but 72 per cent as much food and a week's wages but 69 per cent as much food.

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A majority of the nation's railroads plan to restore to employes who entered military and naval service the seniority rights which they sacrificed when they left the road's employment, according to an order by the United States Railroad Administration made public. In so far as practicable, preference in re-employment and reinstatement will be given to soldiers and sailors as quickly as they are mustered out of Federal service, the order says.

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The suggestion comes to the United States Government from many sources that the sale of thrift stamps shall continue indefinitely. Why not? Wars may come and wars may go, though one hopes that this is the last of them; but thrift is scarcely less important in peace than in war time. And just now the thrift stamps have started, in countless cases, a good habit which it would be a misfortune for the individual and the nation to have discontinued.

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The following named railroads have included train dispatchers in its telegraphers' schedules during the current year:

Seaboard Air Line  
Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company  
Virginian Railroad  
Chesapeake and Ohio  
Grand Trunk in Canada.

All of our agreements on Canadian Railroads now include the dispatchers.

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As a solution to the rent and housing problem in Newark, N. J., the Mayor's

Committee has been authorized to arrange for tent colonies throughout the city and the Board of Education will be asked for the use of the asylum grounds and the proprietors of pieces of vacant property and vacant loft buildings will be listed in order that they may be called upon to provide living space for those who may be forced out of their homes through the agency of dispossess warrants in view of the anticipated raising of rents.

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Supreme court of Connecticut has ruled that, under statutes of this state, compensation should be paid to illegitimate children of employee killed by accident. The court said: "Compensation is not awarded either as the price of fault or as a measure of duty owed to the injured employe. The underlying principle is lifting from the shoulders of unfortunate victims of industrial mishaps and their dependents some measure of the resulting burden and casting it upon the industry which occasioned it and through that industry on society at large."

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Company-owned towns are a failure, declared Dr. Frank E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller foundation, in a speech before the National Housing Association conference. He said these towns are unpopular, regardless of their attractiveness, because the average American resents being told what he must do. This statement is in line with organized labor's opposition to the whole system of welfare work and company "unions" that are so strongly urged by the Rockefeller interests, from which the Rockefeller foundation receives its financial support.

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Thomas L. Blanton, representing the sixteenth Texas congressional district, has finally been noticed by the public press.

He has attacked President Gompers and called on the American people to protect their liberties against the growing power of organized labor. It is the "old stuff" so common in the days of Parry, Post and Van Cleave.

Blanton said that President Gompers,

by threatening a strike, forced President Wilson to veto a bill compelling government employees to work eight hours. The lawmaker refers to the Borland bill which extended the hours of government employees to eight and which was rejected by the president on the ground that the government asked private employees not to reduce working standards during the war and the government should be consistent.

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One reason why employers are so insistent that women "be given the right to work" may be found in a statement by Mrs. William Z. Ripley, prominent suffrage advocate, in a speech at Boston. She said: "More and more it is becoming impossible, especially in our textile centers, for the woman to stay at home on the wages the man earns. When we think of the women in industry we must remember that most of them have to work, both for themselves and for their dependents.

"Most of the women in industry in Massachusetts are working because they must. In some of our mill towns more than 40 per cent of the family income is brought in by girls under 16. An investigation among working girls in New York showed that 80 per cent of them were turning in their earnings toward the support of their families."

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"What the employed want," was stated by Will J. French, member California Industrial Accident Commission, in an address before the civic center in Oakland, Cal.

Among the demands summarized by the speaker were:

Recognition of the principle that men and women do not work for wages—they want to live.

Living under the new era must include a more complete standard than heretofore. Education and art and music and the higher ideals of life do not belong to any particular group. But fundamentally there should be the removal of fear that unemployment can come to the man willing to work, that sickness or industrial

accident can send the worker to the scrap heap, that middle life will find the worker displaced for a younger man, or that the waning years of life will be heavy with want of income or the spectre of charity.

The removal of the three great causes of poverty so far as is humanly possible—sickness, unemployment and industrial injury.

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"Tuberculosis still ranks as the master murderer," says the *Philadelphia North American* in an editorial entitled "A New Fight On an Old Foe."

"Last year in Pennsylvania alone," says this paper, "tuberculosis was the direct cause of nearly 13,000 deaths—just one-seventh of the combined total of deaths in action and from wounds, disease and accident suffered by the American army during the present war. Its harvest of funerals in the 48 states was more than 150,000. And at this hour some 2,000,000 persons in this country are suffering from it—500 of whom will be dead by tomorrow morning!"

"These are bare facts concerning the greatest battle we have to fight. And because this disease is no respecter of persons they must make a vital appeal to every one. And the more so since tuberculosis is preventable."

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The National Industrial Board held a conference in Boston for the purpose of overcoming or meeting the high cost of living. This board represents a score of employers' associations and favors present wages, if employees will work harder and produce more goods.

"This," says the board, "seems to be the only means of escaping the vicious circle by which an increase in the cost of living is used as a reason for demanding higher wages which, in turn, are important factors in high prices of goods, resulting in another rise in the cost of commodities consumed by the worker."

This statement, to the superficial reader, cleverly conveys the impression that the workers are responsible for present living costs. A careful reading of the statement, however, shows that the em-

ployers acknowledge the workers are not responsible and that when workers attempt to meet increases by wage advances the employers seized the opportunity to give H. C. of L. another boost.

According to this reasoning, if a man defended himself against the attack of a highwayman he would be guilty of assault and battery.

Great apprehension has been felt of late in banking, business and labor circles at the nation's prospect of losing 1,000,000 of her immigrant aliens, unless the emigration movement is effectively retarded in the near future. Students of the immigration problem estimate that 11 per cent of the foreign born are going to leave the United States at the first available opportunity. The only retarding factor at present is the lack of shipping facilities. There are said to be 40,000 aliens in New York city today who have come from other parts of the country to reserve passenger space on vessels bound for Europe. It is further estimated that enough aliens will leave in the near future to take out four billion dollars of the nation's wealth, or four-

fifths of the total currency that was in circulation before the war.

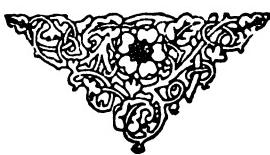
General T. Coleman du Pont, president of the Inter-Racial Council, the new nation-wide organization for dealing with the problem of the immigrant, commenting on the situation, in an interview with Bruce Bliven in the New York Globe, says:

"It is important that there be created among us a changed attitude toward the immigrant. We have got to realize that just the privilege of living in America isn't such a priceless boon as we have been complacently telling ourselves."

"The immigrant is entitled to protection from those who would prey upon him. The private bankers have been reaping a harvest from the aliens and it ought to be stopped."

Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior and a keen immigration student, phrased the obligation of the United States to the foreigner as follows the other day:

"We want to interpret America in terms of fairness, of fair play, of the square deal."



# PERSONAL MENTION



The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Fred Mitas of Owatonna, Minn., a girl.

To Bro and Mrs. J. H. Findlay of Newtown, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. B. Brannon of Hickory Flat, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Patrice Mondor of Ste. Julienne, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Mills of Peirce City, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Palmer of Todd, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Hopkins of Auburn, R. I., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. Pino of Hammon-ton, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. George W. Steward of Clayton, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. W. Coppage of Camden, N. J. a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Allen Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Brandt of Anoka, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. G. Small of Chi-cago, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Pursley of Mil-ton, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. F. Gardner of Bluffton, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Papalme of Lennoxville, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Dalpe of Farnham, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. G. Manny of Milan, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Couch of New-nan, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. L. Myers of Mel-cher, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Fuler of Dwight, Kan., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. M. McElroy of York, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. B. VonDrehlean of Washington, D. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Hanson of Chat-tanooga, Tenn., twins.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. F. Stout of Dalles, N. M., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Kuhn of Connellsville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. S. Nolton of Union, Ore., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. M. Gordon of Mal-den, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Ward of Payne, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. F. Kapitan of Tenney, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. F. Pettit of Bart-lett, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. W. Binnie of De-Graff, Kan., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jerry Hazen of Cor-ona, Cal., twins.

To Bro. and Mrs. Oscar Erickson of Ericsburg, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. F. Lamoreaux of Elgin, Ill., twins.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Hudson of Al-liance, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Ludlam of Amsterdan, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. S. Franklin of Streator, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Worthington of Lansdale, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. R. Bentz of Stur-gis, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. R. Fulton of Lang-horne, Pa., twins.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Petry of Strawns, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Floyd V. Hanlin of Pittsburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Robertson of Piqua, Ohio, a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. C. Wilson of Div. 93 to Miss Willie Belle O'Quinn.

Bro. C. B. Cundiff of Div. 33 to Miss Zelma E. Lee.

Bro. Thos. Conway of Div. 124 to Miss Nora McNamara.

Bro. H. A. Pearsall of Div. 126 to Miss Evylen Morgan.

At Nampa, Idaho, Bro. E. V. Atwood of Div. 172 to Miss Hazel C. Noyer.

Bro. F. T. Howard to Sister E. Norris of Div. 172.

Bro. A. A. Brown of Div. 130 to Miss Alma Turpen.

Bro. E. D. Henderson of Div. 130 to Miss Ollibel M. Nahn.

At Gainesville, Texas, Bro. W. D. Ratliff of Div. 61 to Miss Fay Tippett.

Sister Eva Balding of Div. 61 to Mr. Rolla Retio.

Bro. C. F. Sullivan of Div. 116 to Miss Jennie Jacobson.

Bro. A. J. Hummel of Div. 76 to Miss Elenore Schlumpberger.

Bro. B. M. Stanley of Div. 53 to Miss Reveree.

Bro. W. J. Clark of Div. 15 to Miss Tulo O. Powell.

Bro. F. C. Little of Div. 56 to Miss Myrtle Morris.

Bro. Emil Matz of Div. 17 to Miss Eda Law.

Bro. Chas. R. Mitchell of Div. 58 to Miss Nell C. Faulkner.

At Beaver Falls, Pa., Bro. J. M. Crawford of Div. 17 to Sister Hilda Marr.

Sister Ethel Chambers of Div. 42 to Mr. Claude Mattison.

Sister I. M. Edmiston of Div. 17 to Mr. Sheley.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

#### CORRECTION.

Under the column of death notices in the April TELEGRAPHER was shown the name of Bro. J. J. Mason of Div. 53. This is erroneous, as the notice should have read, "Father of Bro. J. J. Mason of Div. 53."

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. O. F. Boling of Div. 126.  
Daughter of Bro. C. H. Price of Div. 126.

Bro. Edwin Green of Div. 124.  
At Logan, Utah, Bro. J. R. Morton of Div. 172.

Father of Bro. F. E. Kellogg of Div. 172.

Bro. B. L. Stephens of Div. 160.  
Mother of Bro. L. E. Wallace of Div. 130.

Bro. G. H. Beck of Div. 22.  
Bro. Henry A. Stevens of Div. 130.  
In France, Bro. Chester C. Mills of Div. 130.

At Newark, Ohio, mother of Bro. J. C. Eaton of Div. 116.

Bro. J. F. Seab of Div. 93.  
Sister Bessie G. Smith of Div. 89.  
Daughter of Bro. O. P. Hanson of Div. 70.

Mother of Bro. E. S. Wood of Div. 76.  
Bro. John J. Minogue of Div. 68.  
Mother of Sister K. B. Weekly of Div. 59.

Mother of Bros. W. H. and Walter M. Howard of Div. 165.

Daughter of Bro. and Mrs. T. K. Hall of Div. 58.

Bro. W. P. Wilson of Div. 54.  
Wife of Bro. L. I. Henry of Div. 54.  
Son of Bro. M. E. Pond of Div. 173.

Wife of Bro. Frank Lechner of Div. 331.  
Mother of Bro. H. C. Finney of Div. 26.

Bro. John J. Banfield of Div. 26.  
Son of Bro. F. C. Krick of Div. 19.  
At Augusta, Ohio, sister of Sister Lucile Weir of Div. 19.

Mother of Bro. C. O. Crisenberry of Div. 18.

Wife of Bro. W. Hanson of Div. 73.  
Father of Bro. C. A. Rapp of Div. 18.  
Sister of Bro. H. G. Holt of Div. 13.  
Mother of Bro. C. Z. Patterson of Div. 13.

Father of Bros. Geo. and Jack McQueen of Div. 7.

Bro. Frank E. Watson of Div. 6.  
Bro. W. J. Marchand of Div. 1.  
Bro. Geo. R. Newman of Div. 4.

- Daughter of Bro. I. L. Patterson of Div. 17.  
 Mother of Bro. J. F. Dalton of Div. 17.  
 At Edison, Ohio, wife of Bro. S. W. Scott of Div. 3.  
 At Farrington, Wis., mother of Bro. E. R. Polzin.  
 At Hillsboro, Ore., mother of Bro. L. G. Selfridge of Div. 184.  
 Bro. C. W. Fondry of Div. 7.  
 Wife of Bro. T. L. Richard of Div. 26.  
 At Beaver Falls, Pa., Bro. G. H. Eicholtz of Div. 52.  
 At Shenandoah, Pa., mother of Bro. M. J. Eagan of Div. 10.  
 At Pierce City, Mo., father of Bro. G. W. Palmer of Div. 32.  
 At Kenneth, Ind., son of Bro. A. O. Nethercutt of Div. 17.  
 Wife of Bro. L. R. Stevens of Div. 89.  
 Sister of Bro. D. A. McGrath of Div. 89.  
 Father of Bro. W. L. Hickey of Div. 89.  
 Son of Bro. H. Evans of Div. 89.  
 Father of Bro. E. F. Todd of Div. 130.  
 At Byron, Ill., Bro. F. E. Lowe of Div. 96.  
 The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

**WANTED.**

Whereabouts of H. C. Wilson. Any information will be appreciated by

J. R. BAKER,  
 R. R. C, Box 361,  
 Terre Haute, Ind.

Present addresses of S. E. Willis and D. A. Leeper, train dispatchers. Last heard from in France.

H. B. LUMLEY,  
 Care N. Y. C. Disps. Off., Toledo, Ohio.

**LOST OR STOLEN.**

Card No. 23205, Cert. 2558, Div. 33, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 10387, Cert. 3147, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 18110, Cert. 1734, Div. 76, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 3279, Cert. 147, Div. 119, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Annual Card No. 3863, Cert. 98, Div. 1, for year ending December 31, 1919.

Card No. 21361, Cert. 150, Div. 172, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 30034, Cert. 2398, Div. 8, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 53893, Cert. 2958, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 52487, Cert. 2217, Div. 42, for term ending June 30, 1919.

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Card No. 29874, Cert. 738, Div. 8, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 23576, Cert. 313, Div. 70, for term ending December 31, 1919.

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Card No. 38307, Cert. 381, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 28438, Cert. 895, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 6320, Cert. 1483, Div. 61, for term ending June 30, 1919.

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Annual Card No. 2872, Cert. 1290, Div. 7, for year ending December 31, 1919.

Card No. 55438, Cert. 1282, Div. 70, for term ending June 30, 1919.

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Card No. 5456, Cert. 474, Div. 4, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 23665, Cert. 956, Div. 58, for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 31777, Cert. 71, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1919.

Card No. 57267, Cert. 407, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1919.

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# MISCELLANY

## A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

(Written for The Railroad Telegrapher.)

**A**T the time of this story I was working in the dispatcher's office with Bob MacDonald as night chief. He was master, and so recognized by a host of admirers. He had both the will and the way of doing things that surpassed everything I had ever seen; therefore, I was rather surprised when later on he told me of a previous mishap that had fallen him.

"No. 4 just left Baxter's," I casually remarked, preparing to follow Bob's example of indulging in a quiet smoke. "It will meet the express at Fairview. I have given Perkins at 'FA' a hold order for that train; therefore they ought to be there in about an hour."

"Could you raise that new fellow at the junction?" asked MacDonald.

"No," I replied. "He'll probably give the old-time excuse of being out to lunch, but I'd bet any money what troubles him is tired eyes, drooping lids, drowsy head, etc. In a man's first night at the owl stunt he does not need a prescription for insomnia. At any rate, if that should be the case, he shares the same fate as young Halliday. They relieved him for it, you know, and I guess he says goodbye to the junction for a while, anyknow, for he's going East on the Express tonight."

"Being in a mix-up one time myself, I know just what it is to fight sleep," said Bob; "and since then anybody in like circumstances has my heart's sympathy."

"A little over fifteen years ago I started on my first job as night operator at the little town called Cobden on the Montana Central. Of course, I felt shaky at the beginning, for I was a very, very poor telegrapher then; indeed, I

often glance backward and wonder how it was that the dispatcher I worked with did not land in the booby-house. Positively, I did my best to send him there, but the only benefit derived being a life-long lesson to keep awake while on duty.

"I had been there going on six months when one Sunday morning, if I remember correctly the 13th of September" (rather nervously I glanced at the calendar, noticing that it was also the present date), "I was invited to a country picnic, some twenty miles away," continued Bob, "and went, most foolishly, staying all day, returning in time only to go to work.

"Everything went O. K. up to midnight, when I was so sleepy I could not hold my head up. Oh, I thought, this is the dull hour; forty winks will refresh me and nothing can possibly go by in that short time. Instead, however, of forty, I took several hundred, and it was only at the end of two hours that in a dazed manner I stretched forth my cramped arm to answer the dispatcher, who was literally burning a hole in the wire calling me. 'I, I, DN' I answered. 'Well, about time you woke up,' came back; 'I've been holding a fast stock train at Pembroke for the last twenty minutes.'

"Mr. Dean was raging. Presently he ripped out, 'Say, did you see anything of a freight train there yet?' I rushed to the door, looked up and down the tracks. There was nothing in sight, but how on earth did I know whether it had passed me or not?

"Back to the key like a streak of chain lightning I ran, while Mr. Dean had kept up a continued pound. 'No,' I answered. 'Are you sure about it?' 'Positive,' I replied. The dispatcher then gave me an order, which the operator at Pembroke copied also, for No. 456 west to

meet extra 1978 east of Huguenot, a small office, which was closed nights.

"I had just finished repeating the order when one of the pumpers from a nearby creek poked his head in at the door. 'Hello, Jim,' I said; 'see anything that looks like a train of freight cars on your way up?' Jim drawled: 'Wall, now, I guess I did, knowin' as I had to jump in the ditch up to my neck in prickly bushes to let it go by.' 'How long ago?' gasped I. 'Hum, wall, now, I reckon it's just 'bout a half hour ago, and now—' I had waited to hear no more, but jumping to the wire wildly called the dispatcher.

"According to the order extra 1978 should be pulling out of Pembroke now. My God. Will I be able to stop her, or will half a dozen lives be sacrificed on account of my negligence? You may believe me I was very much awake now; I even wondered how I ever could have been sleepy with such responsibility resting on my shoulders.

"Clutching the key I ticked: 'Freight No. 456 passed here half an hour ago. Hold the stock at Pembroke until she arrives there.' Dean immediately rattled the news to Pembroke, who answered that he would try and hold the train at the semaphores.

"In those times they did not have the convenient block system of today, and to successfully manage one of those semaphores required no small amount of ingenuity.

"There was not a sound along the wire whilst we awaited a response from Pembroke. Every one had heard the news and every one listened with rapt attention for results. Would the operator be able to stop the stock, or would she go along at breakneck speed, expecting to meet the freight at Huguenot, while the engineer on the freight, being wholly unaware of the existence of the stock and also hitting the iron for all he was worth, collide with it in a headlong crash?

"Visions of prison bars danced before me, while cold perspiration burst forth from every pore in my body. At length,

after it seemed to me as though ages had passed—in reality probably only a minute or so—Pembroke came in on the wire with 'It's O. K.; I've backed her up on a siding.'

Bob stopped short; he was breathless. Beads of cold water stood out all over his forehead at the mere recollection of the almost dreadful calamity.

I had been deeply interested during the recital; nevertheless, I also had been on the qui vive for a report of the arrival of the express at Fairview.

Clickity-click, br-r-r-r, ticked the sounder; "Express by at eleven forty p.m. FA."

Bob gave a wild yell and made a dash for the key. "FA, FA," he called. "FA, FA! Why don't that idiot answer?"

"I, I, FA," came flying back. "Where is the express?" snapped Bob. The wire jerked spasmodically as it sounded: "Great heavens, the express has gone by; I forgot about that order to hold her!"

No. 4 was almost due at Fairview now, and we fully realized that nothing short of a miracle could avert a head-on collision. Moreover, to make it almost a dead certainty, there was a sharp curve in a great deep cut where the section gang had lately been blasting, and I figured that it was in all probabilities there they would meet.

The minutes dragged slowly and heavily. Every nerve fibre in our bodies was tensioned to its highest pitch as we sat there counting every tick of the old-fashioned time-piece.

"No use in reprimanding that poor wretch at Fairview," said Bob. "I guess he's got enough trouble as it is. But it is about time now that we heard either one way or the other from him."

I called "FA." No answer. Again I tapped "FA, FA." I tried it very slowly, "F-A, F-A, F-A."

"Well, what the dickens ails that fellow now," roared Bob. "Why the mischief don't he—"

"Wait a minute," I cried; "there's someone on here now." In a second I was adjusted.

"Is this the dispatcher?" came in a

firm, steady hand. I replied in the affirmative. "Well, this is Halliday; I am up a pole near the curve and have cut in on the wire with a pocket relay. Everything is all right. I happened to be in the cab of the express with the engineer; we were running slowly on account of the recent blasting, when I saw what looked like the reflection of an arc light around the other side of the bend. The engineer saw it also and immediately applied the emergency brakes, while I, with all my might, tugged at the whistle. No. 4 heard our scarecrow noises; fortunately she had been running slowly, too, so that we stopped just within sight of each other. We will now back the express up to Fairview and No. 4 will follow us."

I cannot describe the relief we felt as I thankfully ticked back "O. K." Then I added, "You may call at the office just as soon as convenient and resume work."

Twenty minutes later "FA" called: "Just arrived. This is Halliday; Perkins is dead. We found him on his knees in front of a chair."—By Leo David Williams.

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#### TAMING MASTIN'S GHOST.

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(Written for *The Railroad Telegrapher*.)

**Y**OU want to keep your eye peeled all night long, Langley, because you are about the fortieth operator that has been sent here to hold down this night job in the last sixty days. Some of them have told me some horrible things that happen here during the night. Some of them stay two and some three nights, but it's usually one night. Seems there's a ghost of some kind here, so keep your gun handy, and don't let anything bluff you. I like your looks, and I'd like to see you stay," the agent at Mastin, on the M. O. Q. Railway, said, concluding his instructions to the new operator who had just arrived.

Langley looked over the cash drawer and checked up the few card tickets, glanced over the time card to be sure about the trains that carried mail, and finished his inspection of the interior of

the station by taking a turn in the freight room.

"Pretty big dump for all the town I've seen around it," he muttered to himself, and started out to look the scenery over.

The sun was just dropping down behind a low range of hills, and cast fantastic shadows across the tracks.

The building, as he observed from the platform, was a sort of a long, red, rambling structure, facing the north, with the M. O. Q. tracks running along the west end, and the K. C. C. X. running along the north side.

The crossing was at the southwest corner of the station, and a crossing gate was swung across the K. C. C. X., so that the M. O. Q. did not have to stop for the usual whistle.

He glanced from this to the slight rise in the prairie in each direction from the station, and casually noted that the station sat close to a large fill, and, while the front of it touched the ground at the edge of the tracks, the back portion of the station was on stilts, or piling, so high that any size man could walk under it without bending.

"Not much town to it," he mused, "no houses, no janes, and nothing within a mile of this dump. It's no wonder operators commit suicide and leave in the middle of the night, but I'll be blamed if I care a whoop whether there are any houses or not. I'm done with the jane business, and I'm going to settle down; so here goes to start the night's performance.

"I guess if there's any truth in the ghost business, they had better not be material beings, because if Old Betsy barks, there's liable to be something doing," he concluded, as he placed a large forty-four Colts in the money drawer.

The mail for the flyer was hung, and several freights flew by, but nothing stopped to leave him any company.

He carried the mail into the freight room, and took care of what little batch of expense bills there were to be worked up, and about 11:30 sat down to eat his lunch while he waited for No. 11, which was due at 11:55, and for which he had hung the mail.

The minutes flew by while the four

souders on the table in the bay window remained quiet, except for an occasional "O. S." from some operator up or down the line.

"No ghosts yet," he said aloud, and, while he was inclined to a brave disposition, the revibration of his own voice seemed to sound strange and shatter his nerves.

He took hold of his shattered courage and shook it, as it were, trying to rid himself of the uncanny feeling that was gradually taking possession of him.

While he was battling with the God of Fear, the whistle of No. 11 one mile down the track brought him partially back to his normal circulation, and, two minutes later, when they had rushed by, catching the mail and discharging theirs, he forgot his weird wanderings and rushed for the pouch.

Not being used to the ground, he rushed out to the end of the platform to the mail crane, and, taking his lantern off the hook, he began to descend the ladder, when his feet slipped and he was precipitated to the bottom of the forty-foot fill into the ditch.

He was at first agreeably surprised to find that he had apparently landed on top of the bag for which he was just starting to search. In his mind's eye he looked himself over for wounds and bruises, but locating nothing serious, scrambled to his feet and started to pick up the sack, as he supposed, but the minute his hand came in contact with the thing it moved.

"Ugh!" he exclaimed, not being able to make any articulate sound, when his hand came in contact with something he instinctively knew was human death; and the object moved and groaned, gave one long gasp and relaxed. Although his lantern had been extinguished in the fall, he was positive that his hands were touching a dead man.

Cold sweat broke out on his brow, and he became sick to his stomach when he felt something sticky on his fingers, which, while he could not see it, he knew was human blood.

All of the ghost stories and everything about the number of accidents near the

station he had heard fitted across his mind. The thought of the number of people who had been killed in the vicinity of his lonely station did not stop the trip-hammer force of his heart as he hurriedly made his way up to the crane and his fallen lantern.

"Bah, I'm getting as nervous as an old woman. It's just some one who has been killed by the train. I'll hurry in and get the lantern lighted, 'O. S.' No. 11, and tell the dispatcher about it; then, there being no one to help me, and no one to get to help, I'll try to drag it into the waiting room until morning," he rambled aloud to himself, knowing that he must get up some kind of courage, because there was not likely to be any one show up whom he could get assistance from.

There were no trains on the road after No. 11 until late in the morning, and he satisfied himself that if there was to be anything done to still the plaintive cry of the coyotes in the distance, which warned him of their stealthy approach, he must do it himself.

With this thought in his mind, he hurried in, lighted his lantern, reported the train to the dispatcher, and, gathering up a rope in the freight room, made his way back to the crane.

About an hour was consumed in getting the body up to the platform and getting it on one of the large trucks. This he pulled in and left in the middle of the waiting room.

He did not have the nerve to search the remains for any identification papers, thinking he would leave that for the coroner on the morrow.

After this exciting work, he felt tired but sleepless, and went in the office and sat down at the telegraph table, hoping that all of the instruments would go clicking at once and keep it up until morning; but this hope was in vain. Every one seemed to have something else to keep them from the wires. There were even less than reports to be sent in as the trains gradually slid into the terminals. Absolute quiet reigned.

There was not the click of an instru-

ment, not a bit of wind outside, and nothing but the tick of the large clock over the agent's desk and the nearing wail of the coyotes broke the silence—except, possibly, Langley's thoughts, which seemed to him to be out loud.

Stillwater reported the passage of No. 11. The sounder cracked so loud on the stillness that he jumped in his chair, and a second later laughed nervously at his folly. This laugh was his last for some time.

Just as the grim mirth died on his lips, a rasping groan rent the quietness like the building had been torn in twain; and it apparently came from the corpse on the truck.

He grabbed his revolver from the money drawer and stood ready for instant action.

What could it be? His nerves were sticking out all over him, as it were, until the very atmosphere touched them with the pain of a searing iron.

For a few minutes there were no more sounds, but he waited breathlessly, standing in the middle of the office; and, while he stood there, expecting he knew not what nor from where, a groan, horrible and long-drawn, seemed to come up from under the building.

This sent more cold chills racing up and down his spine.

What if there had been two of these men, and one of them had crawled up under the station? The direction of this sound, however, relieved him of any doubt about it being the dead man on the truck in the waiting room which was separated from the office only by a lattice work.

Grasping his revolver tighter, and having waited so long as his tightened nerves would allow without a break, he cautiously stole through the waiting room and around the station. Going down a flight of stairs, he explored the under portion of the station floor and flashed his lantern light into all corners.

There was not a thing in sight, nor did he hear any sound until he had stepped up under the telegraph office floor. At this point the groaning contin-

ued with terrifying regularity. It came from the office over him now without a doubt.

Baffled, but possibly a little less frightened than he had been up to this time, he started back to the office.

Arriving in the office again, he was struck with a chill which froze the marrow in his bones. Horror of horrors. The moaning came from the front room!

He had not looked in the freight room yet, and, as there was no light in there, it was a first-class place for these weird performances. Was this why all the former operators left? Had they failed to have the nerve to open that door on God only knew what? Could he summon the courage? Was he going to fail like the rest, and leave in the morning without explaining the mystery?

He thought of rushing from the building and of placing the revolver to his temple and ending his torture, but was interrupted by the nerve-shattering wail of the coyotes close to the station.

Why die like a coward? Why suffer this suspense? Why not run the risk of battling with the unknown phantom until the very end? He must do something, and do it now, or he would go mad.

Gathering all of his remaining courage, he threw the door open and entered the room, but there was nothing in it except the small express locker and an empty truck; and, with a hysterical laugh, he sank on the floor for a few minutes.

Strangely enough, the sound did not stop its nerve-racking regularity, but it now seemed to come from the office again; and, hurrying to that part of the building again, he found that it apparently came from the ceiling.

This building, being no exception to the usual small station, had an attic; and, frightened beyond expression and fraught to the limit with fear, he started back to the freight room and began to ascend the rickety ladder to the loft with one hand, while he carried his lantern on the other arm and his revolver in his hand.

He reached the top of the ladder before he noticed the express locker, which was built in the corner of the freight room out of old grain doors, and had no top on it.

He threw his light over the attic, but the sound had again changed and came out of the express locker right under him. This caused him to throw his light into that small board pit of blackness.

There it was! That horrible ghost that had frightened all the operators away! That most unearthly sound was being emitted by one of the foulest and most disgusting things on earth—a thoroughbred hog, shipped in to a Mastin farmer, was the sequel to the Mastin Ghost.—By G. W. Mills.

#### THE HABIT OF PROMPTNESS.

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

Benjamin Franklin, who said this, not only understood the value of time, but he put a price on it that made others appreciate its worth.

A customer who came one day to Franklin's little bookstore in Philadelphia, not being satisfied with the price demanded by the clerk for a book he

wanted, demanded to see the proprietor. The clerk pleaded that Mr. Franklin was very busy in the press room, but the customer insisted, and Franklin, summoned, hurried out.

"What is the lowest price you will take for this book, sir?" asked the leisurely customer.

"One dollar and a quarter," was the prompt reply.

"What? Why, your clerk asked me only a dollar just now!"

"True," said Franklin, "and I could have better afforded to take a dollar than to leave my work."

The customer thought him joking. "Come now," he said, laughing, "your lowest price for this book."

"One dollar and a half."

"Why, man, you just said a dollar and a quarter!"

"Yes, and I could better have taken that than a dollar and a half now."

The purchaser paid the higher price. At that he had learned cheaply from the greatest philosopher of his day not only that he who squanders his own time is foolish but that he who wastes the time of others is a thief.

Success will meet no man halfway unless he is on time.

The habit of promptness is a priceless possession.



# POETICAL

## KEEP SMILING.

Keep smiling, it's my motto,  
You will find it much the best,  
It will make the day seem shorter  
And will add to night's sweet rest.

Keep smiling, it's a winner,  
It will make you friends each day,  
It will cheer you on life's journey,  
It will drive the blues away.

Keep smiling, it is catching,  
Start it going far and near,  
Cast your bread upon the waters,  
It will bring you back good cheer.

Keep smiling, yes, keep smiling,  
Though the clouds come thick and fast,  
You will soon displace the darkness  
With that beaming bright contrast.

Keep smiling till the day is done,  
And night is taking place,  
And in your dreams the battle won  
With a sweet smile on your face.  
E. F. MANN, Cert. 222.  
Portland, Oregon.

## AS FAR AS I KNOW.

"As far as I know," said a person one night,  
"There is naught in this world but what is  
just right;  
I have all I want both to eat and to wear,  
The flowers I gather are fragrant and fair,  
The birds in the trees always sing a glad  
song,  
And as far as I know there is nothing wrong.

"All the people I know are loyal and kind,  
And I am contented in body and mind;  
I read about folks who are awfully bad,  
About souls that are weary and hearts that  
are sad,  
About children that quarrel and people who  
fight,  
But as far as I know everything is all right.

"I read there are people who do many things  
That on them the worst kind of suffering  
brings,  
That women are wicked and men are untrue,  
And sinfulness runneth society thru,  
But as far as I know—as far as I know—  
I cannot affirm that these stories are so."

The person who said that, as far as she  
knew,  
Was a child of six years, and to her it was  
true;  
O, what would we give could we all say  
tonight,  
There is naught in the world but what is  
just right!  
That we have all we want to eat and to  
wear,  
And that justice and goodness abound every-  
where.

## WHAT ABOUT "DAD."

They think of us soldiers as heroes  
And praise our names up to the skies;  
There are tears for the one who is wounded,  
And prayers for the brave one who dies.  
They write songs of our wives and our sweet-  
hearts  
And of mothers so brave and so sad—  
But just name a singer or poet  
Who e'er said a good word about dad.

Poor dad with his checkbook and troubles  
Has not a fair look-in at all;  
It is "dear wife" and "mother" and "sweet-  
heart,"  
And "Sammy" who answered the call,  
But dad must keep thinking and working  
In a factory, mine or a mill,  
To get the good old iron dollars  
To pay up the big family bill.

He subscribes to war bonds by the dozen,  
Though his shoes are run down at the heel.  
And his overcoat's old and looks shabby,  
But you never hear old daddy squeal,  
He doesn't write much of a letter  
To his boy who is going to France,  
But sends him a five or a ten spot  
Whenever he has a good chance.

And evenings he sits with his paper,  
A-smoking his pipe or cigar;  
He thinks of his boy garbed in khaki,  
Wond'ring if it's stormy where we are.  
Now, I think a lot of my mother,  
Who's written each day I've been gone,  
And sister and brother and sweetheart  
Have helped much to cheer me along;  
But dad is as good and as human,  
And sometimes I sure kinda feel  
That dad has to pay and work hard every day  
And I don't think he gets a square deal.  
—By Gerald J. King, Service Company No.  
1, Camp Joseph E. Johnston.

# FACETIOUS

## Pleasing Hubby.

Butcher: What cut, madam?

She: One from the lower part of the animal, please. Hubby says most of your cuts are too high.

## John's Objection.

Wife: I'm afraid mother is not well. I don't quite like her looks. Do you, John?

John: No, I never did.

## Where They Were Going.

"Are you going to the terminus on this car?"

"Oh, dear, no! We are going right to the end of the line."

## His Ignorance.

"I thought Miss Mayme's costume yesterday was bizarre."

"That shows how much a man knows about women's clothes. It was India silk."

## Allowance for Breakage.

C. Abler: "I wish to send a cablegram in Russian. What are the charges?"

Operator: "Four dollars a word and damages."

## The Slip.

The wife (reminiscing): Well, Henry, I very nearly didn't marry you.

Henry (absent-minded): I know—but who told you? *Cartoons Magazine*.

## Worse Effects.

First Pater: My boy's letters from college always send me to the dictionary.

Second Pater: That's nothing! My boy's always send me to the bank.—*Boston Transcript*.

## Watchful Waiting.

Judge (to witness): Why didn't you go to the help of the defendant in the fight?

Witness: I didn't know which was going to be the defendant.—*Boston Transcript*.

## Her Ideas.

"I think our new cook has a secret understanding with Japan."

"What do you mean?"

"She seems to believe in the gradual disruption of china."

## No Other Kind.

A young broker said to George Ade at the Chicago Athletic Club:

"Don't you think a talkative woman is more popular than the other kind?"

"What other kind is there?" Mr. Ade asked.—*Ontario Post*.

## Deliberation.

Man (at telephone): What! Line still busy? Why, great cats, I've been trying to get that number for half an hour.

Central (sweetly): It's a party line, you know.

Man (wildly): Party nothing! It's a convention line!—*Buffalo Express*.

## The Rider as It Is.

"In speaking of this bill before Congress you mention a 'rider.' What is a 'rider'?"

"A rider," said Senator Sorghum, "is usually like the postscript to a woman's letter—apparently an afterthought, but in reality the most important part of the communication."—*Washington Star*.

## Explained.

Willis: What caused the row between Bump and his wife?

Gillis: They went out to a theater last night, and Bump hired a taxi to take them home. When the driver asked him where to, Bump said: "Home," and the driver said: "Which one?"

**No More Bait.**

**Mrs. Footlite:** You don't give me presents now like you used to before we were married.

**Mr. Footlite:** Now, look here, my dear, did you ever hear tell of a fisherman giving bait to the fish he had caught?

**Ancestral Delving.**

**He:** Do you believe in the Darwinian theory?

**She:** Yes. I don't know much about it, but it provides some sort of a stopping place for people who would forever go on bragging about their ancestry—*Tit-Bits*.

**Complimentary.**

**He:** But I asked you, dearest, to keep our engagement a secret for the present.

**She:** I couldn't help it. That hateful Miss Oldum said the reason I wasn't married was because no fool had proposed to me, so I up and told her you had.—*Brooklyn Citizen*.

**Great Pun, This.**

"There were two actresses in an early play of mine," said an author, "both very beautiful; but the leading actress was thin. She quarreled one day at rehearsal with the other lady and she ended the quarrel by saying, haughtily: 'Remember, please, that I am the star.'

"'Yes, I know you're the star,' the other retorted, eyeing with an amused smile the leading actress's long, slim figure, 'but you'd look better, my dear, if you were a little meteor!'"—*Detroit Free Press*.

**The Careful Justice.**

Senator Lodge while visiting in a rural district dropped in on a boyhood friend, now a justice of the peace. While chatting over old times a couple came in to get married. The justice married the pair and after accepting a moderate fee, handed the bride an umbrella. Lodge observed the proceeding in solemn silence, but after the couple had gone he asked:

"Do you always do that, Arthur?"

"Marry them? Oh, yes, if they have the license."

"No, I mean give the bride a present?"

"A present? Why, wasn't that her umbrella?"

"No," said Lodge peevishly, "it was mine."—*Boston Globe*.

**A Great Difference.**

A noted physician, particularly expeditious in examining and prescribing for his patients, was sought out by an army man whom he "polished off" in almost less than no time. As the patient was leaving he shook hands heartily with the doctor and said:

"I am especially glad to have met you, as I have often heard my father, Col. Blank, speak of you."

"What!" exclaimed the physician, "are you old Tom's son?"

"Certainly."

"My dear fellow," cried the doctor, "fling that infernal prescription in the fire and sit down and tell me what is the matter with you."—*Harper's Magazine*.

# Our Correspondents



## IS GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP WORTH TRYING?

The average citizen depends upon the daily papers (*The Kept Press*) for everything except a living. It might even be said that he depends upon them for that, because the public opinion which is formed by the daily tribunals has very much to do with living conditions of everyday America. Through advertising manipulation the news can be very closely regulated to conform with the ideas of manufacturing and merchant syndicates, in which manner the public is pretty certain not to hear the right side of any issue worth reading about. Such methods of regulation have prevented publicity from being given to certain financial transactions that would lead to a demand for Government ownership along any line of business. For it is only reasonable to assume that if Government or public ownership is successful in one branch of business, the same method would systematically spread to other fields.

Private business today, especially the railroads, are so heavily loaded with "watered stock" that in order to keep above the surface, such an enormous profit must be made on the capital really invested that the shipper is not getting nearly what he pays for, the laborer or employe is not earning nearly by far what he produces, and the companies themselves are not doing anything more than merely existing in comparison with what conditions should be.

The term "watered stock" is often misconstrued. When stock is sold on any business and the money wasted, stolen, or misplaced in any manner—of which there are many—that stock is called "watered stock," because it drains money from the treasury for interest, yet produces nothing whatever. A certain railroad, although about fifty per cent "watered stock," had less "water" than any other American railroad. But the correct-

ness of this statement I cannot vouch for. However, it is worthy of remembering when viewing the figures from other localities.

Writing in *New York Reconstruction*, Charles Edward Russell says: "Three days of tracing the financial history of any railroad ought to be enough to show every dollar of real money that ever went into the concern, and some of these results, I can assure inquiring friends, would be quite remarkable, not to say startling.

"For instance, at the time the ten small railroads between Albany and Buffalo were consolidated into the original New York Central the actual investment in the ten, outside of a loan from the treasury, which was never repaid, was \$1,400,000 and the capital stock was \$10,000,000. In 1865 the capital stock was \$28,795,000, of which \$7,500,000 was investment and the rest had been added by the printing press.

"At the same time the old Hudson River Railroad from New York to Albany had a capital stock of \$13,900,000, of which \$4,200,000 was investment and all the rest had been added by the printing press.

"In 1873 the capital stock of the Central Pacific Railroad Company was \$62,000,000, of which \$75,000 represented investment. When the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroads came to combine, the Central Pacific put in Government land grants worth \$30,000,000, interest on bonds which the government had lent it amounting to \$30,700,000 and \$67,275,500 of stock of which only \$75,000 represented investment. Total \$131,200,000 of capital without investment all of which is still in the balance sheets of the concern."

We might add, and paying interest on which is the public's job.

These do not include the only cases, by far, that might be cited as reasons why

roads through governmental machinery, the public should own and operate the as the only means of not continually paying interest on that vast expanse of "water," and still more and more in years to come.

The only manner in which we have to safely judge the future is by reviewing the past and avoiding a repetition of old mistakes. Once we look back upon the figures that indicate the cost of private railroad operation and control, it is safe to predict what the future course will be. If a profit can be made under private ownership and operation, then there is no logical reason whatever that will keep Government ownership and operation from making the same identical profit, if not more profit than private interests can make. When we figure that profit under Government ownership and operation reduces our taxes, then it is worth looking into. If it don't look right, then it is about time to find out why, because we know for a fact, the comparison in rates of parcel post and express, the salaries paid employees, and that the parcel post is a paying business. So that if another line of trade should mysteriously fail to make a profit, something must be wrong that is not beyond human skill to change.

Although expenses under Government control have been materially increased, it is beyond reason to assume that excepting in wages, it was due to Government control. It is a known fact that the personnel on the roads with few exceptions is exactly the same as under private operation previously. We also expect to find the so-called labor turnover greater during 1918 than 1917, because war conditions and higher wages in other lines of business made it so, but not because the Government had anything to do with it, and the same fact does not indicate that any more employees were required to do the same amount of work under Government control than were required under private control. However, some persons will use these causes to contend that it does. Then, too, to a very general extent, it is conceded that, among some of the officers

especially, Government control or ownership was not looked upon with favor, and that many could not afford to become conspicuous in proving Government operation a success, when the future course was uncertain.

It has been said that, when the representatives of the 14 railroad labor organizations appeared in Washington in opposition to the return of the roads to private ownership and control, everything was very well set to return them at an early date. But whether there was any truth in that or not, I am unable to say. However, late press dispatches indicate that a bill will be rushed before Congress by Representative James B. Aswell, of Louisiana, to return the wires to their owners, and perhaps something concerning the roads will appear simultaneously. In this regard, *Reconstruction* (New York), asks: "Why Not Go the Limit?"

"Complaint is made that the telegraph and telephone services have deteriorated under the administration of Postmaster General Burleson, and that such deterioration is proof of the inferiority of public ownership. The conclusion is therefore reached by the *New York World*, and others, that these services should be returned to their private owners.

"We move to amend. We suggest that the carrying of the mails also be turned over to private individuals. The postal service, under Postmaster General Burleson, has deteriorated more than the telegraph and telephone services.

"If we should ever be so unfortunate as to have a Congress that is inefficient, let us abandon the principle of self-government altogether, and advertise for a despot to rule us.

"Let us carry, to the limit, the principle that the failure of an individual necessarily carries with it condemnation of the principal that he fails satisfactorily to carry out. Let us do that—or else develop common sense."

—By GEORGE NATHAN.

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#### PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Referring to criticism of my recent  
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letter by Cert. 4321, I would like to explain briefly that I had no intention of stating that the people were not ready for Government ownership of railways—I hope they are. What I tried to emphasize is this: "*There is no safe ground between public ownership and private ownership;*" and if we try any make-shifts or compromises, labor is very likely to get the worst of it. The only genuinely safe method is something like the railroad unions have already presented to Congress—let the Government own the railroads and the unions run them.

What is the present situation? Briefly this: Private ownership of railroads has fallen down, and still the capitalists don't want Government ownership; so they are trying to work up some scheme whereby the Government will pull their chestnuts out of the fire by establishing a system of private ownership with Government management; the Government to guarantee their profits and take all the trouble and risk.

This is a great scheme for the owners; if there is a strike, for instance, the Government can order out troops, etc., the capitalist doesn't need to appear in it at all; he simply draws his guaranteed profits, the Government does the rest. The owners would have a guarantee of their profits, but labor would have no guarantee of their wages. Why should one be guaranteed any more than the other? The danger is that labor, instead of insisting on public ownership, will fall for some such scheme as this.

If the people are ready for public ownership, well and good; if not, there is no better method of getting them ready than to return the roads to private hands at once. Private ownership will not work, it has become a physical impossibility to make it work; the capitalists know this perfectly, and are trying to get from under as described. A few years more will convince the public, and in the meantime the unions can take care of the wage question. The present effort at Government management of privately owned concerns is probably doing more than anything else to prejudice the people against public ownership.

I tried to show in my former letter that while we fared well under Mr. McAdoo's administration, that proves nothing except that Mr. McAdoo gave us what was coming to us; another director general might do just the other thing. Mr. Burleson, for example, has succeeded in giving everybody a grouch; he is seemingly trying to give the public and the employes both the worst of it in order to make the postal department pay. It is surely a plain statement of fact to say that when we put these matters in the hands of a cabinet officer we do not know what he is going to do; and Government officials are no more infallible than other people.

It was once said that "this country cannot endure half slave and half free." The situation as to private and public ownership is much the same; the two will not mix successfully. The last Congress guaranteed the railroads one billion dollars profit. Suppose some succeeding Congress guarantees them two billion, what are you going to do about it? Don't you think something of the kind would happen if the owners had "pull" enough with Congress?

If the Government is to handle the railroads it is plain that two things must be done: First, the Government must issue bonds and buy the roads at actual value, so that everyone will know exactly what is to be paid each year and what it is paid for; second, careful plans must be made for efficient, intelligent management and for hearty co-operation and service on the part of the men; there must be no gourches, but on the contrary, a determination on the men's part to do all they reasonably can to make such operation a success.

This seems perfectly plain; and it is also plain that we will never get any such results from a hybrid combination of private ownership and public management.

*There is no safe ground between private ownership and public ownership.*

H. H. GAGE,  
Cert. 162, Div. 88.

### AN ADVOCATE OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

In a recent issue of THE TELEGRAPHER there appears a letter by Cert. 2080 in regard to Government Ownership of Railways. With your permission, I would like to say a few words in this connection.

I don't quite agree with Cert. 2080. Why anyone at this time of rapid changes and advancement should advocate private ownership of our railroads is beyond me. No, let the people be the owners; let the system be run by efficient heads appointed by the people; let the people derive the benefits therefrom and not a few of the favored ones.

To begin with, your correspondent says that the end of the war means the end of "autocratic government and serfdom." That is still an open question, and it remains for the people to say whether or not it shall be. "Autocracy," according to our dictionaries, means "supreme authority." How can autocratic government end if we still allow a few to get rich beyond all requirements from the efforts of the workers? Isn't it natural for the few who have that authority to exercise it? It is human nature. You and I would do it were we in the favored position.

Cert. 2080 also states that "Ownership and power begets bigotry and oppression." I quite agree with him. This has been demonstrated in every walk of life under private ownership. Surely, if the people had "ownership and power," they would not turn around and oppress themselves. It is reasonable to think not. No doubt conditions at the present are much better than they were only a few years ago, and as our brother puts it, some of these corporations are, to a certain extent, regulated by the Government; but what has caused this? It is because of the noise of the workers, clamoring for better conditions, and not because the few wanted to give us any such thing. Had they really wanted to even be reasonable with us, our unions never would have existed. That is why you and I have these precious little "cards" tucked away in our vest pockets. These are the "arms" we bear when we step on the field of battle to

fight the autocrat with his "supreme authority." The fight is on now, so let us see that every available man is "bearing arms." However, I had better not "wax eloquent."

I wonder, Cert. 2080, did you ever ask yourself this question: "Why did the Government take over the railways?" and that in the most eventful times, too. Here is how I have it figured out: Transportation was going to be the heaviest the country had ever heard of in the way of moving troops, ammunition, food stuffs, etc. Railways at some points were likely to become "plugged," while at others, through competition we were likely to see a wastage; that is, cars being handled half loaded, while at the same time, a competing company would be doing the very same thing, from and to practically the same points. Another thing; in cutting our competition a great number of men could thereby be released from the railroads and were at the service of the Government. In other words, the Government took over the railroads so as to insure an A-1 service and have everything and everybody working capacity. Now, if the Government can make a success of it in the most strenuous of times, surely they can do so in normal times. As to the men referred to above being released, in peace times, in place of being released let the working hours be reduced and have all men working. This applies not only to railroading, but to all trades.

Short as the Government ownership duration has been, it has been pronounced a success. It would be interesting to see it put to a real test and give them a chance to get it down to a "fine thing." I am sure the roads would never go back to their original owners. No doubt some of us would be made to step a little faster than we do now, but that wouldn't harm us a bit and it would all help to a better service.

Cert. 2080, there is nothing in the world to hinder any government from taking over any corporate enterprise. Let us get them all and run them all for the good of all.

Then you talk of dishonest politicians: alas, there are too many of them, but do not let that stop us from taking a

step forward. Our unions are getting stronger all the time and will soon be in a position to do that. We must have faith in our own strength.

As to the public being greater in number than ourselves and imposing something on us they do not understand, I do not think it will work that way. When Government ownership extends to all corporations, which it will do eventually, the workers will take a bigger interest in one another than they do now, as they will all be under one master, and that master, themselves. Yes, let it be a government of the people, by and for the people. When that time comes, financial gain is naturally cut out. The concerns run by the Government will be run for

service, and service first. The previous financial gain will then be used up by raising wages, bettering service and working conditions, reducing rates, etc.

And all this brings us to that other point you mention, viz.: "Great brains." Too well do we know now that these great brains have been used to our disadvantage in the past, or why should we kick? "Stunt and prematurely die," you say; let them die, or better still, let us help kill them, and in so doing give our own brains a chance to become great under the "sunlight and opportunity." Then, when brains are used to the advantage of all, and then only, can we truly call them great.

CERT. 1337.





# FRATERNAL

## NOTICE

All items for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 25th day of the month in order to insure their insertion in the following issue.

### St. Louis, Mo., Div. No. 2,

One of the most successful meetings this division has ever held took place on the regular date, Monday, April 21st, at 8:00 p. m., some fifty to sixty members being present, filling the hall almost to its utmost capacity, as nearly every road entering St. Louis was represented by one or more of the brothers. In the absence of Chief Telegrapher Bro. Quick, First Vice-Chairman Will C. Long presided.

Stirring addresses were made on the leading issues of the day, by General Chairman Mohler, of Division No. 31, Grand Secretary and Treasurer Rawlins, and Bro. James J. Dunn.

We were "wised up" on a number of things that our general officers and the general chairmen of the different roads had to deal with at Washington, before they were able to get the good results, recently achieved, whereby Order No. 27 was made to apply properly to the railroad telegraphers' different positions in the way of better hours and a higher rate of remuneration.

All were pleased with the result of the meeting, both as to attendance and the valuable information the speakers imparted, and last but not least the good "smokes" Secretary McElhinney never forgets to provide; and all departed promising to remember that Division No. 2, meets in the small hall of the Odeon Building, third floor, corner Finney and Grand Avenue, the third Monday night of each month at 8:00 p. m., and try to attend our future meetings. CERT. 27.

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### Toledo, St. Louis and Western R. R.—

Bro. C. A. Leitch, Charleston, relieved Bro. Walters, third Russiaville, a few days; Sister Boeke relieving there during the illness of Bro. Lindville, has returned to St. Louis. Bro. C. A. Leitch, Russiaville, relieved Bro. Gardner, third Bluffton, on account of the stork bringing him a nine-pound boy.

While Bro. Sears, agent Russiaville, had an attack of the "flu," Bros. Walters and Lindvill doubled a few days.

Bro. De Long, agent Greentown, has returned to work after a siege of the "flu."

Bro. E. A. Plummer, agent Brocton, visited his parents near Forest, Ind., for a few days recently.

Bro. Fisher went to Liberty Center agency

a few days, until Bro. Craig from Panama could be checked in.

Some one sent our brother agent at Decatur a dog, which Sister Haynes had to tie up, and he howled all night.

Brothers, keep after that non close to you and help our local chairman to clean them out and make this road 100 per cent. See that the boys who bought and sold the roosters and dogs send their applications to the local chairman.

How about that instructor in the telegraph school, has he? Keep after him also.

O. R. CHILDERS, CERT. 215.

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### New Haven, Conn., Div. No. 29.

#### New London Division, N. C., N. H. & H.—

Bro. Cady, agent Auburn, Mass., who recently fell while on his way to work, breaking his left leg in two places, spent two weeks in Dorchester City Hospital, relieved by Bro. Breech.

CERT. 222.

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### Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

Nearly 70,000 membership. The record is good, but let's make it 100,000. Labor faces a most hopeful outlook for the future. Pre-war conditions are no longer acceptable and the opportunities now before us are, truly, without precedent.

Much that is written for the press regarding the Government operation of railroads is pure propaganda, its main purpose being to mislead the public and becloud the issue.

Those most anxious about the speedy return of the railroads to private ownership are the former, high priced officials who drew from five to one hundred thousand dollars a year under private ownership, but who lost these fat positions under Government control as being over-paid and not essential.

The stockholders are not worrying about the return of the railroads to private ownership. They have their dividends guaranteed to them.

There does not seem to be any good reason advanced to show that the late Director General McAdoo was wrong or misinformed when he so masterfully and wisely recommended a five-year plan for the Government to work out and prove thereby that the rail-

roads can be operated successfully under Government control and ownership.

His plan should be acceptable to all fair-minded thinkers and the only ones noted who object and argue to the contrary are the high officials out of jobs and some newspapers who are unfriendly to union labor, but unhesitatingly favor the capitalistic idea.

It was all right during the war period for the Government to operate the railroads in any way possible to win the war irrespective of expense or other working conditions, but now that the war is over and the field seems ripe for the capitalist to step in and grab the fruits, they are not willing to let the Government have the opportunity it deserves to prove that under normal conditions it can operate the railroads successfully and profitably and still pay fair wages and arrange suitable working hours and conditions for railroad employees.

The object of this agitation, therefore, by disgruntled former officials and unfriendly newspapers is to defeat the Government's plan to prove their contention and prevent organized labor from retaining the benefit it has received through Government ownership and from receiving any further help from the Government, which is its just reward.

We did not get the increased compensation awarded to many in other lines of work, so necessary to assure the success of the war, yet we were one of the most important factors in bringing about that glorious result.

True, we got some of it and some is still due us, but it was barely enough to keep the home fires burning and warrant three meals a day.

We can ill afford to lose the little we have gained and will not sit idly by and see private ownership restored which would again place us at the mercy of the grafting capitalist and doubtless mean a struggle to retain what the Government has been able to give us, realizing that none needed it more nor were more deserving.

Labor will and does expect justice, and anything short of this will not satisfy the workers. Give the Government a chance and it will make good.

Bro. McCarthy, transferred to Taunton division from Cranston on Providence division, was relieved by Bro. Petracca.

Bro. Byron Greene covered second Northup avenue yard while Bro. J. Dykeman was "wearing the green" in New York on March 17th.

Bro. Welch, on his return trip from his month's vacation in St. Petersburg, Fla., stopped off at Calypso, N. C., to visit Bro. J. R. Maxwell, an old time member of Div. 35, and reports Joe feeling fine and a partner in one of the largest packing houses in the South. Bro. Maxwell is a staunch member and his wish to be remembered to his many friends here was a nice Easter token.

We rejoice with and congratulate Tacoma division on its splendid record. It will be a

happy day when I can say the same for Division 35.

There was a good attendance at our April meeting and a large number of applications were received and voted into membership, largely the result of the efforts of Local Chairman Boles of the New London division.

After a statement by Local Chairman Joslin, giving in detail the splendid work done by the members of our general committee, a rising vote of thanks was tendered them.

Changes in schedule agreements have been signed up by the general committee and the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. and are now in effect, this being the first road to sign up an agreement with any committee since supplement No. 13 was put into effect.

It was shown that some 30 per cent of our membership had not responded with the voluntary contributions asked for by the general chairman.

To preserve the good name of our division for doing things well and promptly, these delinquents should mail their remittances at once. The general committee needs the funds and our members should now be able to meet so small a demand.

General Chairman Ross and General Secretary Handy were re-elected for two years. This was well merited and gives general satisfaction.

The watch committee realized \$301 on the watch donated by Mr. Ball of New Haven. The amount will do great good, but the sum should have been \$500.

A committee of three recommended that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Rawlins, be advised of the vote cast for the three highest names voted upon for delegates to the St. Louis convention.

A resolution drawn up by Bro. McCabe was passed upon by this division, extending our sympathies to the telephoners on strike for better wages and working conditions.

J. D. VANDERBEEK, Div. Cor.,  
Cert. No. 181.

#### New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

##### Long Island R. R.—

We held our regular meeting Saturday evening April 12th with all the officers at their stations. There was a large attendance.

Our meetings each month offer an opportunity for self-expression. Every member should come as often as possible.

Bro. Peterson, after doing "his bit" for "Uncle Sam," has returned to "HU" first. Bro. Bennett goes back to "SP" first.

Bros. Murphy, Baumgarten and Lewis reported on sick list.

We would like to see Bro. Swan, third "FT," come to the meetings.

At our last meeting matters were taken up with reference to an outing and pensions.

We went over the top with the Fifth Liberty Loan.

Some person, unknown, left a hand grenade in the bottom of "QU" tower, which was discovered before any damage was done.

Bro. Miller was made happy when Bro. Adams turned over to him No. 55.

CERT. 204.

#### Pittsburgh, Pa., Div. No. 52.

Through the systematic efforts of Bros. O'Neill, Alexander, Bees and Daugherty, we have had a wonderful increase of new members recently.

We are laboring at a great disadvantage at our meetings, however, when we do not have a good attendance, therefore I hope the brothers and sisters will remember our Saturday evening sessions, 6:30 p. m., third floor Roberts building, 231-233 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and all who possibly can be present to talk over our rules and regulations and other matters affecting our welfare.

Our recent smoker, attended by twenty or more of the brothers, was very enjoyable and instructive. Addresses by the gifted ones, songs without music by our warblers and plenty of smokes made the occasion one long to be remembered, with the wish of all present for an early repetition thereof.

Sister Wilson, Bro. F. L. Richards' daughter, and Bros. Cochran and Pence, who have been on the sick list recently, are all convalescing nicely, for which we are truly thankful.

We sorrowfully regret to note that Bro. G. H. Elcholtz, taken sick at his post of duty in "JM" tower Easter afternoon, died shortly after being carried home.

The love of his many friends and sympathy for his relatives was exemplified by the large attendance when he was laid to rest. Bros. O'Neill, Phillips, Morris, Hamilton and many other members of our Order were among the mourners.

Roses, lilies and many beautiful floral wreaths were sent as a memento of affectionate regard from Division No. 52 and the K. of M. and his many friends in Pittsburgh.

To me for eleven years he was a friend and brother in every sense. Brothers and sisters, let us profit by his good example, always endeavoring to improve as we journey along the way so that at its end we may, like him, lie down, as it were, to peaceful slumber, with our work as well done as possible in this busy world.

Bro. Phillips has relinquished the position of correspondent and I hope the brothers and sisters will keep me advised of all the changes, etc., and let me have them in time so I can arrange and send them to St. Louis not later than the 25th of the month.

CERT. 318.

#### Washington, D. C., Div. No. 60.

##### "H" General Relay—

Unable to get any notes together for last month, due to heavy business and none received. Overtime now a thing of the past and the boys now know the time they are on duty and when they will be relieved. Recent reduction in forces cut three men, leaving us with one extra man, Mr. Hulifish, who is making close to full time.

About a year ago our underpaid train clerks tried to get more money. Being unorganized, they were politely but firmly refused. Shortly afterwards, when every man had a card, they were listened to and all received a very substantial increase, with back pay dating from October 1st, 1918. The Order of Railroad Telegraphers secured that increase, got these boys back to an eight-hour day and also bettered their working conditions.

The Baltimore Sun published an article recently predicting that the railroads would be turned over to private ownership before the end of the year. Whether this is a fact or not, it is of paramount importance for every man to hold a card. Don't become delinquent, and keep after the "nons." Prospects are good for securing the only "non" on the division.

Bro. Bruchey is now on Charlotte second.

Bro. LeHew is now teaching on 61 wire after 4:00 p. m. The last write-up, through error, stated Bro. Nelson was teaching on Wilmington.

Glad to see Bro. Beckley back after another sick spell.

Bro. Coe is now on "PO" circuit, with "CF" on the other end.

Bro. Kincheloe has a new flivver.

Bro. Morton has gone in the poultry business.

Bro. Nolan has returned from a trip to Baltimore and Bro. Pitcher from Detroit.

Bros. Loats and Coe are studying a course of "traffic manager."

Bro. Runkle, while visiting friends in Atlantic City, was relieved by Bro. Bruchey.

##### "SU" Train Clerks—

It is now Bro. Christopher, making this office solid.

Bros. Walker and Hoppee worked twelve hours while Bro. Price was off, due to death in family.

Bro. Martin handles the boys' specials from "over there," Bros. Christopher and Howard tell the B. & O. where to head in, while Bros. J. T. and J. P. Lynch handle lines south and Bro. Umbaugh the Pennsylvania end.

##### "K" Tower—

We welcome into the field Bro. J. C. Pufenberger, messenger, promoted to leverman and assistant train director.

Regret the serious illness of Bros. Casey

and Sinclair, both in the hospital. Brothers, visit them often and help drive away the dull moments.

Glad to see Bro. Jack Blades back again from Chicago.

Bro. Cain says no more Washington landlords for him. He now rides the "rattler" to and from the office.

Bro. Walters relieved a week by Bro. Babbitt.

Bros. Walganot and Von Drehl purchased a movie house in the northwest section.

Bros. Sullivan and Puffenberger are the two star levermen on second trick.

#### "C" Tower—

Bro. Jack has returned from two weeks' vacation in the Blue Ridge Mountains of old Virginia.

The two train director positions are being very efficiently filled by Bros. Trotter and Humphries.

Bros. Hubbard, Jackson and Roberts attended the great "Sing" at Baltimore.

#### "D" Office—

Bro. Vandygrift is studying the inside workings of the pneumatic tubes shortly to be installed.

Bro. Rourke, while attending the races at Bowie, relieved by Bro. Dent.

Bro. Price has turned the B. & O. side over to Bro. Marquette.

Bros. Hayes and Cowan have a system all their own for handling the different trains arriving and departing.

This office again solid. Let's keep it that way now, brothers.

Bro. Coe worked eight hours on a call, off his regular trick, put in a claim for time and a half on account of being called out of regular established hours and claim was allowed. Eight hours, one dollar an hour. This is one reason for carrying an up to date.

CERT. 30.

#### Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.—

The recent election resulted as follows: Chief telegrapher, H. J. Bardol; first vice, F. R. Douglas; second vice, J. J. Riley; secretary and treasurer, J. H. McDermott; auditor, three years, F. L. Reilly; trustee, three years, D. S. McGrath; legislative committee, W. F. Cashen, W. H. O'Brien, F. R. Douglas; delegates, Geo. Clark, W. L. Enos, J. H. McDermott and L. J. Ross; alternates, D. D. McLeod, J. H. Robichau, H. J. Bardol and J. F. Francis.

The annual report of Bro. McDermott shows the division in a most healthy condition, with a greatly increased membership and with good prospects of soon reaching the 500 mark. Every member was fully paid up and only one dropped for non-payment, an exceptional record. Many of our members have secured annual cards for the current year.

This was Bro. McDermott's eleventh successive report and by far the best he has ever been able to file.

Bro. Handy, secretary and treasurer of the general board, also rendered his report at our last meeting and the auditors highly commended him for the neat and efficient manner of keeping accounts.

The per capita tax for term ending June 30, 1918, shows we are running close to our big sister division, No. 29 of New Haven. With 340 members against their 339, for term ending Dec. 31, 1918, we lead her by 16 members, or 387 against 371. Of course this does not signify our entire membership. There are many non-taxable employed on other roads or in positions not covered by our schedule. The first quarter of the present year shows a substantial increase in numbers. Our most active members are well provided with "gas masks" and woe to the "non" who pulls off any phoney stuff. At present it is a hard matter to say who leads between Bros. Geo. Clark and Walter Enos. At each meeting their pockets bulge with new petitions.

The April meeting recorded the first appearance in four months of General Chairman Ross, whose duties called him to Washington, Chicago and New York. Although we have felt and enjoyed the results of his labors while absent, yet we were pleased to personally express our appreciation and to have him in our little circle once more. It would consume too much space here to enumerate all that transpired while working for our interest, but the "franks in our jeans" speak volumes.

Government ownership of railroads was one of the topics under discussion and many different views were taken. Among those speaking were Bros. McDermott, Richardson, McLeod, Robichau, McKinney, Clark and others.

#### Old Colony Division—

Bro. "Ike" Spillman, agent Medfield Junction, bid in East Taunton agency.

The few brothers in arrears are no doubt aware that this is unnecessary at these times and will pay up immediately. No names mentioned at present.

Brothers, watch your blocks. There is soon to be an inspection. Keep close and make complete record as applied by the rules.

Bro. Watkins, secretary and treasurer Beneficial Association, wishes to commend the "B. A." members on their promptness in remitting dues and request the few who are a bit forgetful and tardy each month to be more prompt. It saves money, for each notice sent comes out of the funds, and many are unnecessary. If in arrears no claim can be made for benefits. This is important. Send dues in the first of the month and be sure of the protection. Don't wait for the notice.

Bro. Tim Delaney, Walpole tower, did his little bit for "Uncle Sam," as did also Bros. Macavoy and Connors, at Walpole Junction handling the troop trains to Camp Devens when the famous 26th Division was routed that way.

It's now Bro. "Jimmie" Cosgrove, Fitchburg. Congratulations.

Nearly all positions have been placed on eight hours, with Sundays eliminated as much as possible, which is enjoyed by all. This includes Northboro, formerly twelve hours, Agent England on first and Bro. Eldridge, second.

Southboro solid with Bro. Fay, agent on first, and Bro. Watkins, second.

Bro. McGraw, Fayville, bid in Medfield Junction agency. Bro. Campbell, recently discharged from Army, is back on agent's position, Framingham Centre agency, vice Bro. Sires, who took second there. Bro. Benoit, "G" Mansfield, bumped Bro. Glew, first "A" Framingham, to second there, and Pierce bumped Sister Porter from second Marlboro ticket office to extra list.

The axe has been applied to Mansfield Depot telegraph office, instruments being installed in both towers at Mansfield to handle the message work. This requires six operators in Mansfield instead of three. Bros. Hill and Sawyer of "G" took first in the towers there, and Bro. Benoit went to Framingham first, vice Bro. Glew, to second there.

Bro. C. Hatch, relief towerman, has returned to "NX" tower, Framingham Centre.

Bro. P. L. Shea, freight agent Lowell, is at his home in Fitchburg recuperating from a nervous breakdown.

Bro. McCarthy, second Walpole tower, has been investing in real estate there. Congratulations will no doubt soon be in order.

#### Boston Division—

Local Chairman Enos is right on the heels of all "nons." "Should he happen to miss one," put him wise.

The back time came in good season for that anticipated "Easter suit." We hope it didn't take all of it to purchase one.

Sister Bessie Smith passed to the great beyond and we mourn the loss of one of our most active and consistent members. Since she joined in 1909, as agent on the old Plymouth division and at North Truro, on the Cape division, she was held in the highest regard by the railroad and public alike. She leaves a wide circle of friends and relatives.

Bro. Oakman, agent Mansfield, has purchased a new auto and promises a ride to any of the members who visit him on Sundays.

Bro. William Johnson of Buzzards Bay promises a good fishing trip this summer to anyone with an up-to-date card.

Sister Jones bumped the operator at Yarmouth. A man with less than three years'

rating now keeps his suit case packed ready for a quick change.

Sister Robbins, Wareham, who has had quite a siege of sickness this winter, is being relieved by Sister Parkson.

Bros. O'Brien and Cashen, the latest arrivals from the Army and Navy, are back at Weymouth and Harrison Square, respectively.

Sister Nichols has returned to Cohasset after two months spent at Washington with relatives.

Keep after third trick director, tower 237. He is drawing \$40.60 a week through our efforts and should come in and pay for the benefit he is enjoying. See if you can't bring in his application to the next meeting.

Bro. Johnnie Kerns is recovering from the "flu" and pneumonia, but he's losing his hair.

Bro. Charlie Boardman has been acting as night dispatcher at Boston office recently, and "Col." Bro. Regan and Gordon are doing night duty in the dispatcher's force.

Bro. Walter Hickey goes from West Roxbury to Shawmut Junction second.

#### Midland Division—

Chief Dispatcher Dorigan is working on the new time card.

Bro. Steele is acting chief while Bro. McLaughlin goes from Woonsocket district to main line dispatcher.

Bro. Harry Sheehan, spare dispatcher, was an interesting speaker at our last meeting.

It is now Bro. Francis, First street yard office.

Bro. Jerry Donavan, returning from the radio service on board one of the torpedo boat destroyers, takes his old job at Franklin second, putting Bro. Rogovin back on spare board.

Bro. C. H. A. Hoyle, agent Masonville, is now taking his belated vacation.

The embankment west of Pomfret station, loosened by the heavy spring rains, slid down, burying tracks one and two and the steam shovel had to be used to clear them. Bro. Gilbert and Coughlin detoured the trains around the mountain of earth.

Bros. Pop Stevens and Glazier of Readville enjoyed an exciting two-hour hunt in the freight yard recently for a large cinnamon bear which escaped from the Boston zoo.

The handling of troop trains without a hitch speaks well for the employees on the Midland division. Fifteen trains, twelve cars each, running fifteen minutes apart through dense crowds of welcoming friends along the right of way, kept everybody on their mettle. The small boys, not contented with the swiftly moving trains, climbed the banner signal masts and tied the signals in stop position. Thousands of people lined the tracks and showered the soldiers with pie candy, smokes and soda. Forty-six troop

trains handled 489 cars with over 20,000 troops.

Telephones have been installed on the old Norwich and Worcester branches for train dispatcher purposes.

Abington and Clarks Corners closed on Sundays.

Sister May Healy of Abington is raising collie pups for the market. Mary's lambs didn't take well, hence the change.

Bro. Jim Coughlin of Pompfret is breaking the egg trust, selling nice, strictly fresh ones 10 to 15 cents below the market price.

A broken arch bar caused the recent serious freight wreck at Pompfret when 15 cars went down the embankment on both sides. It occurred within three days of the anniversary of last year's collision. The New York Flier had just cleared the spot by six minutes. Three tool trains cleared up the debris.

Bro. Goodell has resumed duty after a trying siege in the hospital with the "flu" and pneumonia. Tower 181 covered mean-while by Harry Curren.

Bro. Balcome, from Franklin, is now on first trick in the dispatcher's office.

H. J. BARDOL, Div. Cor., Cert. 99.

#### **Virginia, Minn., Div. No. 127.**

*Duluth, Mesaba & Northern Ry.—*

Our meeting Sunday, April 13th, was held at Alborn, Minn., with a large attendance. We now have a 99 per cent membership, and as soon as Miller, at Steelton, joins we will be 100 per cent strong, and our working conditions will be better if we stay organized. The usual ceremonies were performed in the installation of Bro. T. A. Clark, our new chief telegrapher, who succeeded Bro. Woodward, a worthy successor, who always has been loyal to the Order.

Bro. C. J. Keenan, agent Calumet, Minn., resigned as secretary and treasurer on account of the increased membership taking too much of his time, and the undersigned was elected as his successor. I wish to thank the brothers for this honor. I will do all I can to help the Order and every member in it, and I want all members of this division to stand by me. Write me, stating what you would like to have done. It is the only way that we can come to an understanding of existing conditions, and very gratifying to an officer to have the members advise with him in this manner.

I can give a better line-up to the boys, now being both correspondent and secretary and treasurer. Send me all the notes you possibly can.

Bro. E. W. Jordan, first Mitchell, was relieved two weeks by Bro. Jordan, from Hibbing, which, with Docks and Yard Office, has been opened for the ore season by Bros. R. L. Ells, A. B. Granley, W. Anderson, H. J. Fiola and Soshea, latter just returned from the Marines, who belongs to Division 54 and will be transferred to this division.

Bro. A. A. Jordan, after leaving Mitchell, spent a week in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Bro. C. J. Keenan, Calumet, spent part of Sunday, April 13th, in Hibbing before attending the Alborn meeting, and Chief Telegrapher Clark spent a day in Hibbing recently.

Bro. Jack Ryan, third Mitchell, has been a frequent visitor in Duluth lately, having some dental work done.

Bro. Ed. Jordan, first Mitchell, visited his friend, Sam Wow, the laundryman, in Hibbing Saturday evening recently.

We were all grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Kenney, mother of Bro. F. J. Kenney, relief agent. He has our sympathy in his bereavement. The body was shipped to Michigan for burial.

Two more new applications just received. Keep up the good work brothers and land them as soon as they arrive.

Ford "bugs" have been very quiet since they ventured out into the mud of the early spring. Bro. Maloney still has visions of the old boat.

Chas. H. Morris of Saginaw is a shining example of a good, loyal brother. He walked six miles and then finished the remaining seven on a hand speeder to attend the recent meeting. With 100 per cent of such members we are sure to go "over the top."

Bro. C. P. Baker, first "QN," is a new man. Bro. King, from Division 8, will be transferred to our division.

All the members at the meeting donated \$1 to strengthen the medical fund. Members not present will be mailed notice of this so we can show that the O. R. T. is among the generous. Nearly all the brotherhoods on the road gave to this cause. It is really a protective measure, and should we lose the company doctors we would then have a reserve fund on hand to fall back on. I think it a very good idea, and it was unanimously carried by a vote of all the members present.

Thanks to Bro. A. A. Jordan for the nice list of notes. It helps the correspondent out when he comes to make the write-up.

L. J. BROUSSEAU, Secy. and Treas.,  
Burnett, Minn.

#### **Grand Trunk Ry., Div. No. 1.**

Division dues notices and remittance forms for the ensuing new term, namely, July 1st to December 31st, 1919, goes to all System Division No. 1 members as per their address in my office.

Members filling scheduled positions will remit \$8.00 for one term, or \$16.00 for a full year.

Members out of the service entirely, or those filling unscheduled positions, will remit \$4.00 for one term, or \$8.00 for a full year.

Division dues should be remitted direct to

General Secretary-Treasurer D. L. Shaw,  
London, Ontario.

Members holding insurance in the Order should bear in mind that assessments are due and should be paid at the same time as division dues and be mailed direct to C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo. \$300.00 costs \$1.20 for one term, or \$2.40 for a full year; \$600.00 costs \$1.80 for one term, or \$3.60 for a full year, and \$1,000.00 costs \$3.60 for one term, or \$7.20 for a full year.

All Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific members will please note that their respective general committees, when in session last January, owing to the increased cost of conducting the divisions' affairs and schedule negotiations, increased the division dues to \$8.00 per term, or \$16.00 per year, and the initiation fee to \$10.00, effective July 1st, 1919. After that date the rates for new applicants will be: January and July, \$19.00; February and August, \$18.00; March and September, \$17.00; April and October, \$16.00; May and November, \$15.00, and June and December, \$14.00. The new rates are quoted on the left-hand corner of the yellow remittance form distributed with dues notice.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk members holding membership in Grand Trunk System Division No. 1 who enlisted either in the Army or Navy during the past four years, whose division dues and insurance assessments the division undertook to keep paid up while in active military service, seeing this notice, will please communicate with the undersigned. State whether you have been discharged from military service or not. Also please note that it is not the intention of Division No. 1 to keep the dues and insurance assessments paid up for any member who has been discharged or relieved from military duty, and all such members should, immediately they receive their military discharge, notify the undersigned.

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

#### *Second, Third and Fourth Districts—*

Presume there are quite a few changes on this division which would possibly be of interest to the boys and I will quote a few as we must have a write-up every month now.

Bro. A. O. Talbot, Fort Covington, N. Y., has been appointed agent at Richmond, Que., vice Bro. J. J. Anderson, resigned.

Bro. O. Normandin, agent Craigs Road, to second St. Hyacinthe, and Bro. G. E. Ling, second Victoriaville.

Bro. J. H. Bernard to first and Bro. J. E. Frechette to second Beloeil.

Bro. T. Hebert to second Ranelagh; Bro.

J. A. Langlois, agent Stottsville, and Bro. R. Fortin, agent Howick.

Bro. E. Bouchard is relieving Bro. J. E. Marchand, St. Agnes, who is filling vacancy caused by the accidental death of Bro. W. J. Marchand.

Brothers, help me to give the "nons" a hot time and make these districts one hundred per cent strong. "BY," Cert. 2781.

#### "Big Four" R. R., Div. No. 3.

##### *Chicago Division, West End—*

General Chairman Whalen was called to Washington early last month on new schedule negotiations.

We secured thirteen new members recently. Only a few more nons left among the regular men on this end. Keep after them, also the new men as fast as they arrive and give them no rest until they sign up.

Bro. J. W. Evitts is acting as assistant local chairman on the East End when it is not practicable for me to get over there, so ask him for any information concerning the standing of the operators and other matters of interest and help him all you can.

It was decided by the last meeting of the general committee that the local chairman do the most of his organization work by correspondence as a saving in the expense of the division, therefore it will not be possible for me to get out over the line much. However, where the interests of the Order require it, this procedure will be resorted to.

The boys who have been in the Army are being discharged and are returning to their old jobs, displacing some of the younger operators, who, in turn, go on the extra board.

The motion promulgated by some of the members to strike out the five-year bumping clause in our schedule was submitted to a vote of the members and the motion was defeated by about 285 majority. The old clause will remain as it was.

Percy Reynolds, extra dispatcher, still on our seniority list as an operator, is third trick dispatcher on the West End and seems to be very well liked by all the boys. We should all get after him and make him get a card. He does not want his name taken off the seniority list. The officials have tried to persuade him to have it taken off.

Boys, we have the best trainmaster that has ever been over here. "Hit the ball" with him. He is not looking for your jobs, but is acting under the presumption that everybody is on the job. Show your appreciation for a good man when you get one.

If you have any grievances file them promptly with me, as that is what I am in the business for. Keep after the "nons," and make them understand the motto, "No card, no favors."

G. S. RAINETEY,  
Local Chairman, Cert. 1876.

Bro. Broshears is back from the Army on "WD" first trick; also Mr. Cooley back on third "WD," and Bro. Lade on "RO" second. Bro. Insko is back on Donovan third from the Navy, where he played with the famous Sousa's Marine Band.

The four brotherhoods, having secured concessions from Director General Hines, are now waiting on their back pay.

Bro. Coyer, second, on two weeks' vacation, visited his brother in Montana.

The Chicago Division will soon be double track between Indianapolis and Whitestown.

If you have anything of interest drop a line to Bro. Rainey or Bro. Lowe, West End correspondent.

We notice quite an improvement on this end since Bro. Rainey became local chairman. Let's help him. CERT. 1185.

#### *Cleveland Division—*

Bro. Hanley, second Galion, was relieved a few days by Williams, who also relieved Bro. Shoffer, third there, several days. Bro. Qual, who relieved Triplett a few days, later bumped Jones from third Crestline.

Bro. Gallagher, third Cardington to third Edison, relieved by Miller.

Bro. Tommy Scott, on the sick list, is improving.

Bro. A. H. Scott, first Edison, is back after a month's sickness with the "flu."

Bro. Jarvis, first Leonardsburg, sick with the "flu," Bro. Dodds and Dicks doubling.

Bro. Clutter, third St. James, relieved a few days by Bro. Craley.

Longville closed, Bro. Carey and Bomberger taking 90 days' leave, and Bro. Artz, second Columbia, on 90 days' leave, relieved by McCaffery.

This division is almost 100 per cent solid once more, due to the effort of our local chairman and some live brothers who have assisted him. The yellow card system which has been put into effect is the best tonic found yet to kill the "non" germ, and the general committee is to be congratulated on putting it into effect. A non-member is a drawback to the organization and no member in good standing is "doing his bit" unless he lives up to the slogan of "*No card, no favors*" and applies it in every case. Let's assist our local chairman to make this the banner division second to none.

CERT. 1499.

#### *Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—*

Bro. B. F. Jenkins of Division 33 died in Chicago Saturday, April 12, 1919. Burial was at Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, O., and was attended by Bros. Engle, Corwin, Williams and Getts. A beautiful floral tribute was extended to the deceased brother by Bros. Berry, Reed, Willes, Engle, Getts and Corwin.

Bro. Joe Callahan, with the A. E. F. in

France the past year, is about ready to sail. A royal welcome home awaits him.

Bro. Mains, second Belle Center, relieved by extra Jenkins, and Bro. George Cunningham, third Huntsville, by C. Turner, account of sickness.

Sister Maude Rodgers is relieving Bro. Earp, second Hill Siding.

Our back pay has arrived.

Third Wharton opened again and all offices are again open Sundays after a few weeks closing. Most of the boys were pleased to have their Sundays home with their families. We hope the Sunday work will soon be abolished again for all time.

Grants office has been moved half a mile further east, between the old and new sidings, much against the wishes of Bros. Beem and Ulen and Sister Stephenson, as it makes it that much further for them to get to work. The latter is being relieved on third Sunday nights, as the state law prevents women from working more than 50 hours a week.

Bro. Fred Jenkins is at Huntsville again after spending several months at Camp Sheridan. We are all glad to see him back.

The recent cut in forces has resulted in many of the fine girls losing out, being at the foot of the seniority list.

W. E. BEEM, Cert. 1754.

#### *C., St. P., M. & O. Ry., Div. No. 4.*

##### *Western Division—*

Shocking news has been received April 19th of the death of our esteemed brother, George R. Newman, agent St. James, in the railroad yards there while looking after the icing of refrigerator cars on freight train No. 20. Just how the accident happened will never be known. After No. 20 left his body was found on the track completely severed. A large delegation of all classes of railroad friends attended the funeral at St. James. Bro. Newman had been agent there over twenty-five years and in the service of the Omaha road about thirty-three years.

The Fifth Victory Loan drive started April 21st. Bros. Sisterman and Tenney looking after the telegraphers and agents and practically the same line-up of other crafts as in former drives.

Bro. Price, relieving Bro. Sisterman on Belle Plaine agency, is being relieved on first there by Bro. Hoff. A. M. Johnson of Merriam is relieving Bro. Tenney.

D. S. Josephson has finally joined the Order. Much credit is due Sister J. W. McCarthy for securing his application.

Bro. E. A. Tyler, from Merriam, is relieving Bro. Hix at Ottawa.

Bro. Krekleburg, Belle Plaine, was a Mankato caller March 12th inst., and Sister Szlowschtski of Savage shopped there March 17th.

Sister McCarthy of Kasota visited with friends at Madelia March 19th.

Sister Peterson, Minneopa second, enjoyed two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends in Wisconsin, relieved by Miss Tolleson.

"The Sioux City Telegraphers' Club" has been organized with R. A. Phillips, president; G. Blanchard, vice-president; P. Knowles, secretary-treasurer. Meetings monthly. All O. R. T. members in that vicinity are urged to attend and join. The club already has a very large membership, which is constantly growing.

Bro. C. F. Leatherman is back on C. & N. W. second at Mankato.

Assistant Division Superintendent Gorman of this division has been transferred to a similar position at Eau Claire, succeeded by H. P. Congdon of Eau Claire.

If this write-up is a disappointment to you we trust it will touch a responsive chord and in future you will contribute those little "items" that you know or have heard of that did not reach us.

We expect the time will be opportune for another meeting shortly after the convention, as you will all be anxious to learn what was done at St. Louis. Watch for dates and attend if you can. CERT. No. 2.

#### *Nebraska Division—*

The Victory Loan drive is on, and Bro. Coyle soliciting among the agents and telegraphers should be given the same strong support as that of the last drive. Let us see all the O. R. T. men subscribe liberally.

Bro. A. E. Morrell, cashier at Emerson, relieved Bro. Coyle, Craig agency, when he bid in Wayne first. Bro. R. E. Halverson to Craig second, Bro. W. R. Wallace to Oakland second and Bro. A. C Shearer to Oakland third.

Bro. C. R. Ames bid in South Sioux City agency, vice Bro. Clausen to Bancroft agency.

First Street opened again, operated by "the Omaha" separately; Bros. J. H. Shearer, W. M. Vicroy and E. R. Herdman on first, second and third, respectively.

The few delinquents on the division can put us back on a 100 per cent basis if they will only pay up. They can easily do so now, considering our better wages, compared with what we received heretofore.

CERT. 305.

#### *Northern Division—*

I have again been asked to solicit for the Fifth Liberty Loan from the telegraphers and agents of this division and am leaving for a two weeks' canvass, assisted by Bro. Clark, agent Trego, relieved by Bro. Haine.

Bro. Block, in the Signal Corps service in France, has returned and will resume work at Washburn as soon as he has visited his

relatives in the West. We are glad to have him back again. I have had the pleasure of hearing from him many times while he was in France. He mailed his vote for local chairman at the last election from France to Bro. Tenney shortly before the election was held. He will displace Bro. Hagen at Washburn, who will return to Barksdale, vice Sister Salle.

Bro. Peterson off a few days to Twin Cities, relieved by Miss Motzkus.

Ned Cowin, who lost out when the powder plant at Bardsdale went out of business due to the signing of the armistice, is on Ashland second.

The agent at Bayfield has to do the telegraphing there now and Bro. Oldham, who was there for many years, went to Solon Springs second. Bro. Oldham is a charter member on the Omaha and has carried a card continually since we were organized. We trust he may soon bid in something to his liking.

So many of the soldiers coming back from the service has caused considerable bumping.

Bro. Wonderwitz, second Itasca, was off a few days due to the serious illness of his wife, men doubling first and third tricks.

Bro. Melch, Superior, was in St. Francis Hospital ten days due to a general breakdown.

Bro. Oldham was off a few days due to illness of his wife at Bayfield.

Sister Zubrick, who was severely burned recently, due to an explosion of the coal stove at Shell Lake, is back again on second, fully recovered.

Bro. Bernhagen, interlocker Newton avenue tower, was off a few days with the "flu."

Bro. Goodwin, Lakeside, called upon the writer recently.

The question of the rates of pay for the positions which worked more than eight hours on January 1st, 1918, are up with the Adjustment Board in Washington, as well as the question of pay for Sunday work. We hope for a decision shortly.

Second Rockmont discontinued, South Range second established instead and on bulletin.

As the few out of the 147 members on this division who have not remitted their dues for the current term have promised to pay at once, I will refrain from publishing their names and trust that we may again have the proud record of reporting a 100 per cent membership on our division at the close of the current term, same as we have the close of the past two terms. Wake up, brothers. Remember the 1919 slogan, "stay organized."

"X," Cert. No. 330.

#### *Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.*

##### *Nebraska Division—*

Bro. Faes, regular, is back on second Columbus after service in France, vice Finley

Bro. Kane has gone on a farm in Iowa, relieved by Bro. Snodgrass.

Bro. Gler, third Schuyler, in hospital, relieved by Miss Browning, who also relieved Bro. Smith, third Valley, on vacation. Bro. Stump entertained the ops at Schuyler while on biz there.

Bro. Clotfelter from the Signal Corps, after relieving the agent at Papillion, went to Schuyler.

Bro. Wallace is now on third "GD," Grand Island.

The wage increase is here and we all know who secured it. See that the nons are kept advised and keep after them until they line up. Our officials were untiring in our behalf at the hearings at Washington, D. C., securing the necessary increase in salaries of all the agents and telegraphers. We must work now as we never worked before and make our membership 100 per cent. It is highly important that we remain so in order that we can retain what we have gained and safeguard our interests. This organization is what we make it, your organization, and we cannot fail if you will all do your duty.

Would have more news if everyone would send in some items.

CERT. 712.

#### *Western Division—*

It is now Bro. Donaldson at Uintah; Bro. Cluff, agent Evanston, and Ax at Granger.

Local Chairman Davis, over the road recently, visited Bros. Nichols, Granger, and Houston at Carter, also made a trip of investigation to Evanston, resulting in the reinstatement of Bro. Rullman.

Henefer agency opened up, bid in by Bro. Johnson of Knight, second Rock Springs; Bro. Stokes to Green River relay. Only one man on Sundays at Green River now and there's work enough for two to handle.

Sister Murdock was relieved several days recently by former Dispatcher Knox, who "has no use for the O. R. T." but took his back pay and smiled from ear to ear.

Bro. Webb, second Knight, called to Los Angeles owing to the serious illness of his mother, who is not expected to live. We all trust that she will recover, Sister Maxine, Andrews, relieving.

Bro. Boatwright was off a few days recently.

Bro. Pitts, at Monroe, La., in the real estate business, reports good success, which we are all glad to hear.

Bro. Schade, third Granger, is now with the Associated Press at Nampa, Idaho. We all wish him success and trust his wife will be able to stand the climate.

Superintendent McDuffle from Cheyenne returns to this division, vice Williams to other duties.

Bro. Ferru returned from overseas to second Granger, vice Bro. Nichols to Carter first.

Bro. Houston, agent Carter, while working the local, dropped a piece of machinery on his foot and went to Ogden for treatment, relieved by Bro. Dunn, who relieved Bro. Ridge, Park City, while on vacation in Idaho and surrounding country, stopping at Evanston to see the "city."

Bro. Pirtle visited Evanston twenty-five days last month to keep the memory fresh of the good times he "used" to have at Evanston. "Fahquarer."

Bro. Norman, bumped from North Platte relay, relieved Sister Gamble at Wahsatch, who relieved Sister Davis on vacation with her husband, Bro. Davis.

Bro. Graham, agent Morgan, relieved a few days by Bro. Logan.

Bro. P. G. Vaughan, formerly local chairman of this division, who now has a moving picture house at 702 Euclid avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, writes he will be glad to see the boys passing through on their vacations this summer. He will be pleased to hear from any who may care to write him.

It has been suggested that we pledge fifty cents a month toward the expense of having our local chairman travel over this end of the line, but I believe we should have Bro. Davis call a meeting, form an "O. R. T." Club and hold regular meetings where we could speak our thoughts. Those interested please write Bro. Davis, or Bro. Nichols, Granger third.

CERT. 1653.

#### *Colorado Division—*

Bro. A. O. Grendler, second Wakeeney, was called to Everly, Iowa, to his father's funeral. We extend him our sympathy.

Bro. Huckaby is visiting homefolks East. Bro. Davis, who drew second Hugo, stopped en route recently to see the boys in Denver. He was relieved later by Bro. Hershey owing to his wife's illness.

Bro. Folks, second Sterling, was a recent Denver visitor, also Bro. Ray Everly.

Bro. Kullman bid in Cook agency, relieved by Bro. Merriweather on Sterling first.

Bro. Matthews, at Greeley, is being congratulated on the arrival of a baby girl at his home.

Bro. Kimberly, Strasburg, relieved a few days by Bro. Flint.

Bro. Mellon, relieved Bro. Anderson, Hugo second, acting agent while regular man was away.

Bros. Kane, Lockman, W. E. Parker and Burnett attended the safety meeting in Denver.

Bro. Phelps, Lucerne, was called back from Florida owing to the illness of his wife.

DIV. COR.

*Central Division—*

Local Chairman Tompkins is on three weeks' tour over the division on the Fifth Liberty Loan drive.

The soldier boys returning from the army are necessitating a good many changes, but why should we worry; they are entitled to all that comes to them.

Bro. A. V. Henderson has returned from U. S. service to third Seneca, vice Bro. Porter, back to Marysville. Sister Edna Corsaut, first Seneca, is visiting homefolks at Hiawatha.

Bro. Longmier spent a few days in St. Joseph recently.

J. E. Bell, formerly cashier at Fairbury, is now bucking the extra board.

Bro. B. T. Hart, Hiawatha, off two weeks making improvements on his farm.

Bro. Buschman, recently recovered from the "flu," is back in the hospital again with another attack of the malady.

Bro. McMillan has returned from several weeks' vacation.

Bro. Late, agent Vining, was called to Arkansas on account of death in his family.

Brothers, the Topeka and Junction City branches are solid, only one non left on the Manhattan, two on the L. K. & W., and very few on the St. J. & G. I. Get in that non next to you. The local chairman will tell you where they are located.

CERT. 1538.

**Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.***Farnham Division—*

The winter offices have all been closed.

All are now deriving the benefit of the new schedule rates and an eight-hour day. Our schedule committee deserve our commendation for their recent achievements.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Sherbrooke on Sunday, March 23, fifty members being present, with Bro. Levesque in the chair. Bro. Chapman, general chairman Eastern Lines, gave us very interesting information on schedule matters in his usual able manner, which the boys were glad to learn, after which several matters were discussed.

Am pleased to announce the return to duty of Bro. C. L. Pope, train dispatcher in overseas service since 1916. Bros. Farley, Morisson, Taylor and Guertin are still in England or France and Bro. H. Labonte in Siberia. We wish them all a safe and prompt return.

Sorry to hear of the illness of the wives of Bros. J. J. B. Janelle and L. O. Patenaude. Best wishes for their prompt recovery.

Bro. Wahl, agent Centre, sick several weeks, has resumed duty, also Bro. Connor, agent Waterloo, on sick leave since December, and Bro. Corbiere, off sick since last

summer, has resumed on Cowansville third.

Bro. L. H. Vicary from Sudbury, down here from December to April 1 as dispatcher East End has returned home. He made a host of friends here and the way he handled the heavy traffic on the East End showed that he was a "dispatcher."

Bro. Beamier has started as relief dispatcher, relieved in "WH" by Bro. A. J. Perrault, later to Adamsville.

Seventeen new members enrolled recently, five being from St. Johns, Que., making that station solid. Congratulations, brothers. This is a total of 31 new members since the beginning of the year. The brothers who have not already done so will please line up their assistants. Our membership can be brought up to 180 if all will do their bit.

Bro. J. E. Levesque, local chairman, left on May 4th to attend the St. Louis convention.

The subscriptions taken up for Bro. J. R. Gariepy netted the sum of \$155.00. He extends to all the good brothers his warm thanks for the sympathy shown in his affliction and particularly to Bros. Levesque and Pouliot, local chairman and secretary, for the initiative taken by them. While Bro. Gariepy is not improving as fast as could be expected, we hope to see him on the job soon, and he has our best wishes for a prompt recovery.

Several of the members have not yet paid up first month increase. We trust they will correct this oversight without further delay. While the agent at Actonvale is not a member we will have to give him credit for paying up the 1917 and 1919 first month's increases.

Brothers will not forget submitting overtime slip in regular way for time worked on legal holidays.

Brothers, now is the time to put in your garden; it won't be a war garden this year but is a profitable investment just the same.

Change of time took effect on Sunday, May 4th, train service being arranged on the pre-war basis. F. A. P., Secy.

*Portage Division—*

A meeting was held in Napinka Sunday, April 20th. Questions of vital importance were presented by our officers.

I received notes from only two of the brothers, so I cannot give all the changes. Bro. W. Glaser, who bid in Emerson days, is relieving at Ignace, Ont.

Bro. Geo. McQueen, agent Glenboro, recently received the sad news of the death of his father. We all express our sympathy and condolence. Bro. Jac. McQueen, agent MacDonald was relieved by Bro. Jimmy Keenan of Austin, while he was down in Ontario attending the burial of his father. LaTour relieving at Austin nights. If not

a member, some of the brothers adjacent should get after him.

Bro. Houston is relieving Bro. Walker, Sidney nights, who has a siege of it since he underwent his operation. Bro. D. C. Campbell bid in Moore Park agency, Bro. Brass, operator Morden, got Gunton agency.

Bro. Jack Winters, recently bereft of his wife, has returned to Nesbitt agency, Bro. Latherdale relieving Bro. Scott at Methven a few days.

Bro. Johnston who sprained his ankle, is back at Carey agency again. Bro. Deecon, who relieved him, is now relieving Bro. Oscar Kellough at Winkler.

Bro. Smith has returned to Morden, after relieving Bro. Currl, agent Holland.

Bro. H. Brown is at Emerson pending arrival of regular man.

Bro. Johnson, agent Austin, has returned from the South where he has been recuperating for several months, relieved by Bro. Keenan.

Bro. B. Allen, back from "over there," is taking a much needed rest before going to work.

Bro. Stoppell is relieving Bro. Hewitt, agent Morden, and Bro. Baker, operator there, is relieving the agent at Portage la Prairie, who is sick with the "flu."

Bro. A. S. McKechnie is now dispatching at Souris owing to the reduction in Winnipeg dispatcher's office, where Bro. Walker is now swing dispatcher.

Bro. Cross, of La Salle, has gone to the Kenora Division to work among the rocks.

Bro. Fonger, operator Portage, has been off on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Doumolin is on third Minnedosa and Bro. Fournier, La Salle, has gone to Whitewood third.

A. S. DORSEY,  
Cert. 3644.

#### Moose Jaw Division—

Bro. Cheney will be representative from Moose Jaw District to the convention at St. Louis in May.

Bro. Foster, agent Melaval, was called East on account of his mother's illness, relieved by F. W. Hinton.

Bro. Culliton has returned to Elbow after several weeks' illness, relieved by Bro. J. Cavanaugh.

We are glad to see Bro. Dave Anderson's smiling face at Swift Current again; also Bro. F. S. Sturridge, who has returned from the South, where he was serving "Uncle Sam."

We regret to record the death of Bro. C. W. Fondray, agent Loreburn, at his former home, Greencastle, Ind., on April 3rd, from Spanish "flu." The members of Moose Jaw District extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

A joint meeting was held in Moose Jaw,

Sunday, April 13th. Attendance, 60. Local Chairman Cheney presiding. Local Chairman Barry, Regina, assisting. Bro. J. T. McOrmond, Saskatoon, addressed the meeting, outlining the work of the schedule committee in connection with the recent increases and revision.

Several other matters were introduced and discussed at length. One item was the complaint of several agents in regard to the water in the cellars of the stations, which make them very unsanitary. We hope this will be adjusted very soon.

Bro. S. A. Inglis to Outlook agency. Bro. A. J. Cunningham, relief dispatcher on the branches. Bro. R. E. Coons to dispatcher's office working the 412.

Brothers, send in some notes and help to enlarge the write-up. CERT. 2860.

#### New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8. Electric Division—

Morning meeting, April 9th, arranged for a dance and reception in honor of our returning brothers from the great war for 9 a. m., April 23rd, in our meeting rooms, Yonkers, with music and refreshments, and at 8 p. m., same day, with refreshments, music, dancing and other features, including a prize of a five-dollar gold piece, four dollars in currency and a standard Waterman fountain pen.

Special committees appointed to look after this: Bros. J. C. Johnson, E. Swartz and J. Stickles on reception; J. Cummings, W. Ames and E. W. Walker on refreshments, and E. W. Lewis, H. E. White and W. E. Rogers on music and entertainment.

These special committees, assisted by our wives, sisters, daughters, sweethearts and friends, with their delicious cakes, and our regular entertainment committee, gave us a glorious time.

The returning brothers from the great war and the recent abolishing of ten positions on this division caused some of our oldest brothers to exercise their displacement rights, all the way down from 48 years down to 2 months, forcing some off the road and others out of tower into station service.

Our brother agents are feeling the cut in expenses the Administration deems necessary, even though the H. C. L. remains.

Brothers, send along your notes to Bro. C. E. Bell, Croton-on-Hudson. See if we cannot have a good write-up once in a while.

CERT. 2034.

#### Hudson Division—

The meeting for March was very well attended, but there are many brothers living close along the line, where there is good train service, who do not, but should, attend these meetings.

The levermen at S. S. 59 were taken off on April 1st, Bro. Miller displacing first at

S. S. 91 and Bro. Haugh third at S. S. 55. S. S. 59 should now be placed in a higher class on account of the added duties and the elimination of the levermen.

S. S. 52 Chelsea closed April 16th until further notice. Bros. Lockard, Clough and Clark are old men in the service, and their displacing will make many changes on this division.

Bro. M. Lewis gets the Rhinecliff ticket agency; Bro. Trent, second S. S. 65; Bro. Murray, assistant agent Cold Springs. The agency there is up for bids.

Bro. W. P. Mansell, Corfu, N. Y., has been elected general secretary and treasurer, vice Bro. Blim, who has held that office for so many years. In the retiring of Bro. Blim the entire membership of this division wish to extend him a vote of thanks and appreciation for the manner in which he has handled the business, and for his untiring efforts in building up the membership and funds of Division No. 8.

Local Chairman Fraleigh left for the St. Louis convention May 10th, which convenes in that city on the 12th.

Bros. J. T. Bellew and A. Burger have been appointed assistants to the local chairman for the coming year.

The agents have not received their back pay, partly due to the disagreements between the company and the telegraphers as to rates that should apply under Supplement No. 13. An appeal on several rates and rules has been submitted to Washington, and as soon as the decision is given the back pay will be forthcoming.

CERT. 149.

#### *Mohawk Division—*

The new tower at "NE" is almost finished.

"SO" Fort Plain closed; Bro. German to "CN" third, displacing Bro. Bogardus, who displaced Bro. Merkin on second "FV." Eight stations closed on the West Shore.

Only five sister operators left on this division out of the large number formerly employed here.

A clam-bake will be held by the operators of this division in about six weeks. Bro. Johnson of "NE" tower will be the chef and Bro. Miller, "SO" Amsterdam, toastmaster. Sisters of the order and the lady friends of the operators will be invited. A good time is expected. Announcement of time and place later.

Bro. Davis is on third "SS 11" Main Line and Bro. Miller on second So. Amsterdam "WS."

Bro. Ingham has returned from the South to third C. A. office, Main Line. He had the misfortune while South to lose his only boy and his wife has been very sick. We are glad to see him back, and he has the brothers' sympathy.

Bro. William and the rest of the brothers

of this division, please send me some news for a write-up.

E. H. BROGARDUS.

Div. Cor.

#### *Ontario Division East—*

A reduction in the dispatchers' force puts Ottman, Chapman and Pitcher on message work in Oswego office, and three operators going out on the line. Third Trick Dispatcher Phillips now works the whole division. There have been quite a lot of other dispositions.

Nearly all of our sister operators have left, owing to lack of work. They were good members.

Bros. McLean and McCarthy off sick several days. The former spent some of the time in the hospital but is now at home.

Local Chairman Geer secured four applications recently. Let us all help him get in the few left on our division and make a solid lineup. Ask him for a list of them.

Bro. Zoller lost his bank roll in Syracuse a few nights ago. Says he just simply left his room in the morning without it. We hope he recovers it soon, as his express has fallen off considerably lately.

Boys east of Oswego, please send me your notes. Until further notice Local Chairman Geer will arrange for west of Oswego as soon possible.

H. J. CAVELLIER, Cert. 2359.

Mallory, N. Y.

#### *Penna Division, Beech Creek District—*

Mr. and Mrs. Malloy, of Hawk Run, Pa., have received a telegram from the war department, announcing the death of their son, Private John L. Malloy, in France, on February 7th, from acute otitis media. He had taken part in some of the hardest and most decisive battles of the war, including the Marne and Argonne Forest, and was also on the Verdun front, leaving the States early in June, 1918. Before entering the service he worked as an operator on the river line and at Munson for a number of years. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Bro. A. M. Kerin, honorably discharged from military service, has arrived home from France, having served with the colors the past year.

Bro. Pat McLaughlin's house was on fire again recently, making four fires he has had since moving to Beech Creek. Pat can't pull one over on the insurance companies on account of the wide-awake bucket brigade of Beech Creek, so he is going to move to Avis.

Bro. Krone, Snow Shoe, running trains extra, relieved by Mr. Dahaas, who promises to get an up-to-date as soon as he is old enough in the business.

Bro. Bitner, Mill Hall, is having a ter-

rible time repairing roads, etc. Even a counsilman has his troubles.

Bro. Berry, Beech Creek, is raising chickens and digging bait, as the trout season is almost at hand.

Bro. Forcy, veteran agent at Beech Creek, has joined the boy scouts. He sleeps with his "Tomahawk" under his pillow, as he fears burglars.

Business is increasing, six new positions recently established: Gillintown, Orviston and Viaduct second, on the old Beech Creek, Cataract, Walton and Mowry second, and Deer days on the river line.

Boys, send me all the news you can. Boys down on the river, also the C. T. & D. Thanks to Bro. Bowes, the only one who furnished any news this month.

Bro. Grunlin, agent Lumber.

CERT. 1789.

#### Fall Brook District—

We are now enjoying our Sundays off. The Sabbath day for rest should be hailed with delight by everyone.

Bro. B. B. Fettingill, Hammond, and wife, have been seriously ill with the "flu." The former has had a relapse, and other complications has made his case very serious. Miss Burke is filling in on second there.

Ansonia agency first trick vacated by Bro. McInroy, to engage in more congenial employment. Bro. Lieut. B. L. Northrup, recently returned from the army, took third there, and M. P. Crandall, also returned from the army, went to third "D.I." Bro. L. J. Greenfield, Himrods Jct., second, to "YD" third. Bro. T. A. Miller, Watkins third, resigned.

Penna state laws placing limitations on the age and hours women may be employed, has affected some of the lady operators.

It is now Bro. E. H. Engler, Tioga third.

Every member should have a copy of the revised seniority list and a list of few remaining nons and give them no rest until they get an up-to-date card. If the motto, "No card, no favor" was more rigidly enforced, there would soon be no nons. Beware of old cards. One non on this district, posing as a member, is constantly in quest of information.

CERT. 206.

#### "Monon Route," Div. No. 9.

Bro. Hollon elected general chairman; local chairmen: E. B. Wren, Northern, and W. F. Speer, Southern Division; F. E. Rees, secretary and treasurer.

Bros. Hamel and Keefe are still "overseas."

Bro. Farrel, third South Hammond, off ten days to Hot Springs, relieved by Bro. Cary.

Sunday hours have been all chopped up at most stations, and some hours assigned outside regular spread. Most stations closed

Sundays and outsiders employed to care for the mail.

Bro. Tindell, on second Bedford, ninety days, pending return of Bro. Roach, trying out a job with Roadway Department.

Agents experiencing trouble in getting their work done within the eight hours, should not worry. Give the company a good eight hours work and then quit. If you get piled up, you will get help. This will be looked after as soon as other matters are adjusted, as most committees have been busy trying to draft the new wage into our schedule with new working conditions.

It is now Bro. Britton, first "AD" North End, and Jackson and Busha both have applications and promise to cash up pay day.

Committee composed of Bros. Hollon, Speer, Wren and Rees in Lafayette drafting new working conditions and supplement 13 into our schedule.

Bro. Speer, second McDowell, relieved by Bro. Tom Cary; Bro. Rees, agent Francesville, by Bro. Michaels, and Bro. Wren, second Monon, by Schmalz, while on committee work.

Bro. Munday, third Greencastle, relieved thirty days by Bro. Fulmer, who also relieved Brb. Huber, third North "Y," a few days, and Bro. Adams, third Salem, on account of death.

Bro. R. R. Dunkin, on second Gosport, while Fox is relieving Agent Strain.

Bro. Braxton returned to third McDowell, and Bro. R. W. Dunkin to third Gosport, on account of error in bulleting these jobs in war time.

Bro. Braxton, McDowell, visited home folks at Orleans a few days recently.

Bro. Slim Bennett relieved dispatchers on South End, while on their vacations.

General Chairman Hollon assigned second Delphi, pending finding of board regarding "N" Indianapolis.

Bro. Jeremiah, Westfield agency, reported married. Congratulations.

Bro. Shorr to second "AD" until return of Bob Fogg from overseas.

Vincennes Street ticket office, New Albany, opened up.

Bro. Frakes, third Orleans, referred to as "Mr." in March write-up, has a card, should have read "Bro."

Bro. Biggs, Chalmers, off few days recently.

CERT. 244.

#### Northern Division—

Bro. Wren, second Monon, recently elected local chairman, has already landed several nons. There are a few more on this division to be lined up yet.

We all received our back pay March 11th.

Bro. Hollon to second Delphi, pending decision of board to put him back at "N." Bro. Cornwell, who went to second Delphi when Harrodsburg closed, goes to second Greencastle.

Trains 1 and 2 have been running through to Michigan City since March 30th, giving the agents on the Michigan Division more time on Sunday. Recently they were cut off, only making two calls each Sunday.

*Southern Division—*

It is now Bro. Steve at Paoli and Bros. Fox and Strain at Gosport.

Bro. Johnny Braxton to third trick McDoel, succeeded on third Orleans, by Frakes, returning from army service.

Bro. Adams, third Salem, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Fulmer. Bro. Packwood, second, recently off a few days.

We regret to lose Bro. Parks, Bainbridge, as our general secretary and treasurer. Bro. Reese, agent Franceaville, succeeds him.

Bro. Shough, first Shops, spent two days in Chicago recently. Bro. Terry, second Shops, on sixteen days' vacation in Arkansas, relieved by Bro. Jackson, who later went to "AD" second, relieved by Bro. Schmaltz. "R." CERT. 213.

**Phil. & Reading R. R., Div. No. 10.**

*Harrisburg Division—*

I went to Tamaqua, March 27th, and assisted Local Chairman Smith in adjusting the trouble ensuing from the breakdown of the bridge on the Catawissa Branch. The C. & W. boys have been told they would not be allowed their seniority claims, but after conference with Chief Train Dispatcher Williams, Bro. Smith was authorized to put in claims for time lost by these men pending the decision.

Longsdorf, Carlisle Junction and D. & M. Junction made non-telegraph agencies on flat monthly rate of \$110, someone evidently overlooking article 111, section (b). The general committee is still functioning and not losing a thing.

Resolutions originating in joint A. C. R. R., New York, Philadelphia and P. R. & P. T. meeting in Philadelphia, March 29th, advocating the old local division methods in lieu of the system division was "kicked to pieces" at the Harrisburg, Shamokin, Reading and W. & C. meetings.

Owing to the heavy demand for my attendance at the different meetings on the system I have mapped out a schedule which will permit me to be present at each division meeting at least once a month. I returned from Washington March 11th as the schedule conference was temporarily postponed on account of the regional committee asking for time to go over the proposition as submitted by Bro. Perham at the meeting with the Board of Wages and Working Conditions on the 7th. The O. R. T. committee of seven is composed of Bros. Miller of the P. R. R., Calloway of the N. & W., Bryant of the L. & N., Johnson of the N. P. and President Perham. Bro. Miller was chosen as

spokesman for the Allegheny region, a splendid choice.

The P. & R. delegates travel to the convention via the P. R. R. with the Pennsy boys, half boarding No. 21 at Philadelphia and half joining Bro. McNeil at Harrisburg, Saturday, May 10th.

The M. B. D. policies are being mailed out from St. Louis as rapidly as consistent with such important work. Therefore, boys, be patient. Close up the few gaps in the ranks and present a solid and defensive front for the future, so we will be in a position to hold everything honestly won and demand national support by a 100 per cent membership; and remember, "No card, no favors." Any one not with us, naturally must be against us.

M. A. MCNEIL, General Chairman.

*Shamokin Division—*

Our local chairman attended meeting of general committee in Philadelphia, March 14th, at which meeting Bro. McNeil and Bro. Farlow were re-elected general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Meetings were held in Williamsport and Tamaqua, April 7th and 8th, with good attendance. The resolutions passed in the joint New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City meeting at Philadelphia, March 29th, to establish local divisions in lieu of the general system plan, met with an unfavorable vote.

If there are any brothers who have not paid their present dues, now is a good time to do it.

All received their back checks. We should not have a single delinquent nor a "now" on the division. Keep after the few of this class until they line up and send their applications with the fees to our local chairman so he can keep his roster of the division up to date. He will see that they are sent to our general secretary and treasurer.

If you did not receive pay for that ninth hour to which you were assigned, better take it up with the proper officer and be on record. The P. & R. being the only railroad in this region where the tour of duty was assigned as nine hours.

Bro. Deitrick, Mooresburg, took third Milton, vice Bro. Delany to second Montgomery.

Bro. W. R. Reichekderfer, Milton tower, was elected alternate delegate from Shamokin division to the St. Louis convention.

Bro. J. W. Pursley, Milton tower, was relieved several days recently by Bro. A. H. Grieff.

Send me your notes in time so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th. H. R. CLARK, Cert. No. 257.

Montoursville, Pa.

*Reading Division—*

The Reading and W. & C. division boys

held their second closed meeting March 20th with a large attendance.

We would like to see every member attend at least one meeting. If you want some information that is the place to get it. Our local chairman is always ready to handle your grievances and is always present.

North of Reading we still have several "nons." If you don't know where they are located get their names and addresses from your local chairman and give them no rest until they get an up-to-date.

In the March issue, page 311, Bro. Ed. S. Coyle wrote a sermon to the "nons." Text, Isaiah 1-18, "Come now and let us reason together." We should read it to every "non" we meet.

Bro. Leddy relieved Bro. Linderman, who was fighting the "flu" for a week, and Kline relieved Lesper, second Perry, who was also fighting the "flu."

Bro. F. C. Rarick went to third Sand Sliding, while Bro. I. T. Leddy was at "CN," Port Clinton.

Bro. Koffekee is back on Tuckerton third, and Bro. Henry Heisler, former relief agent, back on third Pottsville.

A few of the boys who were in "Uncle Sam's" service have returned, been mustered out and assigned their old positions, and all promise to soon get cards. We are all glad to have them return to us.

We hope the few brothers who have failed to pay their dues will remit at once to General Secretary and Treasurer Farlow.

There was a large attendance at our April 17th meeting, both morning and evening. General Chairman McNeil was present at the evening session and told us what was going on at Washington, D. C.

We have received our back pay on this division. Any who failed to get what they think they were entitled to should take it up with Mr. Tyson and the matter will be adjusted.

CERT. 423.

#### *Philadelphia Division—*

Laural Hill freight station closed and the agent, being an operator, bumped Bro. Ring from Pencoyd, and Bro. Swar, formerly a dispatcher on the Philadelphia division of the B. & O., bumped from Belmont, goes to the Atlantic City road.

Bro. Bond, in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* automobile contest, has quite a large number of votes. We all wish him success. He relieved Bro. Farlow several nights and then went to third tower No. 2, West Falls.

I would like to have a few notes from along the subway. Mail them to me at 4544 North 15th street. I never received a line from any brother yet. I would be very glad to write up the notes from our station brothers, if they will send them in, as I do not come in contact very much with them. We must keep the fact before the agents that the O. R. T. is the only organization that can help them. Hand them applica-

tion blanks, see that they fill them out and send them in with the proper amount to secure an up-to-date card.

We want a 100 per cent division. The man who fails to affiliate or lend his support to the authorized organization of his profession or craft is detrimental to its best interests and acts as agent for his own destruction. The issue is plain. Let's get them in.

Bro. Harry Millman, from the Western Union, is on "DX" message wire.

Bro. Ring, bumped from Pencoyd, is in Mr. Hagerman's office in Pt. Richmond.

Bro. Farlow was sick a week with a heavy cold, and Bro. Ed. McCusker is off with the "flu." Bro. George McOngal is in St. Joseph's Hospital undergoing an operation for a rupture.

John Harvey, formerly on this division, is now with the C. R. R., third Spring street, Elizabeth.

Remember that THE TELEGRAPHER has been discontinued to all who are not up to date. Delinquents should remit at once and put themselves in good standing again.

Bro. Reigher, tower No. 1 West Falls, was relieved several days by Bro. Clemmer, relieved at Cumberland street by Bro. Charlesworth.

Mansfield is back as yardmaster at Nicetown, Tregea back to Race street.

During March we secured twenty-two new members, five of them by the writer.

A. L. BYLER, Cert. 150.

#### *Atlantic City Division—*

General Chairman McNeil advises that this division will not have a delegate or alternate at the St. Louis convention. The P. R. & P. T. division will represent us.

Bro. C. H. Smith has to hustle since he has been deprived of his assistant agent.

It is now Bro. Pino, second "CN," also Bro. Elder, third "J" Meadow tower. Bro. Denny deserves credit for landing him and Bro. Wyatt for securing the application of the ticket agent at Fells.

Second trick men have been placed in several stations on account of it being necessary to work the regular men in excess of eight hours, the penalty of time and a half making it too high. Eventually all will be placed on eight hours just as soon as possible. Of course it cuts down the pay considerably, but our aim is an eight-hour day where we can make a living wage.

We received our back money in a lump sum March 10th and all are well satisfied. Now we should not allow a single "non" to remain on this division. Remember, "No card, no favors." Keep after them. Don't give them rest. We have eight on the main line. Brothers, get busy on them as we now have a substantial increase in wages and improved working conditions such as we have never enjoyed heretofore. Show that you appreciate this by keeping up to date.

The Williamstown and Grenloch branches are solid and there is no reason why the main line and other branches cannot follow their example.

The auditing committee's report shows our finances in good condition.

We are glad to know that there was one brother from this division who braved the storm on March 27th to attend the meeting of the system division at Philadelphia. Boys, wake up and follow his example.

Bro. Pino and Bro. Wolfe were on the sick list several days.

Bros. Smith and Hartman worked twelve-hour tricks several days while second trick men were sick.

Bro. Clarke, agent Laurel Springs, reported for duty April 9th, after a long siege of sickness.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Egan's mother at Shenandoah, Pa. We extend to him our heartfelt sympathy.

Brothers, mail your news to Geo. J. O'Kane, Glassboro, N. J., and let's have a write-up each month. "FJ," Cert. 440.

#### New York Division—

The signal men and station men may now bid across with full seniority rights, as the rosters have been consolidated.

Bro. Linnington is rounding up the "nons." Send your membership petition to him as he is trying for one of the O. R. T. prizes.

It is now Bro. E. J. Elliot.

J. K. Sands bid in relief agent's job and Bro. Callahan second Trenton Junction. Bro. Carr has also returned to station work.

More than 100 members attended the two regular monthly meetings. All the pioneers on the labor movement on the Reading were on hand and instructive talks were given. The matter of increasing the dues two dollars a year was voted upon and carried. This will enable us to put the general chairman and general secretary and treasurer on a salary basis. Those who do not attend these meetings miss much valuable instruction and an opportunity to participate in the work.

Third "DB" and "YM" and towers at "BX" and "SM" closed.

Members are sending their grievances to Bro. Hiney without complete data. The local chairman cannot get an adjustment without the subject has first been taken up with superior officer by the member.

Bro. Mild relieved Dispatcher Shay on Bethlehem branch sheet several days while he attended court.

Bro. Ambrose Miller spent several days in Allentown in company with Jack Schmidt, who has just returned from across seas. "Jack" was wounded in action but expects his discharge soon and will then return to duty.

FRANK M. ROYAHN.

#### P. H. & P. and G. & H. Branches—

Bro. Hance to third Brandtsville. On re-

turn from "over seas" duty C. J. Null took second White Hill.

The old G. & H. is now 100 per cent O. R. T.

"No booze, no work" after July 1st is a very poor motto and I hope no good O. R. T. men will degrade themselves so far as to follow it.

CERT. 41.

#### Canadian Nat'l Rys., Div. No. 77.

##### *First Div., Central Dist., Western Lines—*

We congratulate Bro. Guy A. Smith, first trick dispatcher, Cochrane, on his election as local chairman. He attended a meeting of the general committee in Winnipeg on Wednesday, May 7th, and will hold a meeting immediately upon his return, date to be announced later. He wishes to thank the brothers who supported him and promises to do his utmost to see that every brother gets a square deal in anything that comes into his hands or otherwise. We are 100 per cent on this division and must see that the man working with us is up to date and remember that everlasting slogan, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Walker, ex-local chairman, has left with his family for the South on a well-earned holiday.

Bro. McKelvie, on vacation at Long Beach, Cal., is expected to resume duty on the dispatching staff shortly.

Bro. W. R. Spencer, formerly chief dispatcher at Cochrane, has returned from overseas and will likely resume duty in the near future. We are justly proud of Bro. Spencer's record, both as a railway and military man. He gave up his Lieutenant's commission to go overseas as a Sergeant with the railway construction battalion recruited in the Cochrane district and all the men who served under him have nothing but good to say in his behalf. We shall be glad to welcome him again at the north.

Bro. Scott of Kapuskasing visited Cochrane recently and took in the sights.

Bro. Pickering, the music master, is keeping things humming with his orchestra around Cochrane.

Bro. Lemay is back at Minataree from Fargo, N. D., where he was called owing to his daughter's illness. We are glad to hear that Katherine, who is a universal favorite, is recovering.

Bro. Geo. Taylor, Hearst, was absent several days owing to illness of his children, who have recovered. Bro. W. S. Chapman, late of Mattice, working second temporarily at Hearst. Bro. Sprickerhoff, a veteran of many battles in France, has returned and taken third Hearst.

Bro. Jim Cordingley, agent Grant, has been suffering with throat trouble, but we are glad to hear that he is much better.

Bro. R. E. Heinz takes second and Bro. W. J. Kain, "CR" Cochrane, takes third Armstrong.

Bro. Joe Fournier, agent Armstrong, has

gone farming in Manitoba, relieved by Bro. E. C. Taylor.

Bro. McIntosh, on a trip to Winnipeg, relieved by Bro. Pell, a grizzled veteran of the great war, although only 21 years of age.

Pullen, Mattice and Savoff have been closed and operator's position Smooth Rock Falls abolished.

"BULL MOOSE," Cert. 587.

#### Virginian R. R., Div. No. 13.

Local Chairman Comphu is on vacation.

"GO" second, general office, closed, Bro. Wright displacing McKenzie, second Sewalls Point, to extra list.

Bro. Powers, Carolina, off sick. It is now Bro. Cahill on third there. Someone line up Griffin on second.

Misgss Parker and Stewart, second and third "MO" tower, can soon be called sisters. It is now Bro. Parker, South Norfolk.

Bro. Murl Keiser, second Abilene, visiting his parents near Blackstone, Va., several days, relieved by Bro. Marton from Phoenix. Bro. Corbitt "AW" Abilene, recently received a letter from Bro. P. L. Fowler, formerly on third there, advising that he is in Western Germany. He was fortunate in having passed safely through heavy gun fire on the "Hindenburg." We will all be glad to welcome him back to his old job.

Complaint is made that some of the conductors are copying train orders, something they never did before; also that some of the agent-operators where offices are closed Sundays are working outside of regular hours.

Bro. Holt, Roanoke interlocking plant, was called to Victoria recently owing to the death of his sister; and Bro. Patterson, "AW" Jarratt, called to mourn the death of his mother. Both these brothers have our sympathy. Bro. P. E. Painter, third Huddleston, who relieved Bro. Holt, before returning visited his home folks, his brother, Bro. H. E. Painter, having just returned from France and resumed duty on the

N. & W.

We visited Bro. C. S. Collin, third Roanoke, recently and are glad to note his recovery from the "flu." Bro. Collin lost his wife during the epidemic and wishes to thank those who were so kind to him during his affliction, especially the dispatchers; also for the beautiful floral designs given by the Order and the Roanoke office force at the time of his wife's burial.

Agent Adsit on sick list, relieved by Bro. T. E. Ruse.

Wish to thank all the boys who furnished us items and hope every office on the first and second will help us next month.

ARTHUR MAXSON, Cert. 191.

#### Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 15. Fayetteville District—

A meeting was held in Rocky Mount Sat-

urday night, April 5th, quite a number of out-of-town members attending. Local Chairman Mason presiding. Bro. J. H. Williams, our general secretary and treasurer, was also present.

Matters taken up at the recent meeting of our general committee with the general manager at Wilmington, the question of a full eight-hour day for agents and operators required to perform Sunday duty regularly were discussed. Bro. Williams read us the decision on several other roads on the same matter favorable to the men. This, with other important things, is now before the Wage Board, with good prospects for a favorable decision in our case.

Some of the "nons" and delinquents on the district are old men holding the best jobs and it was shown that "No card, no favors" was not being exercised rigidly enough on our district. Help Bros. Williams and Mason by going after these men in your vicinity and give them no peace until they buy a card.

Bro. W. C. Mason was elected local chairman. This is his second term. He made us a good man before and will again if we assist him in every way we can. Let him have your grievances in writing, giving him all the facts and they will be carefully looked after. Do not discuss them over the wires.

Bro. Thomas, "FY" tower, was off 15 days on account of sickness in his family and having the "flu" himself. Bro. Hasselton was also off a few days at "FC" tower, both relieved by Misser, a new man; and Bro. W. T. Collins, Pee Dee, was off several days, relieved by Alston, a new man.

J. C. Caldwell returned from the Army to second "WN" tower, displacing Bro. Barnard, who displaced W. C. Renfrow, agent Pee Dee, who went to second Pembroke. We regret to learn of the serious illness of Bro. Spell's wife in Fayetteville Hospital.

Bro. O. G. Phillips, Latta, called home on account of sickness in his family, was relieved by J. J. Miller, returned from the Army.

Bro. H. L. Clark took his wife up in the mountains around Asheville for her health a few days recently.

Bro. J. L. Bethea, agent Hamer, is recuperating after an operation in Southern Rocky Mount Hospital, relieved by Bro. P. H. Starling.

Bro. W. E. Alley has accepted a position as cashier of a bank at Pittsboro, N. C. We all wish him success.

Bro. A. F. Chambliss attended the celebration of the famous "Old Hickory" division at Columbia.

Bro. D. C. Proctor, relieved on Fayetteville second by H. Dunaway, bid in second "CK" tower, vice Bro. Alley.

Give me your notes not later than the 20th of each month and let's have a good write-up each time. Not a single item was received from the north end. C. A. B., Cert. 1437.

*Richmond District—*

Dues for the term beginning July 1st will be seven dollars instead of six. This increase is necessary owing to the number of times our committee has been called together during the last six months. Considering our increase we can well afford the extra dollar and say "thank you," too.

The Electric Interlocking Machine has been installed on James River Gauntlet and if it does what it was intended to do Bros. Lowery and Lanier will soon "put the skids" under somebody.

Bro. Thomas, senior extra, recently bumped Bro. Waterhouse from second "JN."

James River Bridge second, only being temporary, may not be bulletined.

Our committee and the management referred Supplement 13 almost in its entirety to the Board at Washington for interpretation.

It has been suggested to Bro. Gee that he have the names of all "nons;" the point where employed and salary of each published twice each year, probably in March and October. The time has long since passed when any consideration should be shown a slacker.

CERT. 2039.

*Waycross District—*

Bro. Taylor, Ft. White, while recovering from an operation in Waycross Hospital, relieved by Bro. Mansfield, who later relieved Bro. Perry DuPont a few days on account of sickness; Bro. Evans Ousley off recently on account of his wife's illness, and Bro. R. E. Kemp, Jr., Live Oak, was relieved a few days on account of sickness in family.

Bro. W. L. Phillips is back on first Sylvester after an operation in the hospital for appendicitis. Bro. Harper, Southern Junction, was also operated on successfully for appendicitis recently.

Glenmore agency closed, Bro. Hughes bidding in third Homerville.

Local Chairman Stewart in Wilmington a few days with general committee.

Bro. Beard, Ruskin, and Dispatcher Seay, Waycross, took in the fishing at DuPont recently.

Bro. Hughes, Homerville, is in the hotel business. All operators welcome who carry an up-to-date.

Brothers, please let me have your notes. I am unable to get them over here on the pike.

Bro. A. L. Pixley writes that he will be in France for a while longer. He will be delighted to hear from any of the boys.

F. A. CRITTENDEN.

*Members Charleston District:*

I have been released from Government service and desire to thank you for being so highly honored as to be selected again as your local chairman and delegate to the convention, in view of the noble work Bros. Conklin, Bedenbaugh and others have done

on the district since I have been where I could not take an active part, for which they are to be highly commended.

Let us all try to keep the delinquent list down to a minimum; not only remit on time ourselves but see that those with or near us do likewise, and keep unrelentingly after the nons. Other districts are racing to be the one with most "yearly" cards. Let's try and remit for the whole year next time, instead of six months only.

If the correspondence done by the officers to line up the delinquents could be eliminated, they would have more time to go over the line and talk about other things very helpful to us all.

No one can foretell what will happen when the railroads are turned back to private ownership, therefore it behooves us to have such a solid membership when that time comes that we can say what we will and what we won't do.

We who have had experience with Government work know something of how certain questions are taken up and handled, and the subsequent delays; therefore, don't get sore on the committee about anything it may be handling, as there is nothing it can do but stand by and wait, after the proposition has been put up to the board having charge of such details. All things come to those who wait, and while we have been very patient waiters, it is necessary for us to not allow our patience to become exhausted now, when victory seems to be in sight.

I want to get some meetings started again as soon as it can be arranged, and would like suggestions from everyone as to time, place, etc., and their pledges to attend. There is no good reason why we could not get 15 to 25 together any Sunday.

H. E. BOLICK.

*Charleston District Notes—*

We are glad to hear that we will soon get our back time for February, and the superintendent's office advises that other time is being prepared as fast as possible.

Bro. Coward, Lake City, attended the recent Safety Committee meeting in Charleston.

The prompt and efficient movement of the troops of the 30th (Old Hickory) Division from Charleston recently was gratifying to all concerned.

Bro. Weatherford is back on second Magnolia Southern Connection, after being in the Navy nearly two years.

Bro. Bolick, detailed in the Communication Office, Navy Yard, Charleston, for nearly two years, is back on third Vardell.

We are all glad to welcome back our old brother, D. R. Gregg, to Lake City clerk's position, after over a year's service with the freight department Southern Railway, Richmond, now a member of the Clerk's Union.

The names of the delinquent members will all be published in the next write-up. If there are any of them with or near you, try to have them pay up.

Bro. J. R. Chauncey transferred to Kings-tree agency, succeeded on second Lake City by Bro. D. L. Grimsley from "HN" Charleston.

Our motto, 1919, "*Stay Organized.*"  
DIST. COR., CERT. 838.

#### *Lakeland District—*

I have been elected local chairman and will endeavor to have this district represented each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Bro. J. B. King at his home, Archer, Fla., on March 22nd. He was appointed local chairman after Bro. Brantley resigned, and acted in that capacity until my election. His death was a serious loss to us. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy in their bereavement.

We have had great success in lining up the nons recently. It is now Bros. Harper, Griffis and Williams, Fort Myers; Ferrell, Arcadia; Kight and Maloney, Zolfo; Harrage and Allen, Trilby; McKnight, Istachatta; Wilson, Felecia and McKinney, Morris-ton. Bro. Guthrey of Wauchula has six of these to his credit. Wish some brother on north end would help out in this manner. I will be glad to furnish a list of material to work on, to anyone calling for it. Bro. Johnson, Croom, try to land the two working with you.

Our officials and dispatchers are now nicely located in their new home over the passenger station at Lakeland. This move cut off two operators at the old passenger station and necessitated opening up a telegraph office in yard with three operators; Sister Shepard on first, Bro. Ferrell second, and Mr. Templeton third. We hope Sister Shepard will be successful in getting the latter to join.

J. F. Calloway has taken third Dunnellon; E. C. Johnson, third; Croom and Bro. W. H. Sykes, second High Springs, made vacant by the death of Bro. King.

Boys, I will appreciate it if you will advise me of any changes at your stations, and keep after the nons. We are going to make this district 100 per cent, and those who don't come in had better move, if they expect to live in peace.

D. W. GRIDER, CERT. 458,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Gainesville District—*

Having been appointed temporary correspondent for this district, I will endeavor to have in a write-up each month, and will appreciate it very much if the brothers on each end will advise me of any changes or any other news they desire to have pub-

lished. Let me have your notes in plenty of time, so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th of the month.

We are all pleased over the re-election of Local Chairman Bro. S. E. Smith. Let us all give him our loyal support and good results will follow in the future as in the past.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have secured a nice raise in wages, a splendid set of rules, with shorter hours and all that goes with a good schedule, there are a few on this district who refuse to join and help us to pay for these betterments. Remember our slogan, boys, "*No card, no favors,*" and carry out this rule to the end.

Local Chairman Smith was recently called to Wilmington with the general chairman, to go before the general manager relative some changes in the application of Supplement No. 13 to General Order 27. A detailed report will be sent to each member as soon as a decision is received from Washington.

Bro. T. J. McGahagan, returned from eighteen months, serving his country in camp, displaced Bro. P. C. Jeffcoat, second Leesburg, who displaced D. S. Annis, Fruitland Park. Bro. R. B. Hester has returned from France and resumed at "YN" Jax Relay.

Bro. Williams, second operator and extra dispatcher Gainesville, recently spent several days at St. Petersburg and vicinity, relieved by Bro. Boyd, who also relieved Bro. Robinson, third Leesburg, several nights on account of sickness.

We desire to thank our General Committee for its hard and faithful work in securing us such a splendid schedule. To appear before the Director General and the highly paid officials of the railroads, who have every fact and figure at their command, plead our case and win, as it always has done, requires a thorough knowledge of the subject and the ability to present our claims in a convincing manner to all parties concerned. Hats off to Bros. Williams and Wheeler for their strenuous and noble work on this committee when it was convened in Washington.

J. J. MARSHALL, CERT. 626.

#### *Montgomery District, Second Division—*

This district now has more paid-up members than ever before. Only two or three nons and delinquents, and hope to clear them up very soon. We have received another check for back time due us under Supplement No. 13 and are to be paid for the Sunday hours cut out since February 16th, also the pro rata of our vacation for November and December, 1918. We are expecting soon the interpretations of Board No. 3 of other questions referred to it from the conference with the general manager.

Bro. J. J. Hardy has been reinstated at "WF," Bro. Adams going back to third "RU."

Bro. Wood, Abbeville, on ten-day vacation, relieved by ex-Bro. McIntire and yours truly relieved on vacation by Bro. Mosley, former agent Ozark, re-entered the service.

Bro. Stokes has appointed his assistants for his second term, and this lucrative position of correspondent is going to be void of news if some of you don't help out. I can't get up a nice write-up without your assistance. If you can't remember my name, send your notes to Bro. Stokes before the 20th of each month.

I have not learned all the new members, having just returned to work.

CERT. 120.

#### **Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.**

##### *Bay City Division—*

The boys at Oxford are now in the tower, cutting out three levermen. Bro. Patton, a new man, bid in Thomas, vice Bro. Marlo to Tower K. Bro. Black, first nights Ypsilanti, to Lapeer ticket job.

Bro. Earls, second Vassar, off sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Bishop.

Metamora now solid, with Bro. Plumly our new member.

Relief Agent Marshall is still a non. He claims our schedule prevents the company from giving him a higher salary. He is not with us and *deserves no favors*.

##### *"F" Detroit—*

Bro. Senft, third main line, off two days sick, relieved by Bro. Hanlon. Bro. Smith was sick several days with the "flu," also Bro. Childers.

A very successful meeting held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Monday, April 14th, was well attended by all divisions. Everyone possible should attend these meetings and keep the pot boiling.

Bro. DeRousie, visiting several days in Ohio, relieved by Mr. Martin, who will soon be called "brother."

It has been decided that Bro. Beamers, being the youngest man, would have to vacate Grass Lake and Bro. Vincent has taken first. Bro. Conine moving back to third, Bro. Beamers relieving on second Ypsilanti.

Bro. George Mizner, "main liner," has resigned and accepted a position as salesman. We are glad to hear that he is making a success in his new calling. Mr. Frank, from Gary, succeeds Bro. Mizner.

Bro. Towns sent "F" office notes to me over the wire at the eleventh hour, so all mistakes are on me.

CERT. 1165.

##### *Northern Division—*

Bro. Baguley, third Mackinaw City, has resigned, relieved by Bro. N. L. Ross from second Indian River, relieved by extra Barber.

Bro. Shaw, relieving in Bay City "WS," relieved by Miss Haas on Salzburg second.

Later Bro. Shaw relieved Bro. Stokes, Bay City "WS," called to Texas on account of the death of his brother-in-law.

Bro. Wolf resigned Milwaukee second relieved by Miss M. G. Black.

Bro. Batterson, Lewiston, and Bro. Talbot, Auburn, exchanged agencies; Bro. Coolbaugh to third Cheboygan; Bro. Jack Bartlett, Horrigans days to Milwaukee.

Relieved owing to illness: Sister Hoyt, second Beaver Lake, a few days by Bro. Adrian, relieved at West Branch by return of Bro. Geo. Hildreth; later Bro. Adrian went to Salzburg third; Bro. Crepay, agent Eden, off sick, relieved by Bro. McAlpin; also Bro. Compton, agent Henderson, relieved by Bro. Cummings, who also relieved Bro. McIntosh, agent Standish, on sick list.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. C. V. Trumble's wife of Mackinaw City. Bro. Trumble formerly worked third there. He has our sympathy in his bereavement.

General Chairman Smith is in New York working on the appeals taken to Supplement 13.

Bros. Flood and Gilbert, Bay City "ES" and "WS" are on the road in the interest of the Fifth Liberty Loan, relieved by Bros. Shaw and Laing.

Bro. Flynn, West Branch, was a recent Bay City visitor.

CERT. 63.

#### **Pennsylvania R. R., Div. No. 17.**

##### *Trenton Division—*

I went to Pittsburgh April 18th as your representative. The exchange of telegrams that took place between the Director General and officials of the Pennsylvania are quite interesting and we do not anticipate any trouble of this kind in the future.

It is indeed encouraging to see thirteen new names added to our list and more coming in each day.

While there are some who still seem afraid to invest a part of the nice increase the O. R. T. secured for us by hard fighting at Washington, on the other hand we find Bros. Lesher, Suplick, Errico, Fisher and Cook just returning from the Army, where they received only \$30 per month, holding up-to-dates, and not satisfied at that they have added seven new names to our list. Let's wake up the "nons" and give them no rest until they join.

We are glad to see the agents' questions settled at last and should see that they get a card and assist us in securing a schedule, with rules and working conditions, that we may hold what we have.

It is now Bro. West at Riverside, also Bros. McGonigal, Stockton, Branin, Gilbert and Hedrick, the latter two secured by Paul Revere.

The back road boys are working very hard for 100 per cent. Bros. Fisher and Cook have undertaken this job.

Get after the Whiting bunch and the

"nons" who promised they would take out annuals when they got their back pay and see that they keep their promises.

Our Motto stands for Justice,

Our cause is for the right,

Why not all push together,

Help win the glorious fight.

We'll soon hear them calling "Kamerad,"

To us it will sound sweet,

The same old cry the "Bosches" yelled,

When they found out they were beat.

—Ex-Soldier (Contributed).

Thanks for the items. Will appreciate them if you will do this each month getting them to me in time so I can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th of the month.

C. S. HENDRICKS, Local Chairman.

#### *Delaware (Southern) Division—*

Bro. H. W. Wilkins, transferred from Linkwood, Md., agency to Redden, Del., relieved at former point by Extra Agent Bailey.

Bro. J. D. McCabe, agent Showell, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Register, later by Sister Johnson, who has been doing relief work at Selbyville, Snow Hill and G'rdle-tree.

Bro. Howard Williams, owing to reduction of force in "W" office, displaced Bro. Timmons at Berlin, who bumped Bro. Willis from Ellendale, now on furlough. Anyone in need of a "Nash" car or truck should communicate with him.

Bro. Kemp relieved Bro. Hatfield and Mr. Bennum at Georgetown for a few days.

The D., M. & V. was pretty well represented at the agents' meeting in Wilmington, April 18.

Bro. A. C. Hayden and wife, Cambridge, spent Easter with friends in Wilmington.

Bro. G. C. Mariner, second Hurlock, was in Cambridge recently rooting for the New York Americans when they played the Rochester Internationals an exhibition game there.

Bro. M. M. Bartlett, mustered out at Camp Meade, spent a few days with his folks at Goldsboro before returning to duty as dispatcher in Wilmington.

Bro. Anderson, agent Kenton, and family, spent a week-end recently with Bro. Lewis at Bridgeville, and Bro. Whitfield, agent Farnhurst, spent a week-end in New York City.

Our new brother, R. F. Cartwright, operator Farnhurst, visited his parents at Goldsboro recently.

CERT. 1461.

#### *West Jersey and Seashore Division—*

Brothers, keep after the few delinquents. They have all received the same increases we have. Let us show them how much more sensible it is to retain their cards, thereby protecting what we have already secured, and be prepared to get still better wages and working conditions which a solid member-

ship assures. If you are bumped, bump a "non" wherever it is possible to do so and let members stay on their jobs, unless it is absolutely necessary to bump them. As soon as a "non" gets a holdown and a chance opens up to bump, go right after him. He may then see why it is better to be a brother than a "non." This also applies to the few agents who have not yet seen fit to join.

Our local chairman works the same as we do and does not have the time to make personal calls on the "nons." Each brother should help Bro. Peacock as much as possible to line them up. The summer season will soon open up and some of those who have been displaced will have plenty of work.

Bro. Peacock returned recently from the general committee meeting at Pittsburgh and asks the support of every man on the division to help him make it solid.

Bro. C. R. Stricker and family have recovered from an attack of the gripe.

The son of Bro. Harry Hendrikson, at Pitman, N. J., is down with bronchitis.

We hope all who can possibly do so will take their two days off and keep the cut-off men busy.

Sister Rose Nosanow, at "PR" during the war while J. M. F. Ryan was in the service, has taken second Haddonfield.

The clerks' jobs are now advertised same as ours.

Mrs. M. H. Heath, second Atco, was bumped by V. McDougall when third Hammonston closed.

Bro. E. M. Coles, formerly of this division, has removed from Forestburg, Alberta, to Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he and his brother, Herman, have gone into business. The company has been incorporated and is trading as Coles, Schenk & Coles, Ltd. We wish them success.

Our new local committee of adjustment is Bros. H. H. Peacock, chairman; W. Abramson, agent, and Joseph M. Carsiglia, assistants. Now, brothers, every man stand back of them; "boost," don't knock.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Jones has been relieved from duty and hope he will soon get matters straightened out again.

Our delegates, Bros. Rossman and Ellenberg, expect to leave Philadelphia, Broad street, at 3:30 p. m. May 10th, for the St. Louis convention. This will no doubt be the greatest convention ever held. This system is sending 60 delegates.

The banquet held at the Hotel Walton last month was a grand success. DR. COR.

#### *Baltimore Division—*

"MK" and "MP" closed, dispatchers now receive two days instead of three, as heretofore.

Bro. Wolf, relief dispatcher's position, abolished, to third power clerk, freight train master's office.

Bro. P. E. Sheffer is on leave to Ohio.

Bro. S. W. Kaplan recently returned from the Navy, and Bro. M. L. Sirkis is now on his way home from "over there," after about nine months' active service. Bros. John Elsesser, "HBD" Sechrist, and Bro. Ebline, are still in France with the Signal Corps. We hope all these good brothers will soon return.

Bro. R. E. Lloyd recently returned from the Navy.

Bro. D. L. Sirkis, recently returned from an extended honeymoon, resigned and went into business for himself.

T. L. Mason and F. W. McKillips recently retired at the age of 70. Each spent nearly half a century on this division as operators.

Bro. C. L. McCubbin, off about two months, recently returned to duty, but only for a few days, and is now off again. We hope he will soon be able to return to duty restored to health.

Bro. R. G. Merryman recently resigned to go into the lumber business. We wish him success.

Sister Estella Aublitz is now on the extra list.

Bro. W. M. Lanius is relieving Dispatcher Gessford, on sick leave, relieved by W. W. Hassler, recently from the Army. Bro. F. E. Cochran also recently returned from the Army.

Bro. Slocumb is relieving Scally, on sick list.

Sister Bessie Rader, off with scarlet fever some time, is much better. We hope to soon see her return in good health. Sister Krejick is relieving her.

Our membership in January, 1918, was less than 1,000. In January, 1919, it was over 5,000. Our treasury, in 1918, was less than \$1,000, against \$20,000 in 1919. We have had a hard fight and our fighting force is at Washington fighting for our recognition and a schedule proposition. They cannot beat our old war horse Jasper, as he is in the race to the finish. Every member get after the few delinquents to pay up and clean up the rest of the "nons." Everything will soon be adjusted to the satisfaction of all the agents, as Supplement 13 will apply to them the same as to the operators.

Some of our boys were very much discouraged because we had to wait so long for our money, but "the Big Four" had to wait about four months longer. Compare their increase with ours and you will find we haven't much of a kick coming.

We had recently with us, at the auditing committee of the general secretary and treasurer's books. Bro. Janna and Bro. Kent from lines west, also Bro. Hindmarch, chairman lines west. Sorry we could not show them a better time while in Baltimore and have more of the boys meet them, as that was a very busy week. Our old friend Rex, however, showed them about all they had time to look at.

N. G. WILSON, Cert. 85.

#### *Philadelphia Terminal Division—*

Boys, be ready for the announcement of our morning and evening meetings in May, when our delegates, Bros. Guiley and Dewey, will return from the St. Louis convention and make their report.

It will surely be interesting and everyone should be present at one or both sessions. No meeting will be held until they return unless an emergency arises requiring it. Our last meeting was postponed about a week, pending a report from Washington, which proved to be very interesting, and an unusually large attendance was present at both meetings. Our "PO" boys had a large delegation out, and many good points were adjusted. A permanent entertainment committee is now in action with orders to get busy. Co-operation with the various telegrapher locals is part of the program. After our delegates are heard from, then our periodical amusement will be in order. Owing to the fact that this local and "PO" relay office hold separate meetings, the suggestion for co-operation received a hearty support. The hall committee has full authority to secure more up-to-date quarters, a central location convenient to the railway terminals. All meetings will probably fall on same date in future, with an all-day session, suitable for each local and working tricks. This encouraging move is economical as well as progressive. There is enough business each month for a 24-hour session, and this all-day idea will help us to transact it. There never should be any "unfinished business." These monthly meetings should be held immediately after the receipt of our Journal, which would serve as a reminder to visiting brothers here from a distance, as well as ourselves.

Boys and girls, get in touch with the committee and learn all about those moonlight ocean trips down the bay, smokers, a feast, etc.

"B" is having the indirect lighting system installed, a happy evolution for the "true blue crew" there, who are gradually getting better acquainted with their new machine, recently installed.

Congratulations are now in order for the men in the train service. CERT. 2070.

#### *Members Elmira and Williamsport Division—*

I sincerely wish to thank the members in District No. 18, "MO" Milton, Williamsport division to "F" Fassett and Elmira division for my election as delegate to the St. Louis convention. As I was nominated and elected without any solicitation on my part, I assure you that I greatly appreciate this expression of your confidence, and I will try to the best of my ability to fulfill this trust. All instructions relative to this convention will be gratefully received.

Fraternally yours,

J. C. EVANS, Cert. 537.  
No. 707 Walnut St., Williamsport, Pa.

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*Elmira Division Notes—*

The joint meeting of P. R. R., Erie and D. L. & W., held in Elmira, April 5th, was very interesting and beneficial. Our chairman has arranged to hold regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 221 West Water street, Painters and Paper Hangers' Hall.

Now that we have a new home let's turn out and give our new local chairman the support and encouragement he deserves. These meetings will be continued as long as the attendance and interest of the members warrant them.

Bro. E. H. Bailey, in Arnot Ogden Hospital two weeks, is home slightly improved. Bro. Duffey, relieving him, took a trip to Harrisburg recently. We understand the peace offering he brought back has quieted the troubled waters along the shores of the Seneca at Starkey.

Bro. Erway, seriously ill with the influenza, relieved by Bro. Shannon.

CERT. 2909.

*Members Williamsport Division—*

We are making progress and hope to put this division on the top of the list.

We held four meetings during March; all well attended and very interesting, but many were not present who could have been there by making some sacrifice.

There are still a few delinquents. Although you have until June 30th to pay up and hold your membership, do not wait, but kindly remit at once.

Let every member be an active worker. The stronger our lines are now the better we will be able to hold what we have secured and receive what we are yet entitled to by having a united membership.

I need your support and if we will continue to work together we shall accomplish wonderful results during this term. It is the duty of every member to show the non-members the importance of uniting with us at once.

The agents have been placed on Supplement No. 13 and it is your duty to insist that they join our ranks without any further delay.

Thanking you for your assistance in the past and hoping for its continuance.

Yours fraternally,

A. C. GRIES, Local Chairman.

*Williamsport Division Notes—*

Bro. Charlie Haire, returning from overseas service, spent a ten-day furlough with home folks recently.

Bro. Joe Orndorf and son spent their relief days in New York City.

Bro. John Fenstermacher seems to have very important business frequently in the vicinity of Williamsport.

The few "nons" are coming in rapidly, showing that they appreciate the efforts of

the organization to better the conditions of our craft.

Brothers and sisters, come to the meetings prepared to help make them interesting. A poorly attended meeting is disheartening to the local chairman, as well as to the old, faithful members.

CERT. 152.

*"GO" Relay, Williamsport—*

Some of the boys are coming back from the Army and a few of the older brothers will soon be "OS-ing" trains again. The only "nons" left are: Wagner, "CY"; Best, "GN"; Price, "SI"; Sponsler, "NV"; Gresh, "AJ," and Hafer, "DK." The others, including the assistant managers, all have cards.

CERT. 918.

*Sunbury Division—*

Two interesting, well-attended meetings were held in the B. of L. E. Hall, Sunbury, Pa., April 4th. Several other brothers and sisters who could have been there had an excuse. Everyone of us should attend these meetings and find out what is going on. You don't have to knock down half a dozen "gum shoe" men to get into these monthly meetings. Pass the news along to the next brother when it is time for them to be held and make it your business to be there.

The "nons" on the Pottsville end are "waking up." Keep after them until they all have an up-to-date in their pockets.

When the company closes your office don't take your spite out on the Order by not paying your dues. That's just what the company wants you to do. If you haven't received your back pay to January 1st, it's all the more reason you should keep up to date and help your officers, who are working so hard to get these things for you.

New members: J. A. Bevan, E. T. Dunkelberger, F. J. Reigel and C. L. Kelley. Keep the good work going, brothers, and remember, "No card, no favors." No excuses accepted.

Bro. Blecker landed at "WO" first and Sister Conser, Shamokin first. CERT. 1555.

*Renovo Division—*

The world's war on the battle fields of France has ceased, but the conflict has not ended there. It has presented a new phase, convulsing and destroying governments not built on the rock of democracy. In order for us to vision the ideal our President has pointed out, that our comrades fought and died for, it will be necessary to look beyond the horizon of political and national differences in order to discern the footprints which lead up to the mount, on the summit of which we will behold the marshalled forces of humanity, working for the freedom of the world from autocracy and the god of war.

In order that our dead shall not have died in vain, and that future generations may witness the full fruitage of their sacrifice.

we must take up the fallen torch, the emblem of liberty and, putting on the breast-plate of victory, work in harmony to obtain the emancipation of all humanity from every bond of slavery.

It is now Bros. Halliwell, Reig, Cook and Croyland and Sisters Kreig, Swanson, Lupro and Dailey.

At the meeting held April 1st, in Driftwood, there was a good attendance and all favored reestablishing the relief days.

Bros. Rosenkrans and Goodwin have recovered from an attack of the "flu." They were relieved by Bennett and Bro. Agens, respectively.

Local Chairman Mercer has appointed as assistant local chairmen C. W. Johnson, A. L. Goodwin and H. B. Munsee. Increased interest, beneficial to the upbuilding of the organization, is already in evidence.

Bro. Daughtery, while sojourning at Erie recently, was robbed of his pocketbook, containing \$30 and pass.

Bro. Hickoff caught 45 trout on a recent two days' fishing trip.

"JN," "MA," "AL" and "KZ" message operators are not required to perform Sunday service now, and "EK" block station is closed the entire day.

Bro. A. L. Goodwin's son, Vernon, was operated on successfully at Ridgway Hospital, April 17th.

Bro. Goodwin made a call on the boys at "AD" en route.

Our grievance committee met the division operator for the first time in his office, April 15th, settling grievances and other matters amicably. It is the sentiment of the majority of the operators on this division that the relief schedules should remain abolished, or arrange relief days for those operators who individually desire them. We estimated that seventy operators would take relief days, thereby establishing seven schedules with twenty working days, and benefit some of the extra operators making less than half time. A copy of the minutes of the hearing will be furnished each assistant local chairman, who will advise those interested.

L. R. BURLINGAME.

#### *Members Pittsburgh Division—*

Having been elected local chairman, I wish to thank all the brothers for their support and confidence. I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Advise me of changes made at your offices. Ascertain if the incoming man has a card.

Our "non" list is growing smaller daily. With a little co-operation we can soon have a 100 per cent division. Also advise me when offices are closed. This will greatly assist me in keeping my records up to date.

I have appointed Bro. J. F. Depoe, 17 Kismet street, Carnegie, Pa., and Bro. H. M. Decker, 188 East Main street, Newark, Ohio, assistant local chairmen; Bro. C. D. Dillon,

room 1006 Pennsylvania Station, Pittsburgh, Pa., division correspondent. Send all your notes to Bro. Dillon promptly in order to have a write-up each month.

J. W. SCOTT, L. C.

#### *Pittsburgh Division Notes—*

Bro. William Barber has returned to duty after a siege with the "flu," relieved by Bro. G. Campbell. Leverman Neiser has returned to duty after being off on account of sickness.

Bro. Cramp is off on account of getting hurt. Bro. Doyle had to work until relieved by Bro. McNamara, later relieved by Extra Herbert.

Bro. Segui returned after relieving Bro. Gross at Sturgeon.

#### *Pittsburgh Division, East End—*

Bro. Engel visited Cincinnati recently to see his first grandchild. Bro. A. S. Bower relieved him on first "QN." Bro. Virdin to second there; Lower Ferry closed, and Bro. Strickland from Scully to third "QN." Bro. Lowmiller, second train side there, was a recent Chicago visitor.

Bro. Jeff Linton has returned from the Army to third "SX."

Some of the brothers have received cards from T. S. Barrett and J. K. Green and Bro. Stroud, in France.

Relieved on sick list: Bro. Lewton, by Bro. Marlow; Bro. Ross, by Bro. Linton; Bro. Harry McCullough, by Bro. A. S. Bower, and Bro. Howell, leverman, the three latter with the "flu."

One of the girls from the telegraph school in Pittsburgh at "HS" carries an up-to-date and sets a good example for the ones on "BY" first and third. Keep after them, boys, and give them no rest until they all line up. Remember, "No card, no favors," and enforce it to the limit.

Local Chairman Scott, who was off recently looking after our schedule, is back on the job.

Thanks to Bros. Hoffman and Hanlins for their help in these notes. Keep the good work up, and other brothers and sisters do likewise.

CERT. 3672.

#### *"GO" Relay, Pittsburgh—*

The "nons" who were the first to kick when the increase and back pay was delayed are now refusing to join, claiming the O. R. T. was the cause of us losing the vacations. They wanted an hourly rate and now that we have it they are not satisfied. If they take their usual two weeks' vacations they will still be ahead, but they don't want to see it that way. If it had not been for the O. R. T. they would be working for the same old wages and putting in the same long hours. "No card, no favors" will wake them up and give us a solid office.

We are still on the 9-hour day in "GO" including the meal hour.

Bro. Brown has gone into the produce business, but will continue to carry an up-to-date.

Bros. Stetler and Dillon were Steubenville visitors recently.

Would like to hear from Bros. Price and Matthews occasionally, how things are progressing.

General Chairman Siefert, St. Louis Terminal, stopped over several hours recently en route to Washington. His call was highly appreciated.

A "non" was cut off here recently to make room for a returned soldier, who took out a card at once, so we gained by the change.

Two printer-operatives were discharged when three printers were cut out recently at Newcastle, "XN" Chicago and Ft. Wayne, leaving still working (sometimes) two to Philadelphia, one to Columbus, "GF" Chicago, Indianapolis and Cleveland:

Stay organized and keep on organizing. "No card, no favors." CERT. 3672.

#### Pittsburgh Division, West End—

Bro. J. P. Ryan, first Bradenville, is doing his own switching.

Bro. Dinges is delegate to the St. Louis convention, beginning May 12.

Bro. Good's sons will soon be with him, after a successful sojourn "somewhere in France." One of them lost a hand.

The general committee met in Pittsburgh, March 18th to 21st. Bros. Miller, Hindmarsh and Skinner were unanimously reelected.

Bro. Rawlins addressed the large meeting held in the evening at Century Building.

Take as many Victory Bonds as your means will permit.

Send your notes to Bro. Dinges, 7061 Bennett street, Pittsburgh, before the 20th of each month. CERT. 370.

#### Pittsburgh Division, Mountain District, Eastern Slope—

Bro. "Jack" McGrail attended the recent Pittsburgh meeting of the general committee and made a nice address to the visiting chairmen and to a meeting held later in the evening.

Bro. Dinges attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, mother of Local Chairman Dinges, recently, who was a telegrapher when the veteran Squire started his railroad career.

Bro. Seamon, second "MO," is quite a help to the chairman in this district.

Bro. Border is on the sick list, also Bro. Cullen, the latter, with a severe case of pleurisy, being unable to stand the strain of doing two men's work throwing levers.

New line from "LY" to "MS" has been abandoned. We miss the girls' voices.

CERT. 370.

Wilcox going back to the levers there; Bro. Kennedy on third, and Bro. Peffer on second "BU."

Bro. Lungren is back on duty after a slight illness.

#### "OD" Pittsburgh—

The printers have been dispensed with. Telegraph has been restored except the new "phoney" message wires worked by girls. Bro. Stewart on first. CERT. 370.

#### Conemaugh Division—

It looks as if the block system was to be done away with entirely, the way the second and third tricks are being closed.

We extend a hearty welcome to our old-timers returning from the battle fields.

Bro. C. L. Ashbaugh, in wireless service with the 110th Regiment, is back on "UM" first; also Bro. H. S. Johnson, on "UM" second, who has been on the western front, and Bro. C. L. Cline, back from camp, is on first there.

Bro. W. L. Young, bumped four times, is now at "KG."

Bro. Brenneman, on "BR" first, vice "GU," closed, relieved Bro. Bear several days recently.

Someone explain to G. W. Hildebrand, back at "VG," doing an extensive Western Union business by telephone with Apollo and Leechburg, that there is no extra pay in conducting a telegraph school. Some other of our good brothers are in need of the same advice. Don't forget to impress on Hildebrand and the other "nons" around you the necessity of getting in line. Be a working member of the O. R. T. as well as a card holder.

Bro. T. B. Townsend and F. E. Helfrich, on 60 days' furlough, latter on account of poor health, relieved by Bro. M. T. Young.

Bro. D. W. Alderton is relieving Bro. S. M. Hovis while he is talking Victory Liberty Loan Bonds to our boys. CERT. 4344.

#### Monongahela Division—

For the past nine months I have been acting as your local chairman, and now that you have elected me to that office regularly for the next two years, and also as your delegate to the St. Louis convention, I desire to thank you for this expression of your confidence in me. I shall try to do my duty as I have always done before and support every proposition which is for the greatest good for the greatest number.

The members should bear in mind, however, that the local chairman cannot accomplish very much without their co-operation.

There are still a few eligibles left, and a word dropped occasionally by a member working with them may be the means of bringing them in. Try it.

Bro. Henne is filling in, while Bro. Shannon is working Bro. Henne's trick while Digman is on a week's vacation in Detroit.

Bro. Dunlap spent a week at his home in Bedford, Pa., helping out with the spring plowing.

Bro. Kastin is soliciting for the "Victory" Liberty Loan, relieved by Bro. H. E. Wallace.

Sister Tulenko is posting at "OB" and Miss Moore posted at "CR" for a few days with Bro. Henne.

Sister Spesak was recently married. She has our best wishes for her future happiness and prosperity.

Brothers and sisters, we want to have a regular write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER. Send me some notes, as I cannot keep posted on the doings all over the division.

H. A. ROBERTS, Local Chairman.

#### Tyrone Division—

Local Chairman Heberling was unable to attend the Pittsburgh meeting owing to an attack of rheumatism.

Bro. M. J. Schell visited several days recently in Detroit.

Bro. Flynn spent his relief day at home in Punksatawney and Bro. Stallsmith spent his in Lock Haven.

Williamsport division meeting, held in Lock Haven, April 3d, attended by some of B. E. V. brothers.

Send in your contributions to the typewriter for our local chairman promptly. It will be a benefit to us all. Bro. Woodring, on the mountain, is doing good work and can give you any information desired.

Five new members have been added to our list recently.

Meetings called at Tyrone by the local chairman, April 21st 10 a. m. and 6:15 p. m. Assistant Local Chairman J. H. McGrail gave us an interesting talk. Both sessions well attended.

CERT. 2133.

#### Cresson Division—

We have welcomed home several boys who answered the call "to the colors." Only one is yet a "brother."

Sisters Cederholm and Rose Kettren spent ten days' vacation in Pittsburgh. We have only two "nons" among the girls. Let's get them in.

Sister Patterson is on 60-day leave, visiting her brothers in North Carolina.

Sister Mary Grace Kettren to "J" block station, vice Miss Dutra.

We will give you a real write-up if the brothers and sisters from each branch will send in a few items to our local chairman.

CERT. 1433.

#### Eastern Division—

Get a list from our local chairman of the few "nons" on the division and land them at once. Meantime, remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

The new tower at West Pennsylvania

Junction was put in service recently with a switchman handling the switches. A thirty-two lever electric interlocking plant is being installed. The new tower at Fair Hope will be opened as soon as the Siberia yards are placed in service.

Sister Askey, East Palestine, is seriously ill, Bro. Miller relieving.

It is discouraging, brothers, when you do not send me any items for the write-ups. So we make this last call for you to assist us. Get your items to "KY" by the 19th so I will have plenty of time to get them in shape. Otherwise we will turn the job over to someone else.

CERT. 4321.

#### Louisville Division—

Brothers, there are still a few "nons" on this division and I hope you will be able to land them before May 12th. I want to go to St. Louis as your representative with a solid membership, otherwise Bros. Miller and Hindmarch may ask me pertinent questions.

C. E. HUDSON, Local Chairman.

#### Louisville Division Notes—

The new double track bridge over the Ohio River at Louisville was opened to traffic at 9 a. m., March 29th, and we are now using double track from Ohio Falls to 14th and Main streets, Louisville. This has changed the whole situation around Ohio Falls. Trains now meet and pass on double track between there and Louisville, instead of the Wye between "NA" and "DS," and the block between Ohio Falls and North Tower has been made absolute for opposing movements, giving the operators at "NA" more work and relieving the dispatchers of lots of work and worry. Everything in that block has to report into clear by phone to the operators at "NA." The train dispatchers were moved from the old tower in the Louisville yards to the new tower on the south end of the Louisville Bridge, built of brick and stone.

Bro. C. Whitehouse, third Ohio Falls, to first leverman-operator, North Tower, relieved by Bro. W. E. Davis, thence to first leverman, South Tower.

Bro. J. W. Aldridge of Fountaine, Colo. Div. 49, dropped in recently on Bro. Andy Smith, first Ohio Falls, to see how the "pan handle" did business on the block terminal at Louisville.

Thanks to Bro. Andy Smith and Local Chairman Hudson, the only ones who sent me any items for this write-up. Brothers, unless you send me some notes monthly I will have nothing to compile for the journal, and will be obliged, from lack of material, to give up the job. It should not be a difficult task for each member to send at least two items each month, which would aggregate a nice write-up.

U. G. SWEET, Div. Cor., Cert. 2899.

*Cincinnati Division and C. L. & N., East End—*

Walter F. Scully recently returned from the Government Radio School at Harvard University and traded tricks temporarily to third "KN," vice Bro. Hunter, with Bro. Rea. The leverman job at "KN" was taken off March 15th, Bro. Brown bumping Leverman Byers at "BN." Bro. Hunter returned to second "FN," vice Bro. Farris, to extra list, who moved to Cedarville, O.

J. H. Randall recently returned from overseas to third "GR," vice Bro. Dougherty, to extra list.

Our boys just out of the service are coming forward with the initiation fee and dues without any back pay or the benefit of a raise, still we have two on this end who failed to renew their cards, after being benefited by both. We should see that they pay up at once.

CULPEPER, A. D. C., Cert. 3322.

*West End—*

Bro. Powers is relieving in "Q." Sister Stemmer, in that office, has had her hourly rate raised to 48 cents, with back pay from Oct. 1st, 1918.

Bro. Daly relieved a few days by Bro. Morey.

Bro. Moore laid off April 17 to welcome his brother home from "over there."

Bro. Corrigan, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Crow, who also relieved Bro. Ed. Daly a few days to spend Easter.

Bro. Cooper, injured some time ago by an explosion at his home, has returned to duty.

Bro. Neff, relieved by Extra Shroads on third "WX," has taken first Alpha; Bro. Coy to third "WC."

Brothers, let's have the news. "No card, no favors" must be applied.

EVANS, Div. Cor., Cert. 3324.

*D. & W. Branch—*

Bro. Kilmer, while on leave of absence, purchased an elevator, relieved by Bro. Myers.

Bro. Irvine has returned to work after several months with Uncle Sam.

Thanks to Bro. Harrison for notes. Brother on Cincinnati Division kindly make a note of any changes or happenings of interest and mail to me on or before the 19th, either to my home address, 987 Baymiller street, Cincinnati, O., to "OD" tower, or leave with second trick men.

It is hoped everyone who can will buy a Fifth Victory Loan Bond.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

EVANS, Div. Cor., Cert. 3324.

*C. & P. Division—*

New members: G. S. Philpott, R. O. Smith, F. W. Shrader, M. W. Thompson, A. R. Shaffer, R. H. Moorehead, W. S. Crowl,

L. Stackhouse, J. B. Newhouse, C. Furney, C. W. Willingham. This makes the branch nearly solid. Five of these new members are agents. They are now coming in rapidly. Keep after the rest of them and we will soon go over the top and make this the banner division of the Pennsylvania lines.

Bro. Faloon was on jury duty and Bro. Stiner was off sick a few days later, relieved by Bro. Stall.

Bro. Sutton was sick a few days, relieved by Bro. McCoy, who also relieved Bro. Carl Mangus, on a trip to Alliance to consult a specialist.

Bro. Copeland is improving after an attack of "flu" and pneumonia.

Bro. McKee is relieving Bro. Copeland, on sick list.

Bro. Eyler, Zoarville, is being congratulated on the arrival of a boy at his home.

A portion of the new double track between Summitville and Kensington was put into service, moving "KI" about two miles from Summitville. "Mack" can make a little on the side hauling the rest to work in his "flivver."

Give none of the "nons" any rest until they line up. The two at "UD" are still "stalling." Remember the motto, "No card, no favors."

Dont' expect your local chairman to do it all. He will be very grateful for your co-operation.

Thanks for the notes; come again.

H. O. M., Cert. 3361.

*Columbus Division—*

We had a fine turnout at our last meeting, but I regret that so few of the agents were present. Will endeavor to hold one meeting each month regularly, and more subject to call if necessary, and will try and have a good speaker at each meeting.

The real good that comes through organization is beginning to make itself felt, now that we can meet without being afraid of losing our positions.

Keep after the few agents, some "exclusives" and some telegraph agents.

McMurdy, "MD"; T. Glenn, "RS," and H. O. Dent, "JH" tower, went delinquent. Brothers and sisters, please try and get them to pay up and get their up-to-date cards again. Put on your "button" and show your manhood and womanhood. The sisters can help a great deal by talking to the "nons" and delinquents.

If you have no "button," come out to the meetings and get one.

P. L. MARTIN, L. C.

*Columbus Division Notes—*

A very interesting meeting was held at Bradford, April 4th, by Local Chairman Martin.

Agent Rosser, Bradford, was among the 17 brothers present as a visitor.

Bro. Martin told us what the O. R. T. had done and was still doing for the men and women on the P. R. R., and of conditions as they now exist on this division. A copy of the schedule was read and discussed. Meeting adjourned at 11 a. m.

Bro. Steward, while off, was relieved by Sister Lingle; Bro. Powers, off a few days, by Bro. Kelly, and Bro. Grooms, by Bro. Farmer.

Bro. Howell, Strawns, off sick, relieved by Bro. Standish, and Bro. Hill, Bradford, relieved by Bro. Liddy a few days owing to the arrival of a new boy.

Bro. Davis, off sick, relieved by Bro. Johnson, and Bro. J. C. Robertson, by Bro. Williams, relieved by Bro. Randles, who also relieved Bro. Schoen.

Bro. H. C. Hill relieved by Bro. Miller on account of sickness, and Bros. Moots and Huddleston by Bro. Farmer.

Bro. C. B. Oskins, please send me the news from Bradford to Richmond, and Bro. Miller, between Richmond and "N.J." I wish to thank those who helped this time.

"RO," Cert. 2555.

#### No. Two, Columbus Division Notes—

A meeting of non-telegraphic station agents was held at Greenfield, Ind., Sunday, April 6th, to decide what action should be taken to press our claim for increases and back pay for employes not specifically provided for under Supplement 13 to General Order 27.

Just prior to the meeting we were informed by Local Chairman Martin that a meeting had been arranged at Washington for Monday, April 7th, to consider our case and it was decided to await report from this meeting before taking any action.

Those present were Bros. Standish, Greenfield; McCaslin, Knightstown; Petry, Lewisville; Hayes, Dublin; Conover, New Madison; Heiserman, Covington; Hageman, MILFORD Center, and Messrs. Romick, Hilliards; Pelle, Piqua; Copeland, Charlottesville; McCurdy, Greenville, and Rosser, Bradford. The latter is lining up and Romick and Copeland asked for and were supplied with application blanks.

After a short business session Messrs. McCurdy and Peele left for Indianapolis, and the balance spent the afternoon discussing some of the "new wrinkles" and profitably and highly enjoyed the proper conduct of station work.

CERT. 5002.

#### Zanesville Division—

Local Chairman Yahn and Bro. McKinney, latter relieved by Bro. McKinney on advisory board, attended the General Superintendent's meeting in Toledo April 9th.

C. V. Austin is back on first "X" after working in Train Master's office several years, relieved by Bro. Smucker from second

Bremen vice Bro. Riley first to third "X" vice Bro. Barks to Swing Relief Dispr "X" vice Bro. Horton to second "DS" vice Bro. Brown to first copy "X" vice Bro. Moore to second "DO" vice Bro. Rucker to third "DO" vice Bro. Yahn to third Putnam vice Bro. Kelly to third "YD" Tower, vice Bro. Price to third Junction City, vice Bro. G. U. Nangle to third Bremen, vice Bro. Armstrong to second Bremen.

Hearings on our schedule started April 7th.

Bro. Sears relieved Bro. Rusk.

Bro. H. Z. Hopper recently prevented a near "hold-up" with his "big Bertha." The wouldbe robber was later arrested for lifting about \$300 from a bunk mate at the Moxahala Tunnel.

Lancaster was recently remodeled and given a coat of paint. We now have an up-to-date office.

Thanks to the brothers who contributed items for the write-up. Come again and the rest do likewise.

C. W. RANDOLPH.

#### Marietta Div—

Two enthusiastic meetings were held on this division recently, one at Cambridge, the other at Bird's Run. Local Chairman Hosfelt presided and discussed fully the conditions affecting us and carefully reviewed the work done during the past year. When we think what has been accomplished in the way of organizing and the good results derived therefrom, we wonder how any operator can stay out of the Order. There are only two on the main line who do not carry an up-to-date card, and we will wager that they are not happy, either.

Bro. Hosfelt announced that on his return from St. Louis he would hold meetings at different points on the division, and give us a full report of the convention, to be followed by "big eats" at his expense.

Brothers, don't fail to attend these meetings. We will keep posted and get better acquainted.

New members: P. L. Mahaffey, L. C. Jordan, G. A. Rucker, F. L. McLeary and H. H. Jones.

Caywood closed, Suder to second "FO" vice Bro. Dauber to Whipple, Ohio, second, vice Warren, who relieved Agent Stewart there for several months on account of ill health. Agent Foster is back at Elba after a month's sickness.

Bro. H. P. Wilson, Bird's Run, visiting home folks in Barnesville, O., for two weeks, was relieved by Bro. Hetrick, who also relieved Bro. Ryan several days. L. A. Stricker, Kimbolton, while visiting his parents at Walhonding, relieved by Bro. Denver Johnson.

Bro. Booth relieved Bro. Gray several nights on account of the death of his aunt.

CERT. 8166.

**Akron Div—**

Bro. Keltt is back from "GO" again in "AK" Akron.

Bros. Foote and Dial on first and third "MV" Tower, Bros. Wolfe and Bailey to take second and third "XN" Tower.

Bro. Bagwell on extra list; Hagans, third, Bangs.

Bro. Foote and Kail, of Orrville, on Liberty Bond Special several days.

The banquet given by the Eastern Division boys at Alliance, March 20th, was attended by Bros. Gelselman, Akron; Scheetz, Millersburg; Bailey, Mt. Vernon; Flory and Local Chairman Kail, Orrville. About 100 members were present, including one division operator, enjoyed the big feast, and talks by General Chairman Miller and others.

Bro. McGarvey, of Warwick, who had quite a siege with the "flu" and pneumonia, is greatly improved and will return to work shortly.

Bro. Wolfe has purchased a "flivver" since moving to Centerburg and is enjoying the good roads between that point and Utica.

Bro. Baird, Westerville, who is on a six months' leave on account of poor health, relieved by Bro. Thomas Whitt.

Bro. Fry, of Millersburg, in poor health for some time, is no better.

Bro. Flor, of Akron, visited over Sunday with Sister Zamistine Cols recently.

Boys, please mail your notes for THE TELEGRAPHER to me at Centerburg. It's hard to get news from both ends of the road without assistance. Send me anything of interest.

J. BAILEY, Div. Cor.

**E. & A. Division—**

Bro. C. W. Sheldon has been elected local chairman of this division.

Brothers and sisters, we must not sit down and wait for him to do all the work, but get busy and help him get in the few nons and see that any delinquents with or near us send in their dues and keep up-to-date.

Bro. F. L. Ressler is getting better after an attack of the "flu." Bros. Shively and Hilles doubled for three days when the latter took second and Miss Jones came from Newcastle, Pa., to third.

New members are: J. S. Daily, Warren, Ohio; R. J. Ramsey and Miss M. K. Fitch, Newcastle, Pa., and Miss Catherine McIntyre, Lowellville, Ohio. Get a list of the few remaining nons from the local chairman and give them no rest until they come in with us. Remember! "No card, no favors."

CERT. 62.

**E. & A. Division Notes—**

Bro. G. L. Edson, lineman, West St., Ohio, has resumed his duties after a recent operation.

Bro. H. H. Nevison, who enlisted in the navy early last fall, has returned to Austenburg, Ohio, agency.

Bro. Barton Lengworth, third Bristolville, and several other brothers, attended the recent meeting of N. Y. C. Order at Ashtabula.

Bro. Bishop, second West St. Yard, is on a week's vacation, relieved by Bro. Knieman, of Westford.

A new Western Union wire has been installed from Ashtabula to Alliance, giving the intervening offices a direct wire with Cleveland, saving the relay at "WD."

Brothers, do your best to get in the few nons along the line.

Several offices have been closed on Sundays, giving the men a much needed rest.

A successful meeting was held at Alliance recently with Bro. Doyle as chairman. Men from not only the Pennsylvania, but other lines, were present; about 150 in attendance, including J. C. Hanrahan, E. & A. Division operator, who was the first official to attend such a meeting.

General Chairman Miller, Pennsylvania System; Bro. Hindmarsh, chairman of the lines west, and several other brothers delivered interesting addresses.

CERT. 4021.

**Western Division—**

Bro. L. M. Herbert is off with measles and Bro. Fox with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Harrison.

Bro. Wherry relieved Bro. Steman while he and his family were sick with the "flu."

Bro. Pease, Ada, was off, owing to his mother's illness.

Bro. Hauff Forest was relieved a few days by Bro. Long.

Bro. Bill Braton has some very fine Plymouth Rocks.

Bro. Dumph "DE" absent on account of the death of his brother at Bourbon and Bro. Mumaugh, owing to the death of his grandmother.

Bro. V. R. Turner, back home from France, gained forty pounds, looking fine, and can tell some great war experiences. Bro. H. C. Truesdale, also in "Uncle Sam's" service, is now at Clark, and Bro. A. D. Songer has also returned from "across the pond." We will be very glad to have them all return soon as possible.

Bro. H. J. Jones went to Canada a few days to visit his brother who has returned from France.

The interlocking plant at Forest out of service about two weeks.

Bro. "Bob" Alonas Robinson visited his parents at Dola a few days.

Keep after the few nons and delinquents and get them to join and pay up. Remember! "No card, no favors."

Bros. Bert Fry and C. A. Jana are our delegates to the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Busher has moved to Fort Wayne, Ind. It is now Bro. C. D. Lutes.

C. W. MILLER, Cert. No. 2558.

#### *Indianapolis Division—*

Bro. A. D. Howard relieved Local Chairman Bump while he was attending the General Chairman's convention at Pittsburg, and Bro. Clayton relieved him while he attended a birthday dinner of his wife's grandfather near Koleen, Ind.

Bro. H. A. Sweet, as operator-clerk at Spencer, divides his time between the passenger and freight station.

Bro. Morris, who relieved Bro. Harper "KC" cabin a few days, also relieved agent South Linton.

Bros. Williams and Secretst have traded back positions and are now on their own jobs, Minich and Gaskill, respectively.

Ernest Baugh, who joined the navy 18 months ago, has been released and has resumed work (holding his seniority rights), bumped Bro. C. E. Snyder, who bumped Bro. J. B Thomason 3rd "RD" Romona.

Thanks to Bro. Bump for items furnished. Brothers, mail your notes to me so I can arrange and mail them in time for publication.

E. E. MCKEE.

Spencer, Ind.

#### *Indianapolis Terminal Division—*

As assistant to local chairman, Bro. Bump, and at his request, will try and have a write-up each month, and ask that all of you members here in the terminal lend me your assistance. Just one item from each of you would enable us to have a good write-up that would do much to instill interest in those who are indifferent and careless in their duties as members.

Complaints in regard to Supplement No. 13, not having been applied in some cases, are in the hands of the Wage Board, along with fifty other questions for adjustment and interpretation, and it is expected these matters will soon be settled. Members having filed complaints will be informed accordingly.

A commission of 14 has heard the arguments to consider a universal schedule, covering all railroads not having agreements with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. This commission, consisting of seven representatives of the Telegraphers and seven other members who will represent the Regional Directors, met with the Board of Wages and Working Conditions April 7th. Our general chairman, Bro. Miller, represented the Allegheny region on the commission.

The only non on our division has promised to come in, making it solid. Let's keep it that way.

"BD" Tower has been taken over by the Terminal.

Bros. Luty, Demoss and Roark on first, second and third, respectively, "BC" Cabin, closed "KR" Tower, moved to C. I. & W. crossing and when the "bumping" is over, boys, let us know where you land.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. L. L. Patterson, second "NY" office, in the loss of his eleven months' old baby girl, April 3rd, after a short illness of spinal meningitis. Also to Bro. J. F. Dalton, second Belt Crossing, whose dear old mother, after a long period of suffering and almost complete helplessness for a number of years, passed away the latter part of March.

Bro. W. W. Weakley, second "SF" Tower, reports his wife recovering from a serious surgical operation, and expects she will be able to come home in about two weeks. We all wish her a speedy and complete recovery. Meantime "Bush" is playing "Mama" to the ten months' old twins.

Just a few members are delinquent. Please pay up and get your new cards.

W. M. G., Cert. 2603.

#### *Logansport Division—*

Assistant Local Chairman Wood, "RS" Tower, lined up six men recently. April 15th we had 180 members. Several of the nons have promised. Keep after them, brothers, and give them no rest until they line up.

A. E. McLaughlin, back from the army, bid in third Boone, vice Bro. Koske, to third "SC" Tower.

Bro. J. W. Risch returned from the army and took third Hartsdale, Bro. Huffman taking second there.

Bro. F. Wirwahn bid in first Trimmer. Bro. Wise on first "ON" Tower temporarily. It is now Bro. A. Wirwahn on third there. Also Bro. Peck second Converse, and Bro. Pearson, Red Key, first.

The operators in "CW" were furnished new typewriters by the company, but did not like them and did not keep them. Bro. E. J. Courtney, wire chief "CW," has one for sale.

Bros. Dukes, Brandt and myself attended the Richmond Division Muncie meeting April 8th. A number of questions discussed, everything was settled satisfactorily to all concerned except Bro. Johnson from Anderson, who didn't get a very good deal.

Bro. Huffman, Hartsdale, was sick several days, relieved by G. H. Taylor.

Bro. H. McDonough, "MT" Tower, off three weeks with the "flu" and missed the pay car, the first time in about thirty-five years. We were paid by check beginning April 22, 1919, the pay car being discontinued.

Bro. M. F. Mertz, Bunker Hill, was off seven days with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Fred Dakin, who also relieved Bro. H. Berry, Logansport Yard Office, while on a trip to Kalamazoo, Mich.

Bro. Ray Henning bid in third Red Key.

Bro. Fields going back on extra list, Bro. H. T. Lecklider on second, Union City, temporarily.

Local Chairman "Doc" was a recent Logansport visitor, taking back to Idaville all the number ten shoes in town.

Bro. Charles Henning, extra agent, relieved Agent Moore at Sweetser a month, owing to ill health.

Send me your notes before the 15th of each month. And have that "non" next to you fill out and send in that application blank. I have a supply of them if you haven't any on hand.

A. E. BROOK.

#### *Michigan Division—*

Local Chairman Garrett, while attending the Pittsburgh meeting, looking after our interests, was relieved by Bro. Robinson, who later relieved Bro. Burke, first "JS" Cabin, several days, relieved by Bro. McPherson.

Bro. Ross Elliott, second Ellis, relieved several days by Bro. Koble.

Fayette and Reagan Block Offices were closed. Bro. Mohr, first Reagan, to first Pike, vice Bro. Wilhelm, to third there. Sister Blystone, second Reagan, to extra board. Bro. Dixon, first Fayette, to second Fisher.

Sisters Katherine and Ellen Wahls, Manson, visiting parents in Pittsburgh, relieved by Bro. Wallace and Miss Dixon.

Dispatcher Johnson relieved a few days by Bro. John Hamilton, extra dispatcher relieved by Bro. Summers on "FN" third.

Ed Berry is back from "over there" on extra board.

Sister Blystone is relieving Sister Snyder at New Market.

Bro. Chas. Reynolds' was off a few days recently

Bro. Jack Brown, second Lebanon, relieved a few days by Sister Cain, who also relieved Bro. Wilhelm, third Pike, and Bro. McPherson, third Lebanon, several nights.

It has been suggested that Bro. Farris use a Maxim silencer when talking over the telephone and that John Quatman get an ear trumpet.

Our motto: "No card, no favors."

CERT. 6536.

#### *Grand Rapids & Indiana Northern Division—*

Bro. Gruntz and Bro. Irvine Petoskey were off a few days and relieved by Bros. Cross and McPhee, and Bro. Pool, Harbor Springs, relieved by his wife. Operator Petoskey did the favors.

Bro. Noble is back after a month's illness.

Bro. Noble is being relieved by Bro. Spicher. Harry has just returned from France.

Bro. McCormick also just returned from France.

Bro. Ames Kalkaska called South, owing to the death of his father. We extend our

heartfelt sympathy to the brother in his bereavement.

Bro. Sanford, South Boardman, on a two weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Cross.

Bro. Haberson, Pellston, called to Plainwell on account of his wife's parents' sickness, relieved by Bro. McPhee, who also relieved Bro. Weldner, Levering, a few days on sick list. Bro. McPhee later relieved Bro. Bartholomey, agent, Mancelona, when called to Grand Rapids on a lawsuit.

Brothers, we have all received back pay, increases and better working conditions. Get after the few delinquents and induce them to pay up without further delay. Also line up the nons, and keep in good standing yourselves. I go to St. Louis, Mo., May 12th, as your delegate, and will render a report on my return. Any conditions that are not right, let me know. Any interference on the part of the railroad officials to coerce or intimidate you should be reported to me at once supported by signed statements. W. P. Hoffman, local chairman.

Bro. Tom Belding spent Sunday at Petoskey recently.

Bro. Blanchard is busy after the nons.

Robert Gates writes from Grieves, France, how pleased he was to see a few lines in the journal from the old road he left to enter "Uncle Sam's" army. Send me all the notes you can. Let's have all the nons lined up when the boys return and have a good pay roll and a good schedule to start them on.

F. A. GRUNTZ, Cert. 1855.

#### *Grand Rapids & Indiana Southern Division—*

See that the things you use bear the union label; your hat, your shoes, your coat, your mill. You say, "No card, no favors." You expect union men in other lines of labor to respect you because you carry a card and it is only fair that you should give them the same consideration. "Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you" should be more generally practiced between union men, especially railroad men.

Don't refuse to renew your card because we have not yet gotten a schedule. There are a great many of our members on other roads also waiting for a schedule. For the small amount you have paid for dues in the O. R. T. since August, 1918, you have received about \$40 a month raise. You wouldn't have got that if the oldtimers had not paid dues for the last ten or fifteen years.

You have shown your loyalty to your country by taking the limit in bonds. Now show the same loyalty to your fellow workers by keeping an up-to-date card.

The old G. R. & I., as usual, went over the top on the Victory Loan. Bro. Kelly officiated as "booster."

It is now Bros. Weber, Kendallville;

Fralich, Avilla, and Cripe at Shelbyville. Now let us have a 100 per cent line-up.

Bro. Ives, Plainwell, was off some time with the "flu."

Night Yard Master, Kalamazoo, discontinued, vice Engle returning to telegraph work, causing several changes there.

No one sent me any items this month.  
*Stay organized.*

CERT. 3766.

*Peoria Division—*

Bro. W. C. Flinfrock, honorably discharged after 17 months in the aviation service, is back at Mount Zion as joint agent and operator for the I. C. and "Pennsy."

Bro. D. T. Clapp, in service two years near the Mexican border, is back at Kemp agency, finding a much better paying job awaiting him.

O. Perkins, 17 months in the navy, is in Trainmaster Linn's office in Decatur, vice C. L. Matthews, to first Mackinaw tower.

Extra Dispatcher Leaser is recuperating in Kentucky.

The pay car has been abolished since April 1st, and we are now paid in checks.

Brothers, keep after the few "nons" and give them no rest until they line up.

"Cy," in February issue, said it just right. "A man who will not carry an up-to-date now is not worthy of our support, and should not be recognized as a telegrapher."

CERT. 5613.

*Chicago Terminal Division—*

The printing system installed in "XN" office, Chicago, to "GO" office, Pittsburgh, has been abolished and the work will be handled on a Morse circuit.

Bro. Hardy is at 63rd street, second, Bro. Krisanskas relieving him at "GH" 58th street.

Bro. Thorne is back on second Whiting after relieving Bro. Shirly three days at Park Manor, and Bro. Rayder, first Whiting, both off on account of sickness.

Bro. Pash received a letter from Bro. Geo. Hoffmann in France stating that he was slightly wounded and will carry a scar as a souvenir. Otherwise he is in good shape.

Bro. Sheffer writes from France that he does not expect to be home for some time, and that he is in first-class condition.

Brother Hank Mann is now with the Army of Occupation and will probably be there for some time.

P. V. Trimble at Riverdale, recently discharged from the army, if not up-to-date soon, will be, for he is that kind.

Bro. Rapp was off a few days recently attending the funeral of his father. He has the sympathy of all the boys.

Bro. Peterson is back at Calumet River Bridge after a tour of the South.

Bros. Long and Hollis have exchanged tricks at Bernece in order to enable Bro. Long to take his son to Chicago for medical

attention, who, we are glad to learn, is slightly improved.

Bro. Zysko relieved Bro. Schrader on third West Pullman while making the change to Beverly Junction.

Bro. O'Malley relieved Bro. Prudhomme on third "GH," relieving Bro. Helbling, first Brighton Park on a trip to California.

The Liberty Bond Specials demonstrated to the boys that purchasing Liberty Bonds was not a hardship, but an easy way to save money and do their duty to their country at the same time. Not so much a sacrifice as a benefit.

Bro. Emil Matz is being congratulated on his recent marriage to a Dalton, Ill., girl.

Bro. Carr is back at 55th street after several months at "XN" Terminal.

Bro. "Stubby" Caponigre was at "GB" a few nights while Bro. Moore was off on account of sickness.

Boys, we have an earnest and hard working local chairman in Bro. Leslie and we should all stand by him. He is open to all suggestions and will welcome any criticism in regard to his policies, as his every action will be with the intention of benefiting us and the Order. If you know of any instance where a member is lagging, notify Bro. Leslie and he will try to set him right.

CERT. 2913.

*East End, St. Louis Division—*

Vacancies that have never heretofore been advertised will never in the future be bulletinized according to understanding reached between the Division Operator and Chairman Hindmarch.

Former Relief Agent Bro. R. E. Cooper, although now with the Western and Southern Insurance Co. at Brazil, is going to keep up-to-date and attend all the meetings in Terre Haute that he possibly can, and will appreciate the names of any insurable persons the members know of. We all wish him success.

The agents on the East End, who are still "nons," get all the information and help they want from the brothers around them and were awarded an increase through the efforts of the O. R. T. Bro. Hindmarch is now trying to get their increase and back pay for them, and we should see that they show their appreciation of his and our previous and his present efforts by getting an up-to-date card.

About 50 members attended the meeting held in Terre Haute April 12th, Bros. Armstrong, Ballie, Bahr, Cooper, Henderson, Miller, Phillips, Reynolds and Robinson from the "Pennsy" being among those present. We had several interesting talks by Bros. Powell of the Southeastern and Whalen of the "Big Four," who had just returned from Washington, where they had been in the interest of the "Big Four" schedule.

The O. R. T. Club has leased the hall on

the third floor at Fourth and Wabash streets for one year where the regular meetings will be held the second Saturday night of each month at 7:45 p. m. We have a kitchen and a dance hall in connection with the meeting room, which was initiated at our meeting May 10th. We are going to have a "Bean Supper" and something else besides shortly. Brothers, the admission to these meetings and a chance to get some of these luxuries is an up-to-date O. R. T. card. Bring your wives and families, or if you haven't any, bring your prospective wife.

Bro. Cooper took a flashlight picture of the doings, which will probably appear in THE TELEGRAPHER. Bros. Hindmarch and Rawlins were unable to attend the meeting on account of important business in Washington and St. Louis.

The new yard office was opened at Terre Haute April 13th, and first and second closed Sunday, April 20th, running no freights on that day.

The telephone and Western Union test boards, formerly at "KR" East Yards, will shortly be installed at "EY" Tower.

Bro. Geo. Feldt, third Almeda, relieved a few days by Bro. C. N. Williams, who also relieved Bro. W. A. Vaughn while the latter was having his third installment of the "flu." He later relieved Bro. O. M. Snyder, several days on sick list.

Bro. J. T. Colburn, while off, owing to the death of his father-in-law, was relieved by Bro. F. A. Boots, relieved on Limerdale third later by Bro. C. N. Williams.

Bro. T. I. Grissom, Greenup, Ill., relieved Bro. Benefiel a few days on account of sickness.

It is now Bro. "Bill" Roach, first Gibson.

Bro. W. M. Harrold, our genial first trick dispatcher, enjoyed the time of his life as Marshal on St. Patrick's Day, riding at the head of a monster parade at Terre Haute. When asked about it, "Bill" just grinned.

Bro. Geo. Stevens is going to reduce the high cost of meat by raising groundhogs on a large scale. Those desiring such a delicacy should send him their orders early.

Bro. Henderson has gone into the hog raising industry.

Mrs. Etta Foudray desires to thank the members of Greencastle Division for the beautiful floral offering and assistance during the illness and death of her husband, a member of Saskatchewan Division, No. 7.

Bros. Bean, Fogle and Ray were off several days looking for the Easter rabbit around Jewett where they hall from. Bro. A. H. Miller relieved Bro. Fogle. Bro. Ray was bumped from third "FO" by "Bob" Seebree, just returned from the army. "Welcome home" to him and the other brothers who have returned from the service. Among the brothers still in France are: R. W. West, Otis Wilber and A. A. Archer. Last we

heard from them they were having a fine time, "Gus" with his usual winning smile.

Brothers, send some notes to Bro. Benefiel, first Reelsville, or Bro. Henderson, first Seelyville. They will see that they get in THE TELEGRAPHER. Your efforts toward having a good write-up will be appreciated. This one was made possible by Bros. Henderson, Benefiel and Bahr, with the able assistance of Bro. Geo. Stevens.

CERT. 6307.

#### *St. Louis Division, West End—*

Bro. Sid Sweeney, Formosa, relieved by Bro. E. E. Muller, owing to illness.

Bro. Ingram, second Rose Lake, relieved by Bro. Tennyson, relieved at Mulberry Grove by Sister Tennyson, who later relieved Bro. Bolin on Dexter first.

Bro. Switzer, Collinsville, attending court, relieved by Bro. Raymond Keeler.

Bro. H. E. Weaver is back at "DE" East St. Louis freight from "GX" Indianapolis, Bro. E. E. Surber going back to first "AD" East St. Louis. Bro. Fisher back on third and Sister Stewart on second "AD," latter relieving Bro. Hudnall.

Bro. Kilby, at Willows, has completed his dancing lessons and is showing the boys at "VI" how to do the "Jazz."

Bro. Barney McKean, Smithboro, is enjoying the scenery over Bond county in his new "gas car."

Recently the markers were taken down on a train making a so-called "test" in order to catch some of the trainmen and operators, but the boys were wide awake as usual.

Bro. Barnes relieved Bro. E. J. Bolin on Hagarstown second. Bro. McKean, Smithboro, was relieved by Bro. Pryor and Bro. Dewey Ray relieved Bro. Fogler on St. Elmo third.

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Clark Fudra, formerly of the Canadian Pacific, a brother-in-law of Bro. W. L. Darner, of Vandalia. The division extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Bro. Gaston, third, and Bro. Hellinger, agent, Brownstown, are both enjoying their new autos.

We are very proud of the fact that Pennsylvania System Division, No. 17, O. R. T., will send more delegates to the Grand Division to be held in the City of St. Louis in May than any other division in the Order. Let us all join in and make it the *BEST* in the Order.

"PANHANDLE PETE."

#### *"Nickel Plate" R. R., Div. No. 18.*

##### *Buffalo Division—*

On January 7th I issued a request to all the members of this division, asking them to assist Bro. A. H. Smith, Angola, N. Y., who had been sick for a long time with a cancer. He died on March 22d and was buried at Angola on March 25th, Bros. Nelle, Jackman, Berens, Warren, Roach, Gleezon

and myself attending the funeral, which was conducted by the Masons. Bro. Smith had been in the employ of this road for 28 years and worked continuously up to the fall of 1918 when he was compelled to give up on account of his illness.

Through the efforts of the O. R. T. the attention of our officials was called to Bro. Smith's condition and he was granted a pension one month before his death. The total amount of money received for his benefit and turned over to him before his death was \$268.50, contributed as follows: Buffalo Division, \$134; Cleveland, \$47.50; Fort Wayne, \$45.50; Chicago, \$41.50; total, \$268.50; flower fund by members, \$46.50; O. R. T. flower fund, \$10; grand total, \$325.

Instead of buying flowers we turned the money over to Mrs. Smith. Called on Bro. Smith a number of times before his death and it was his intention to write a letter, thanking all the boys, through the journal, for the help they gave him, but he was taken away before this could be done and Mrs. Smith requested me to thank you for her and Bro. Smith and tell you that words cannot express her feelings of gratitude for the assistance given them before and after the death of our worthy brother. It is a pleasure to know that you all responded to the call and I know you will all feel glad that you gave your mite to assist a brother in need and that it was given before it was too late. The amount shown for the Buffalo Division includes the donations from the trainmen, enginemen and others.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. CRAWFORD,  
Local Chairman.

#### Cleveland Division—

Bro. C. F. Mayer, first trick Superintendent's office, Cleveland, was away a few days recently to meet his boy returned from "overseas," relieved by Extra Dispatcher Crane.

Local Chairman Stover, middle trick Bellevue, attended the recent meeting of the committee when General Chairman Cowley and General Secretary and Treasurer Crisemberry were re-elected for the ensuing two years. These brothers and Local Chairman Crawford of the Buffalo Division are delegates to the St. Louis convention and Bros. Redman, Stover and Nigh, alternates. Bro. M. L. Ellis, transferred from the B. & O. to this division, who relieved Bro. Stover, later relieved Bro. H. S. Dunlop, first Euclid, and also relieved a number of other members along the line.

Bro. Wachtler, former resident lineman at Bellevue, has been employed as electric light maintainer, and is going over the road erecting flood lights at all important yards on 75-foot poles and high towers. These lights are of great brilliancy and certainly improve the situation in the yards after night. Electric lights are also being installed on the

"Nickel Plate" engines as fast as they go in for repairs.

I notice someone has brought up the matter of adopting individual transmitters and receivers for all operators that have to use the telephone for train orders or otherwise. This is intended as a sanitary movement and sounds good. Believe the train dispatchers, who now use these individual sets, should have theirs adjusted or a vacuum cleaner used on them as some of their voices sound as though they were whispering sweet, soft little nothings to their lady loves, making it very difficult for the poor "ope" to know what they are driving at much less put it down on an order blank.

"UNITY."

#### Fort Wayne Division—

Miss Edna Rohrbaugh, the only "non" among the ladies, is now at Glasgow avenue. Girls, get busy and line her up.

Sister N. B. Schuh is relieving Bird, third Payne, on 60 days' leave.

We are sorry to hear of the death of John Hughes, for a number of years clerk to chief dispatcher at Ft. Wayne, later night chief, who passed away at his home in Ft. Wayne recently.

Bro. R. J. Wells has returned from the war and resumed duty at Colby double track.

Bro. V. B. Haner, relief agent, is now at Melrose pending bulletin.

Sister Thelma Campbell is sick at her home in Fort Wayne.

We hope the boys at Payne will be able to line up Bird on third Payne and keep up its reputation of being solid.

We are sorry to have Bro. R. W. Collette leave the service.

We are glad to see Bro. Geo. Schimmoeller back from France. He has some great stories to tell of the fighting over there.

Bro. D. E. Wolfe, first Mortimer, off a few days sick, relieved by Miss Dunlop, the clerk handling the interlocking plant for her.

Bro. G. J. Stateler, second Mortimer, attending court several days, relieved by Bro. D. D. Leeth.

Bro. M. S. Lowe has completed his term of service in the navy, and expects to soon resume duty at Mortimer. Jack looks fine.

Bro. C. L. Zimmerman had his house broken into recently, losing silverware and other valuables.

Bro. Cowley, on committee work, relieved by Bro. Wolfe with Bro. Stipp on third.

General Secretary and Treasurer Crisemberry's mother died recently at Convoy, O. She had been ailing for some time, but the end came suddenly before he could reach her. Bro. Crisemberry and the family have our sincere sympathy.

Bro. W. D. Martin, who had the misfortune to break his arm recently, is getting along nicely.

CERT. 37.

***Chicago Division—***

Bro. John Ridenhour, second Hammond, relieved thirteen days by Bro. P. D. Hall.

Bro. R. R. Neff, third Sidney, on business in Chicago several days, was relieved by Miss Davis.

Bro. T. G. Maloy, third Valparaiso, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Thompson, relieved on second there by Sister Eva Burkett. Later Bro. Thompson was relieved several days by Bro. Teeters.

Bro. H. Day, agent, Hibbard, bid in South Whitley agency.

Bro. C. A. Rapp, agent, Sidney, relieved by Bro. Newby, second there, several weeks owing to the death of his father.

Sister Morris is back on third Dunfee after 90 days' leave.

Second trick copier in the dispatcher office at Strong Island has been "pulled off."

Bro. Milo Dimmit, third Knox, relieved several days by Miss Maxy.

Bro. B. F. Williamson, third Claypool, relieved three days by Bro. Neff, third Sidney, relieved by Miss Davis.

Bro. Rodgers, third South Whitley, relieved several days by Bro. "Red" Weldy, on account of sickness.

Bro. Boyer, first South Gary, was off a few days recently.

Brothers, don't forget your correspondent.  
"RX."

**N. Y., O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 19.*****Kankakee Line—***

Bro. E. J. Morton is back at Seatonville after several months with "Uncle Sam."

Bro. Oberto, relieving Sister Katie, second Depue, until Bro. Mattie Cinotte returned from over seas.

Bro. Belt, agent, Budd, has resigned to enter other business in Southern Indiana. We wish him success. Sister Ida Korsgaard succeeded him, but being unable to get living accommodations, was obliged to withdraw and relieve Bro. Jones, first Depue.

Keep a piece of clip on the hook and every time something happens, jot it down and send it to me.

Bro. Harvey at Lostant will repair your old clocks or watches.

Bro. Krick and wife have our sincere sympathy and the entire membership, owing to the death of their son.

Bro. John Driscoll, recently promoted to train dispatcher, died in Kankakee Hospital following an operation. He will be greatly missed by his many friends on the message wire. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his family in this great loss. All of the operators on the division that could possibly get off attended his funeral.

Local Chairman Shimaneck will soon have this division lined up 100 per cent. Just a few "nons" left on the East End. Brothers

and sisters, give them no rest until they join. Remember! "No card, no favors," and absolutely no excuses.

Send me your items not later than the night of the 20th.

L. S. FRANKLIN, Cert. 1156.  
Streator, Ill.

***Alliance Division—***

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister Weir and family, Augusta, in their sad bereavement, the death of her sister.

Local Chairman Dickenson has returned from committee work in Cleveland.

Bro. Lloyd, Palmyra, has purchased a new Ford.

Not much write-up this month; too busy moving.

L. L. ALLEN.

**N. Y., O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.*****Northern Division—***

Third Summit closed indefinitely on account of slack business. Bro. Richards affected, is now on vacation.

Bro. Babcock, extra, relieved Bro. Baker, second Pecksport, three days and Bro. Shepardson, agent, Smyrna, several days recently. We are glad to welcome home Bro. L. S. Mengel, second "SX" Tower, from Camp Dix, N. J.

Bro. Pindar, agent, Munns, has been on the sick list a few days.

Bro. Coy, ticket agent, Norwich, was a recent Utica visitor.

Bro. C. H. and Sister Mary Wilson, second and first Summit, spent Sunday with friends in Oneida recently, the office being closed for the day.

Relief Operator Bro. DeGroodt relieved Bro. Hopkins, agent, Randallsville, two days; Bro. Clifford, agent, Kenwood, twelve days; Bro. F. J. Beale, third Oswego, two nights, and Bro. TenBroeck, agent, Pennellville, four days.

Bro. Bartlett, first Randallsville relieved two days by Bro. E. W. Towne.

Our new local chairman, Bro. Hamilton, appointed as assistant local chairman Bro. H. T. Dixon, second Oneida; Bro. W. G. Hemmingway, agent, Westmoreland, and Bro. C. H. Bonneau, "NH," Norwich.

Bro. E. W. Towne relieved Bro. A. W. Miller, first "SX" Tower, three days on account of the sudden illness of his wife.

There are a very few left on this division who do not carry a card, and knowing who they are, let us try and make it 100 per cent strong before June 30th as surely a "non" can find no reasonable excuse these days for being against us instead of with us.

C. H. BONNEAU, Cert. 128.  
Norwich, N. Y.

**C., I. & W. R. R., Div. No. 21.***Indianapolis Division—*

At the Indianapolis meeting, March 31st, Bro. J. H. Carter was re-elected general chairman; Bro. J. V. Cummins, general secretary-treasurer, and Bro. D. O. Trent, our division chairman. These men have served us faithfully and well and deserve our loyal support and hearty co-operation. Our membership during the past year shows a 15 per cent increase over the proceeding one which speaks well for our worthy officers.

Bro. Boggs, agent, Brownsville, and Bro. Rarden, second Rushville, have been on the sick list, F. H. O'Keefe relieving.

Bro. Wright, relieved by Stephenson on second Oxford, assisted Bro. McCoy on first during the rush occasioned by the schools closing there for spring vacation.

The hours at State Street Yard office have been changed, the first operator going on duty at 6 a. m. and working until 3 p. m.; the second, 4 p. m. to 1 a. m., both with one hour off for meals. Office closed Sundays.

Geo. Eubanks is relieving Weaver, second "CG" Tower, relieving C. & O. Agent Tucker there 60 days. Frank O'Keefe and Jim Benton relieved Eubanks a few days while he was at "DI."

Bro. Ira Toehill, who relieved his brother Floyd while he was undergoing an operation in a Cincinnati hospital, recently was later relieved by Extra Stephenson.

Leo Lipps returned from the army, relieved the latter while he attended the Indianapolis meeting March 31st.

*One hundred per cent solid by June first* is the slogan.

The new time table, effective April 20th, gave us two additional passenger trains to handle, changing the working hours at several stations.

Bro. Brougher, agent, Cottage Grove, who secured the application of Ira Toehill, has the promise of three more, which will make Cottage Grove solid. "Jim" is setting a good example and hopes he can land Floyd Toehill at College Corner.

Bill Runyon, agent, Glenwood, has purchased a small farm and is going to raise pigs and chickens as a side line. We hope Bill can also raise the price of an up-to-date shortly.

BILL Cert. 37.

**C., M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.***Columbia & Idaho Divisions—*

Don't forget your dues. We are in a good healthy condition from an organization standpoint and let's stay that way. What we have, required a big effort; let's make a big effort to keep it.

Fish beginning to move from Neppel to eastern markets.

Bro. Beeman, third Kittitas, off a few days, relieved by extra. Sister Smith, first

Rye, taking a vacation, relieved by Sister Rojeska. Jack Desmond worked the trick awhile. Jack's voice sounded natural, although he had not worked on this division for seven or eight years.

Bro. and Sister Olmstead are back after a short vacation. The auto bug is almost as contagious as the "flu." Dispatcher Beal Malden, and Bro. Walden, Pine City, are recent purchasers, while quite a few others are developing symptoms. Bro. Fred Washburn, of Malden, sold his Chevrolet, but is flirting with a Mitchell.

Bro. Keegan on Othello third while Bro. Mann is relieving Bro. Bowler at Malden.

Bros. A. Walden, Bowler, and Dispatcher Peterson were witnesses on the booze trial at Spokane recently. Everybody was innocent.

Chief Dispatcher Molander is visiting his folks in the East. Dispatcher Kilbourne is back from a vacation.

Bro. Stahl, agent, Metaline Falls, is on vacation.

Bro. Hart, agent, Rathdrum, discharged is back on the job again.

Sister Woods is on Fernwood second. Bro. Threkeld laying off.

Bros. Sprinkel and Dahl are agents for the vibroplex and adding machines.

Major Mott Sawyer, former superintendent of Columbia, Idaho and Coast Divisions, has returned from the service as assistant to general superintendent Foster with offices in Seattle.

Some of our passenger trains were detoured over the N. P. recently, a few box cars having spilled on the hill on the West End.

Thanks to Bro. Dahl for notes.

CERT. 614.

*Coast Division—*

Bro. K. M. Gill is now agent at Snohomish, Bro. John F. Leahy, Rockdale, Bro. F. N. Johnson, Tanwax, and Bro. C. F. Hughes as agent at Alder.

Bro. Thos. Mack ("Big Four" East St. Louis), is back on second, Garcia.

Bro. J. Q. Adams to Seattle freight house: Bro. Kinnear to second Auburn; A. C. Mason second Easton and Bro. Chris Erland second North Puyallup.

Mrs. Leahy, wife of Bro. J. F., who has been very ill at Sedro-Woolley Hospital, has recovered and is now at home.

A second man has been put on at Garcia reducing the overtime somewhat of the agent, Bro. Barrett.

Bro. Owen, local chairman and delegate, left on his trip to St. Louis May 15th.

There are too many nons on this division. Look around your office, find them, give them Bro. Owens' address, and then get busy dinging them up.

CERT. 2710

*Musselshell Division—*

That back pay just in time to pay our income tax.

We have about half a dozen nons who have been taking the benefits for the past two years and haven't contributed one cent to defray the expenses of getting them. Get their names and addresses from the local chairman, and try to line them up. These benefits amount to over \$1000.00 in each case. It's time for us all to get busy.

Clifford, just back from the Spruce Division of Army, has been supplying at Roundup and Terry, Bros. Cawley and Leroy indisposed, the latter in Miles City Hospital for a time, but is reported improving.

Bro. Sharp, whose job at Kinsey was closed, has bid in Plevna agency.

Bro. Johns Miles yard, and Bro. Clevenger were off a few days recently, the former looking after his real estate in the vicinity of Lavina and Roundup, the latter looking after his farm near Kinsey. Both were relieved by Extra Dispatcher Bro. C. C. Johnson.

Bro. Leo Thiel is back from the Army on second Roundup. Bro. Tony Frellick to Ismay second.

Rumor has it that Thebes is soon to be opened as a three-trick job, Waldheim increased to three tricks, and Ingomar and Lavina be trimmed down accordingly.

Bro. Irvine tiring of running Plevna station on short help, bid in third there. Bro. McCoy to Shawmut third. Bro. Riste, back from Army, to Plevna third. Bro. Frantz, back from "Uncle Sam's" service abroad, has Baker third until Bro. Blazec returns from the Army. Bro. Tom Kramer is back from the Army to Baker third. Glad to see them all back, whole and sound as ever.

Bro. McIntyre, Musselshell, was the only West Ender able to attend the recent meeting at Miles City. A good attendance and a good meeting is reported. Many grievances and misunderstandings were threshed out, so that there is a better feeling all around.

Bro. Sasser won out for delegate and local chairman, and Spurling for alternate. Both will go to St. Louis, it is now planned.

Div. COR.

*S. C. & D. Division—*

Our correspondent, Bro. Delhl, being located at Platte, claims he does not hear of any news and asked me to furnish a write-up this month.

Several of the boys are returning from overseas, and are being placed soon as they are ready to resume duty. Bro. McPherson goes to Platte as operator; Bro. Stark to agency Utica; Bro. Purvis to agency Colton.

Would like to see more of our boys out to the meetings of the Sioux City Telegraphers' Club as we now have over fifty members and are having some fine meetings. Bro. Derrickson came out from Chicago to our meeting April 13th, and made us a nice talk, which was very much enjoyed. Our meetings are held the second Sunday in each month at the Howard Hotel. Our next meeting will be May 11th, at 2 p. m., at which time we expect to have Bro. Shannon, G. S. & T. of the Illinois Central. Local Supt. Larson has promised to make us an address after the business is over.

Bro. Strobel, our new local chairman, has returned from a trip to Chicago and East, relieved on first Elk Point by Bro. Lapham, a new man, who was married April 12th, and on the following Monday his mother-in-law died while on a visit; Bro. and Mrs. Lapham taking the remains to Chicago for burial.

It is now Bros. Raub, at Luten; McGuire, Morning Side; Kitoe, Sioux City Yard; Williams, Jefferson, and Lovejoy, Sioux Falls. Let's all keep the good work going. We are now in fairly good shape.

Bros. Pelzien, Rodney and Wood, Davania, were off several days, relieved by Swinford from the G. N. who also relieved Bro. Shoemaker, Stickney, while on a trip East.

Bro. Bartlett, who has a winter home with the C. P. R. in Maine, has returned and is now on third Tripp. Hope he stays with us the entire year as we miss the poetry and verse when he is away.

Bro. Brown, Hawarden, called to Davenport to consult an eye specialist, was relieved by a C. & N. W. man from that point.

Bro. Shoemaker, dispatcher's office, called to Armour middle of April on a company law suit, dropped off at each station and asked the boys to be more prompt in answering "DS" as his arm was getting bad. Hope it had the desired effect.

Several of the East End boys now spend their Sundays in Sioux City taking in the movies as they have been cut out of Sunday work.

CERT. 2265.

*H. and D. Division—*

Bro. E. W. Cook, Sumter agency to third Glencoe, relieved by Miss Mary Brennan, and Bro. C. S. Knight, to first Fargo, relieved at Wegdahl agency by Sister Mrs. H. P. Jarvis. Bro. C. W. Dettle is back on second Cologne, and Bro. E. A. Twedt, with the G. N. before the war, is sporting a new card. Bro. E. W. Hutchinson, agent Abercrombie, is off for four months, trying out a position as manager of a department store there.

Bro. A. Knutson, Monte yard, spent a week with his folks at Rushford recently.

Dispatcher Dunlap, Montevideo, was relieved by Bro. Nelson a week and he by Bro. Kohl, of Monte yard.

Mrs. Halquist, wife of Bro. G. G. Halquist, agent Twin Brooks, is at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, taking treatment.

Bro. C. W. Ziemer, agent Danube, was a Minneapolis visitor recently.

R. H. Hanson, mentioned recently as a brother in error, is now up to date.

I have received a "delink" list from Bro. Derrickson with names of the nons and the forgetful ones. It isn't very large, but there should not be anything like that on the division. I will be glad to furnish the names of those working near you, so you can work on them.

Hope to have more assistance in the write-up next month.

B. F. FULLER, L. C., Cert. 1366.

#### *Iowa and Minnesota Division—*

Bro. C. W. Berrends has returned from "Over There" to third Farmington.

Bro. Baker, Division 40, is relieving agent Lone Castle Rock, third there closed.

Bro. Parker, Rosemount, was off several days recently owing to an injury to his hand.

Bro. S. W. Pickel relieved H. V. Pickel, second dispatcher's office, while on vacation in Illinois.

Bro. F. D. Myers, Northfield, has purchased a new 1919 model Franklin touring car, and expects to spend June and July motoring through the West.

Bro. Gleason, Cresco, has been elected local chairman. Let us all co-operate with him and try to have the few delinquents use some of their back pay and get up to date.

Keep Bro. Gleason posted on the changes in your office so he can keep track of the new men. Find out if they have cards. If not, advise Bro. Gleason and he will see that they get application blanks. Keep your office 100 per cent and we will soon have a 100 per cent division.

Some brother on Mankato, Calmer and Mason City line please send me some items before the 18th so we can have a write-up each month.

C. C. CHAPMAN.

#### *Des Moines Division—*

Bro. Hakes, our local chairman, assigned Cooper agency, and F. R. Jacobs, agent Albert City, takes Panora.

Glad to have Bro. Shippey with us again. He resumed second "RS" after being discharged by "Uncle Sam." We expect Bro. Stahl and the other boys back from "Over There" soon, and they will probably all be well taken care of on this division.

Bro. Wescott, on a four months' leave, relieved by Mr. Kirkley, at Sac City.

It is now Bro. Hull, agent Lytton. Keep after the few other nons. They are only waiting to be asked to come in. Don't let us have any slackness among us.

Next month we will have a nice write-up from Bro. Case, after he returns from the Grand Convention, when he will tell us what he saw and heard.

Send me your notes so we can have a good write-up each month.

G. J. F.

#### *Kansas City Division—*

Sister Maud Sisk, of Rutledge, who has gone to Washington, D. C., as the delegate from Ottumwa to the National Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will visit in Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

Bro. Jim Perry, Bidwell, sick about a year with typhoid and other complications, expects to go to work shortly at West yard.

Bro. K. F. Klardy, Bidwell, was off several days recently on account of illness.

Chief Dispatcher Hayes, Spokane, Wash., formerly of Ottumwa, was a visitor there recently.

Bro. J. O. Pauley, Dawn agency, is now on second Blakesburg. Bro. Darby bid in the former, but did not take it, and Bro. Pollard, of Tosler, bld it in.

J. D. McCarthy, brother of F. A. McCarthy, at Coburg, has just landed in New York. He was a telegrapher at headquarters with the 64th F. A. Brigade. Lieut. Bro. H. G. Barnard, of Ottumwa, with the 13th Engineers, who sailed April 12th, is expected to land now most any day.

John Nolan, son of Bro. J. W. Nolin, Cedar Rapids, a former operator on the division, is now a chief operator in the Radio service of the Navy.

Mines in the coal district are all closed down.

Pat Meaney, section foreman at Harris for many years, died at the home of a daughter in Ottumwa recently.

CERT. 752.

Bro. Adkins has returned after a long siege of "flu," and is working third Chillicothe until strong enough to juggle the cream on second. Sister Mamie Scannell, back after spell of "flu," relieved Bro. Pauley, third Excelsior Springs, later relieved by Bro. Sisk.

Bros. Owen and Gold took in the Shriners at Kansas City one night last month.

Bro. McDaniels, third Newton, on vacation in Nebraska, relieved by Bro. McNabb, recently returned from the Army.

Bro. C. L. Carey has returned to second Cone, relieved at Sewall by Bro. Parsons.

Bro. Tuomey and wife, of Parnell, were recent week end visitors at Chicago. Their son, Ward, handling the station "TH" has been at Parnell job continuously since 1887 and enjoys being away from the grind once in a while. He had his day shortened several hours recently.

Bro. L. M. Ward has returned from a month's vacation to Seattle, over our line to San Francisco, returning via the Santa Fe.

Bro. L. H. Wilson, second "DS" relieving dispatchers several months is busy on the relief work again.

Bro. Kelsey, of Laredo, has resigned and gone on a farm near there.

There are now less than a dozen continuous Sunday service offices on the division. On Sunday Rutledge blocks with Beverly—82 miles; Laredo with Mystic—67 miles, and Excelsior Springs with Laredo—71 miles.

Bro. Noland and wife, of Mystic, were Ottumwa callers recently.

Mystic depot now has a new roof, new cage for trainmen and other nice things.

Bro. McKay, of Linby third, off some time on account of illness, is much improved.

Bros. A. J. Jones, dispatchers' office, and A. M. Lindner, "WH" Kansas City, spent a recent Sunday in Chicago.

We are glad to hear that the 13th Engineers, of which Co. "D" is composed entirely of Milwaukee men, is on its way home from France. Lieut. Bro. H. G. Barnard, of Ottumwa, and other K. C. Division employees are in this returning organization.

Bro. Koetting, Rathbun, while on a trip to Chicago, relieved by Bro. Rokey.

Bro. Anderson, of Jerome, is going to have a Ford after he pays his bachelor tax.

Bro. Capps, of Sewall, by the appearance of his office, must be a good housekeeper. It is sure neat and clean.

Bro. Adkins, of Chillicothe, had the pleasant sensation of being held up and relieved of a considerable sum of company money one night recently.

We had entirely too many delinquents and nons for the first term this year. Let each one try to get that one with or next to us lined up. He knows he should be and we may be able to line him up.

Thanks to Bros. Tuomey, Endicott and others who contributed so generously to this write-up.

CERT. 752.

#### *Illinois and R. & S. W. Division—*

Local Chairman Kuntz has requested me to send in a write-up each month and I hope every man along the line will send me the happenings at his station.

Bro. Hotchkiss has been appointed dispatcher, putting Bro. Kline on the side wire.

Bro. William Ashdale relieved Bro. Fuller at Ebner while on a five-day vacation, visiting his wife's folks at Alpha, Ill., and attending a family reunion at Erie, Ill., his brother having just returned from France.

Bro. Dan Teeter, first Lanark, died recently after a few days' illness. He leaves a widow, two boys and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Bro. H. M. Miller was relieved at Forres-

ton several weeks ago by H. L. Miller, just returned from the navy, who had a card when he quit three years ago, and will soon be with us again. He and his brother Ernest enlisted at Great Lakes in December, 1917, as first-class electricians. Left New York for England January 24th and thence to France, both being promoted to chief radio electricians November 1, 1918. Harry returned to New York January 24, 1919, and was released from active service February 16th. They were both handling Morse telegraph work in the radio corps of the navy with headquarters at Brest, France. We will certainly be glad to welcome him back among us again as a brother.

Bro. Beamish, first Racine, suffering with a nervous breakdown, relieved by Bro. Ed Crissey.

Bro. Fred Unverzaghi, released from the 29th aero squadron, U. S. Army, bumped Desmond off second Burlington Tower to Racine extra. Bro. Unverzaghi was stationed at Pittsburgh the greater part of the time installing wireless on aeroplanes.

Bro. E. J. Anderson, released from the Army, bumped Bro. Pete Orth from his old trick, third Elkhorn, to extra line, Illinois division.

Bassett, who promises to line up soon, late of "Uncle Sam's" Army, relieved Agent Marsingh, a few days at Florence while he was moving, and also relieved Bro. Morrissey at Beloit, who relieved the dispatchers while taking their vacations.

Bro. Sughrue, third Beloit side wire, declares he has settled there for life. For reasons, see Beloit election returns.

Bro. C. J. Foster, formerly on Beloit first, who bid in second Freeport, is now in a Chicago hospital and will be unable to work for some time. Bro. Harkness, who lost out on third Freeport when it closed, is handling second pending Bro. Foster's return. Bro. Geo. Wilkin, formerly on second Freeport, relieved Bro. Jerry Sweeney, first there, while he was sick for a week, and then took Port Byron agency.

Bro. H. H. Miller, at Shannon, is all "lit up." The company has installed electric lights there and will probably give him a helper. He certainly deserves one.

A telephone has been installed at the east end of Burlington Passing track and connected with Burlington Tower for trains to clear themselves when meeting at Burlington Station.

Bro. Swede Anderson, third Elkhorn, was recently married.

A recent addition to the Order was Extra Dispatcher Archie Morrissey of Beloit. We welcome him in and say to the rest of them, "Go, thou, and do likewise."

Brothers, remember the "non" at Burlington Tower and keep our motto, "*No card, no favors,*" in mind when dealing with him.

Send your items to Bro. Keome at Kit-tredge so we can have a good write-up every month. Out of all asked to send news items I only received one reply. Remember, items should be in my hands in time so I can compile them and get them to St. Louis before the 25th of the month.

Line up that neighbor "non" and wake up the delinquent. If every member will only line up one, we would be solid as a rock—100 per cent membership and 100 per cent schedule. The committee knows just what to expect and how far to go when every man in the craft is backing it. CERT. 384.

#### Int'l & Gt. Nor. Ry., Div. No. 25.

*Ft. Worth Division—*

Local Chairman Thompson, on committee business recently, relieved by Walston, who also relieved Bro. Durr at Marlin several days and later relieved Bro. Mathews at Italy while he relieved Bro. Huff at Navasota.

Operators are more plentiful now and it should be no trouble to secure relief for vacations, but foreign transportation is a problem. Better ask for it about thirty days in advance of time wanted and make it good thirty days longer than you expect to be off.

The operators will probably all be looking for stations now, as the agent-telegraphers work three hours on Sundays, receiving eight hours' pay, while the operator works eight hours and is paid for ditto. Nolo contendere. (?)

Bro. Gayle relieved by Bro. Elliott, owing to illness of his wife and baby.

Calvert station bulletined, former Agent Hunnicut, has purchased a farm in Arkansas and resigned. All concerned are very sorry that he has left us.

Bro. Mann, "bumped" at "H" Palestine, has returned to "BA" Mart second.

The division is now solid. Help keep it that way by keeping your dues and specials paid up.

The printing and distribution of the new agreement has been unavoidably delayed, but a copy will soon be mailed to all concerned.

CERT. 352.

#### Wabash R. R., Div. No. 26.

*Omaha Line—*

Putting our general chairman on a salary is a matter that concerns every member of Division 26 and should have your earnest consideration. For those who have had no experience in committee work it might be well for you to have the views of one who has had experience both as a local and general chairman on the Wabash.

It is practically impossible to get the class of a man who you would like to represent you, who wants to and can spare the time it takes to do the work of a general chair-

man. The right kind of a man to be your general chairman generally holds a position that makes it difficult and sometimes impossible for him to get relief even when matters of great importance demand his immediate attention, and when he does get relief promptly it is a bad thing for him, as well as the company, as transfers and deadhead mileage are expensive for the latter. I have also found that running an extra man in on your station for one or two weeks out of every month keeps you in hot water all the time. Even though the extra men are well disposed, at their best they cannot give the satisfaction or do the work. They don't have time to get acquainted with the run of things at any station in the few days they are there and especially are these things true at a station of the importance of Jacksonville, where our present general chairman is located.

And these matters I have referred to are really of minor consideration compared with the handling of grievances promptly and properly, which cannot be done always by mail or after they become old and stale. Even to the member who never has a grievance, it is highly important that they be handled promptly and properly if our division is to maintain its present standing as a one hundred per cent membership division. I have known several cases where our division lost several members on this account and these things will continue until we have a general chairman on a salary who can give these matters his undivided attention.

While it is a fact that the relations between our general committee and the officers of the Wabash are very cordial, we have no assurance that they will always be, and I am in favor of having a representative who is absolutely independent of the company and owes allegiance to no one but the members of our division. Tell your local chairman what you think of this matter. He is your representative and will, I am sure, be glad to have your views on this important matter.

And now one word about our general chairman to those who do not know him personally. It has been my pleasure to work with him on committee work in the past and I have known him personally for several years. He is absolutely clean, above-board, broad-minded, respected and held in the highest regard by the Wabash officials and, in fact, by everyone with whom he has come in contact. He has our interests at heart, first, last and always. Surely he is the right man in the right place, so don't ask him to run Jacksonville station and be our general chairman. It is an imposition on him. He loses money and plenty of it every time he leaves his station to attend to our business. Let us put our division on a business basis and pay him a salary he

can afford to accept. It won't cost us ten cents a month more to do it. CERT. No. 1.

**Western Division—**

Bro. O. C. Bullock has taken Stanberry agency and Bro. Luther Martin has been promoted to DeWitt agency.

Bro. K. E. Jones has returned from military duty to third Keytesville.

Bro. Cook "CO" Bluffs, has gone with Western Union in Omaha.

Bro. L. K. Wells, Coin, Ia., has gone to third Moberly yard.

Dispatcher Asbury relieved Dispatcher Cotter, Moberly Division, on vacation.

Bro. J. D. Carter is back on first Huntsville after several weeks as acting agent at Stanberry.

Bro. J. W. Wright is acting agent at Whitteman.

Bro. A. R. Dameron, relieved by Bro. R. C. Berry on Clifton third, going to second East Switch.

The boys on this division are lining up nicely and it looks as if we will be 100 percent strong when the committee meets next time. If you are working with a "non" try to secure him for a new member.

CERT. 942.

**Moberly Division—**

Bro. Oney, off several days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Richards on second Mexico. Later Bro. Richards spent a few days in Chicago.

Sister Ida, Sadler third High Hill, recently visited home folks several days.

Bro. Blanton is back at Centralia after being operated on for appendicitis, relieved by Bro. Reed, and Bro. C. P. Owens is back on third there after several days' sickness, relieved by Bro. P. R. Dews.

Bro Chiles, agent Pendleton, was away for a week recently.

Bro. W. S. McCoy, who some time ago lost his foot while on duty at Foristell, is in Kansas City being fitted with an artificial limb. Bro. E. R. Williams relieving.

Bro. L. B. Billings relieved at LaPlata several days by Bro Belshe, who also relieved Bro. O. A. Williams when called home owing to the serious illness of his father.

Bro. Cullens promoted from Tracy, Ia., to Moravia, Ia., agency.

Bro. G. A. Logan, extra dispatcher Moberly, has a new Ford.

Brothers, if you know of one who has no card line him up at once or drop a note to the local chairman so he can call on him. Also send in a few items to the local chairman each month, between the 15th and 20th.

Board of Adjustment No. 3 has decided that when we are assigned on Sundays at all we must be paid for eight hours. See that you get it, brothers, back to October 1st, 1918.

Those who are not assigned should take

advantage of Sunday and spend it where they please.

Thanks to Bro. "L" for items. Come again every month. Glad to have someone help me.

There are a few delinquents on the division yet. Don't forget, "No card, no favors."

"CA," Local Chairman.

**Springfield Division—**

It is gratifying to note that we now have 96 positions and 103 members on our division, all 'owermen and crossing men members.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. H. C. Finney, of Bluffs, owing to the death of his mother. O. R. T. flowers were taken care of by Sister Platt and Bro. Glaze.

Don't forget the Fifth Liberty Loan. This is a call upon your loyalty the same as winning the war.

Bro. D. E. Leeper is visiting in Denver, Colo.

Bro. Mike Driscoll, agent Meredosia, recently visited Niantic; his former agency, renewing acquaintances.

Bro. Bates to "CT" temporarily, being pulled off at "MS," leaving Bro. Curry to do the operator's work alone in eight hours.

Bro. L. S. Hancock is in bad condition at Decatur Hospital, having had the other side operated on, and it will be some time before he is able to be with us. Should you be called upon again for a contribution, don't take it seriously, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

E. E. Zold.

**Perry Division—**

Bro. J. E. Wall relieved Bro. Tarter, third Williamsport, resigned.

Bro. Williams, third Danville, off with "flu," relieved by Bro. Clinger.

Bro. Robertson, second Logansport, spent his vacation at Decatur visiting relatives.

Bro. Kinnington, first Lafayette, on 30 days' vacation, relieved by Bro. C. C. Askie, a new man from Pennsylvania. Later relieved Bro. Swarner a few days.

Miss Mabel Tyler has returned after several years' absence, relieving Bro. Chase at Tilton a few days, then the agent at Napoleon.

Bro. Betz has returned to second Logansport. He served "overseas" from September, 1918, to February, 1919, and received promotion to radio sergeant in the 325th F. A., but was unable to get to the front.

Although the return of our soldier boys will cause some of the brothers to take less favorable positions, we should welcome them back heartily, as every one of them were loyal O. R. T. brothers and probably still up-to-date. If not, they will be on their return to work and we should show our appreciation of what they have done.

There is not a single "non" on the West End, and no good reason why we cannot be

100 per cent on the East End. Secure those "nons" names and get busy.

I have again been appointed division correspondent and with your help will continue to fill the position to the best of my ability. When I ask you questions don't think I am inquisitive, but give the news.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. J. Sullivan, the latter a sister of our late Bro. John J. Banfield, wish to assure the membership of this division of their deep appreciation of their kindness and expression of sympathy in their sorrow, also for the beautiful flower offering.

Bro. King, agent Naumee, has resumed work and wishes to thank the membership for the very liberal donations which were sent to him during the time of his sorrow and need. Words fail to express the thanks and appreciation a man feels for the help he receives in times of trouble, but those of you who have been through it can realize how Bro. King feels toward all of us.

In the death of Bro. John J. Banfield we lost one of our oldest and most faithful members. He came to the Wabash in 1870 and worked from Kansas City to Toledo, finally coming to the Peru Division, locating at Broadway, Toledo, in which city he made investments in real estate that proved successful, leaving, we are informed, an estate valued at close to \$40,000. Few of us are fortunate enough to go through life making as many friends and as few enemies as Bro. Banfield. The sympathy of the entire membership is extended the sorrowing relatives.

Several brothers have failed to subscribe to the flower fund. Bro. Cochrane wishes me to state that while all are expected, but none compelled, to subscribe to this worthy cause, we will be glad if all who have not remitted will do so at once. Then we will have a nice fund established which will not be hard to keep up. Remit to Bro. Cochrane at Peru. Statements will be published from time to time as to the condition of same. This is its present condition:

Total subscribed .....	\$29.00
Uncollected subscribed.....	3.00
	\$32.00
Bro. J. J. Banfield.....	\$15.00
Balance on hand.....	\$17.00
	"LID."

#### Detroit Division, Third District—

Bro. Hitchingham, first Milan, is sick with mumps. Bro. Reed, of Division 40, relieving him, also relieved Bro. E. L. Brown while off two weeks with the same trouble.

Britton Agent Bro. A. D. Davis and wife visiting his father in Barry, Ill., relieved by Clerk Brown, assisted by Lawrence Miller, one of our boys from "over there."

It's now Bro. North, first trick, and Bro. Hollenbeck, second trick, levermen Rasin

Center Tower, and Bro. Mattwig, third Oakland.

Bro. Coughlin, agent Holloway, shipping a few gross of eggs to New York City, says it buys his smokes and a new shirt for the baby once in a while.

Bro. F. E. Martin, agent Kunkle, is getting much better and we hope he will soon be back on the job.

Bro. McNeil, recently out of military service, relieved H. B. Grimm while on his rounds of extra dispatcher.

#### Fourth District—

Bro. Fisher, Wakarusa, off few days on account of the death of his father, relieved by little Joe Curtis. We all extend our sympathy to Bro. Fisher.

Bro. Halnes Stroh, off few days, relieved by Extra Rismann.

Scott, at Benton, refuses to line up. Remember the slogan, boys, "No card, no favors."

It seems good to see so many of our boys coming home from "over there." Let's show that we are glad they are coming back by all buying "Victory Bonds."

I am not getting any notes except what the boys at "NG" give me. If you want a good write-up send me some items each month, not later than the 20th.

"RUBE," Cert. 839, "XN."

#### Decatur Division, 6th and 7th Districts—

Operator Stephens is back at Landers after several months' service in the Army. Bro. Rudy on first Chicago Rdge. Tower. Bro. Ritchie, second Chicago Rdge. Tower, visiting in St. Louis two days, relieved by Bro. Ricketts.

Bro. Hollawell relieved Bro. Atkins on second Essex, who took the telegraph position at Sullivan.

Brothers at stations where no night man is employed, don't forget to leave enough carbons and other necessary stationery in the telephone booths so the trainmen can always leave a copy of the orders they take in the box for you. In this way you keep in touch with the amount of overtime you should draw if the proper parties fail to report the issuing of such orders.

Bro. E. C. Matrz, who left the Wabash some months ago, is switching for the Chicago Junction Railway.

Bro. E. L. Million, third Orland, was off a few days, visiting down South.

CERT. 272.

#### Ninth and Thirteenth Districts—

We had an enjoyable time at the meeting held at Edwardsville, Ill., Saturday night, April 12th, in Moose Hall, North Main street. Local Chairman Veech attending, calling to order at 8 p. m.

Our new schedule was discussed and he pointed out how certain rules would apply in

different cases, and explained those that were not entirely clear, on which there will be rulings in the near future.

Brothers at day offices closed at night should always leave a notice in the window showing where they can be located so the trainmen can find them if needed, then if they do not call you and they copy an order the management will have to pay you for it, but if the trainmen report the required notice was not in your window, you will not have a call to be paid overtime for. Rules, even when well made, are no good unless both parties covered by them live up to them.

Fifteen brothers attended the meeting.

Bro. Bob Lowery, "XD" Decatur, was relieved a few days by Bro. Gleason, who also relieved Bro. Williams at Mercer street one day.

Bro. Graybeal, Brooklyn second, relieved Bro. Walter Nash, second Stonington, several days.

A fairly well attended meeting was held at Gibson City Saturday night, April 19th, thirteen brothers, including Local Chairman Veech, being present. Bro. Lovell, of Taylorville, was the only one in attendance from the 13th district.

There will be a meeting held in Decatur in the near future.

Bro. Quigly, who relieved Bro. Latham at Worden, while visiting in Toledo, Ohio, with his wife, later relieved Bro. Myers, first Brooklyn yard, on vacation.

Bro. J. A. Appel, agent Granite City, and family, spent Easter Sunday with home folks at Summerfield, Ill., and Bro. Norvell, third Granite City, and family, spent Easter Sunday with home folks at Litchfield.

CERT. 740.

#### St. Louis-Southwestern Ry., Div. No. 27.

Brothers: I have appointed Bro. W. F. Garner correspondent of Waco Division; Bro. G. B. Holder, assistant local chairman, Flint, Texas, Athens to Tyler and the Lufkin branch, and Bro. W. H. Cobb, 414 Preston street, Waco, Texas, assistant local chairman, Comanche and Stephenville to Athens and the Hillsboro branch. I kindly ask you all to co-operate with these brothers in every way possible. We must all work together as a unit.

Send Bro. Garner all the news items you can by the 20th of each month so he can arrange and get to St. Louis in time for next month's magazine.

I hope by having two assistant local chairmen to give you much better service in every way than with only one.

P. D. NEISLAR, L. C.

#### Tyler, South—

Bro. H. B. Pittman, Hamilton, bid in Mt. Pleasant, relieved by W. E. Brown.

Bro. E. H. Brown has been discharged from the Navy and is now on second Mt. Vernon.

Brothers, take all matters up with the assistant local chairman or the local chairman, instead of the general chairman.

There has been much talking and writing about putting the position of general chairman on a straight salary. Each man on the division in favor of doing this and willing to pay \$1 a month besides his regular dues, to have the general chairman on the road all the time, to make our division 100 per cent in membership and see that all grievances are attended to at once, please write to his local chairman at once, pledging himself to sign a deduction voucher each month to the company to be paid to the general chairman, to commence with the month of July, 1919. Each local chairman will report to the general chairman the number pledged in his division, who will advise the results of the vote, and if the membership vote 100 per cent, then you will be notified through the journal.

The general chairman has requested General Manager Callahan to have our schedule printed and one delivered to each man, which we hope will be out in a few days.

Bro. R. A. Reynolds bid in the cashier-operator job at Pittsburgh, his operator-clerk job there being abolished on April 14th.

Brothers, please send me some notes. Have asked for them each month, but so far no one except the local chairman has given me any.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

W. F. GARNER, Cert. 180,  
"GS at F." Murchison, Texas.

#### Illino Division, Jonesboro North—

Bros. Chism, Fornfelt, and Montgomery, Rockview, in Texarkana Hospital several days, are back on their jobs much improved.

Bro. W. P. Gordon, relieved on second Fornfelt a few days by Sister Chrisman, displaced on third Marmaduke by Bro. R. A. Keating, from military service.

Bro. S. L. Greathouse is relieving Bro. Morgan at Parma, who went to New Madrid owing to the death of Mr. Copeland.

Local Chairman Welch attended the general chairman's meeting in St. Louis, April 15th, representing Bro. Neislar.

Victory Liberty Loan subscriptions ranged from \$100 to \$1,200 a man on this division.

E. E. Buckminster promoted to train master, succeeded as chief dispatcher by W. A. Downs.

Bro. S. N. Gray, who underwent an operation recently in the hospital, wishes to thank the brothers for their sympathy so practically expressed in their donation of \$19 sent him by Bro. Welch, with a list of the names of the donors. He is improving rapidly and hopes to be able for duty shortly.

Bro. Welch has appointed me local secretary of this division. Please send me your

items not later than the 20th of each month.  
W. A. BENNETT, Cert. 176, Div. Cor.

**Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28.**  
*Virginia Division—*

A meeting was held at Central Y. M. C. A., April 23d, with twelve members from the several roads entering Norfolk present. One of the most important questions discussed was the order handed down recently by Wage Board No. 3, covering Sunday hours on the I. & G. N., and its application to Southern roads. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that "where a man had a regular assigned trick on Sundays" he is entitled to the full eight-hour day regardless of the actual number of hours worked. This raises an interesting point and will have to be of necessity tried out.

Bro. J. A. Hurley recently visited friends in New York for a week.

Bro. Gray, on 30 days' leave with privilege of extension to the regulation 90 days' leave, was relieved by Sister Derby to try out a position in his old home town, Athens, Ga.

Former Bro. D. S. Dodson (application now pending) has applied for reinstatement in "GO" and probably will soon be with us again. "Duffy" is a good man and the personnel of the office will not be lowered should he again re-enter the service.

Bro. C. H. Dodson, Morse and Radio operator, U. S. N. R. F., recently released from the Navy, has been restored to his seniority and former position at Athens, Ga., by Chief Dispatcher Walker of the Georgia Division. This arrangement meets with our hearty approval, as Charlie is well and favorably known about Norfolk. He has been stationed during his enlistment in the office of the commandant, Arcade Building, and done considerable extra work in "GO" during that time.

Vacations were abolished by Supplement 13, a fact well remembered by all telegraph operators, two cents an hour being allowed as compensation in lieu thereof. Two cents, however, does not represent the real value in numerous cases, but with a very few exceptions the men in "GO" will indulge as usual in the customary two weeks' vacation at their own expense. Several have asked for a thirty-day leave, which will provide quite an amount of extra work for some worthy brother.

CERT. 1849.

*Alabama Division—*

We have one of the best contracts of any system and should have a nice write-up monthly from each division. The correspondents should see to this.

The meeting at Pulaski Hotel, Savannah, on April 12th, was attended by 19 or 20 members.

Bro. Chappell, Richland, relieved a few days by Extra Griswold.

Bro. J. N. Wells to third Richland, pending bids, vice Bro. Moody, to Weston agency.

Bro. Mulkey, Claxton, went to Columbus recently on account of sickness.

Now Bro. J. B. Graves, extra, Pittsview.

Bros. E. J. Brown, Fitzgerald and L. C. Melton, Dawson, have been out of service a good many years, but still carry cards, and Bro. G. W. Gore, recently resigned from Collins agency, carries an annual. If these brothers can do this, there is no reason why members in the service cannot stay up-to-date. Keep after the delinquents, brothers, as well as the "nons." Let us all pull together, pay our dues promptly, and thus show our loyalty to the Order.

H. L. CARTER, Cert. 1423.

*East Carolina Division—*

Clio agency transferred to W. B. Beacham, returned from Navy, vice Bro. Belger to McCall agency. Bro. Coney returned to first Gibson.

Congratulations to Bros. Coney and Belger, recently married. We all wish them success and happiness.

Bro. Woodberry, third Poston, lost his father-in-law April 8th. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to them all.

Why not appoint a committee of three to report deaths, sickness and create a flower fund, which would only cost each member 25 cents a month, and would gladden many sad hearts in their time of bereavement.

It is now Bros. Coney L. Hearn and R. Boggs. Several others have joined recently. Let's get the other five and be 100 per cent strong. It is old but true, "Together we stand, divided we fall."

Several important matters are up before Bro. Calhoun, who will see that we get results. The "nons" had better come in at once.

Bro. Bryant, from cashier-operator Florence to second Poston, relieved by Bro. Hill, from second Hemmingway, closed.

Bro. Surles took his wife to Orangeburg on account of sickness, and Bros. Bryant and Woodberry doubled several days.

Bro. White, first Dillon, off few days to attend court in North Carolina, Bro. Richardson relieving.

Bro. Fuller, second Andrews, spent several days at home recently on account of being sick, Bro. Hearn relieving.

Bro. Cason, second Pritchard, has resigned.

Boys, let's try and get the dispatchers in with us. They are covered by our contract. Keep after the agent at "HV" and the few other "nons" until they come our way and always remember, "No card, no favors." We all received a nice back time check, and there is absolutely no reason why every man cannot have a card as well as a certificate for a quart of one hundred proof rye. If we don't thoroughly organize now we will be sorry for it later on. Understand C. W.

Wallace has received some \$175 back time and yet he has no card. Boys, this won't do. Keep after him until he lines up.

We have a good local chairman, who has already straightened out some long-standing matters. If you have any grievances do not hesitate to call on him.

We have another lady down on the South End and the new bride at Gibson. Everybody must think before he spells, because we are very proud of them and want to keep them. We are going to have a new sister at Florence now shortly, too.

Joyner returned from the Army about two months ago and in two weeks he had a card. There's no reason why those who have been here all the while can't get one.

Bro. Bell was relieved a few days by Bro. Wilkerson, a new man.

Bros. Ramsey and White had to double a few days on account of Bro. Murray being sick.

Bro. Russell, at Herberta, is very anxious to see the bright lights again. The frogs don't interest him any more.

We want to have a write-up every month, so send me your notes in time so I can get them to St. Louis by the 25th.

R. S. BRYANT.

#### *North Carolina Division—*

We would have a good write-up every month if the boys would send in the changes occurring around their stations. Let's have a word from each of you.

Local Chairman Moore held a meeting with Supt. Bagwell in Hamlet on April 9th, adjusting back and overtime pay. Give him your full support, boys, and help him all you can. He will see you through.

We are glad to see Bro. Weathers, manager "H" Hamlet, back after quite a lengthy absence on account of ill health. Bro. Jones, who relieved him, has returned to third Hamlet yard.

Bro. Wiggins took second "H," vice Bro. Bishop, resigned.

Bro. Rhyne, first "CX," off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Merriken has a good garden and can furnish the boys with country produce.

Bro. Wright is awaiting adjustment of Marston third, now held by Bogg.

Bro. J. B. Wiggins relieved a few days by Bro. Edwards, second Sanford.

Bro. Jinks is working the 411 report in the chief's office.

Bro. Cowan, third, is soon to be given a trial as chief train dispatcher.

Line up the "nons." Show them the advantages of being 100 per cent strong, and keep them interested until they sign the application blank.

Watch the vacant jobs and ask your chairman to have them bulletined.

Please send in your notes early so we can have a good write-up.

CERT. 1040.

#### *Florida Division—*

We are glad to see Bro. Knight back from the Army at Citra agency. He displaced Bro. Ricketson, who took second Wildwood, vice Bro. Voght.

Bro. Whitlock, who bid in Mulberry agency, was relieved a few days at Cedar Keys by Bro. Ammons, who also relieved Bro. Stephens, Ellenton, several days.

Bro. Collins to second Waldo, relieved on third Citra by Sister Ammons.

Rerdell agency closed, Bro. Chisholm to Lacoocchee, a new office; Bro. Cocke from Bell to Montbrook agency.

Bro. Sykes, formerly at Dade City and "QN" Tampa, is now with the A. C. L. at High Springs, transferred to Division 15.

We have almost reached the 100 per cent mark. Let's get in the few "nons" left, and remember, "*No card, no favors.*"

Pay your dues promptly and get an annual card. Let's try and have some meetings.

Show the company by your work that you are more capable than a "non." Live up to the rules and get every letter in the contract.

D. E. LUNDY, Asst. Local Chairman,  
Plant City, Fla.

#### **D., L. & W. R. R., Div. No. 30.**

On January 23d, 1919, your general committee met General Superintendent Shepard to discuss a schedule for employes coming under Supplement No. 13 to G. O. 27. He agreed, in principle, to many of our requests, but would not sign a schedule. I appealed to Federal Manager Rine, who, on March 18th, 1919, advised me that Mr. Shepard would set a date in the near future, when he could meet and discuss the schedule proposition with us. March 25th the committee met him and reached an agreement, which was agreed to by Mr. Rine but vetoed by Regional Director Smith. We then gave our case to the organization, making a trip to Washington and placing it in President Perham's hands, so that we will come under the universal schedule being formulated for the 135 unscheduled roads.

We are taking up for adjustment the hourly rate for the large number of agents who come under Supplement No. 13 as expeditiously as possible.

G. S. & T. Cooper has given me a list of probable delinquents. Brothers, do not allow this to happen nor make it necessary for Bro. Cooper to keep after you for your dues. This concerns us all.

M. M. FARLEY, General Chairman,  
Hallstead, Pa.

#### *Syracuse and Utica Divisions—*

My previous article was delayed in the mail and reached St. Louis too late for publication. It is not too late, however, to extend my thanks to the members of the Syracuse and Utica Divisions who supported me

at the last election, and I trust that I may have a continuance of your confidence and support, which will make it a pleasure for me to represent you to the best of my ability.

Outside of mentioning the returned soldier and sailor telegraphers, there is very little to be said.

Bro. G. M. Luke, who displaced Halpin, now in the claims department, worked but a few days, when second trick operator's duties previously handled by Bro. Munson were transferred to the ticket office downstairs, and placed in charge of Bro. Arthur Still, which automatically replaced him on Supplement 13 on account of handling wire and train order work. Bro. Munson then displaced Bro. Luke on first "SA," who displaced Unangst on first "BO," who displaced Bro. Huff on second there, who displaced Bro. Whipple, now handling levers in the Magnolia street tower.

Bro. Drouet returned from the Navy to third at Onativia, and Bro. Barrett to second Marathon, displacing Sister Excell. Bro. W. J. O'Dea returned to Norwich second, and McElligott took second Sherburne, displacing Bro. Heenan, who took second at Richfield Springs.

On account of the heavy work connected with my office I cannot make the trip to St. Louis as delegate, and my alternate, Bro. Howard Clarke, will act in my place. He is worthy of a good time and rest. Few of our members have worked as hard as he has to get in the "nons," and we all appreciate his good work.

I cannot give a very complete write-up without news items and wish you would all give me something of interest in your territory.

C. C. COOPER, Local Chairman.

#### *Morris and Essex Division—*

Local Chairman Anderson recently suffered a painful injury by slipping on a cement walk while out on the line after some "nons."

Bro. Patterson, second "Z" Tower, has been relieving recently at "WD" West End, Bergen Junction.

Bro. Jos. M. Murray has returned from "Palm Beach," where he spent part of the winter season.

Bro. J. L. Kice, "NX" relay, is rejoicing over the safe return of his sons, who fought in several important battles "over there" and were cited by military authorities for bravery.

Bro. Wm. Poplitt has returned to work after a week's indisposition.

Bro. Charles Wetzel's wife and children have all been ill recently with influenza. We extend our sympathy and hope for their speedy and complete recovery.

Bro. J. M. Swinson, Jr., third "FN" Tower, has returned from a visit to his folks.

CERT. 155.

#### **Missouri Pacific R. R., Div. No. 31.**

##### *White River Division—*

Received a letter recently from Bro. Young, now handling trains for "Uncle Sam" in Tours, France

The dispatchers were relieved on their monthly two days off by Bro. Potter, relieved by Bro. Pharris.

Construction trains working night and day shifts at "CK," Sister Kesterson and Bro. Odell doing the telegraphing.

Bro. Green relieved by Burleson while visiting his folks in Tennessee.

Bro. Smith, Batesville, is enjoying his new motor boat on the lake, now that the weather is suitable for outings. All the boys situated close to the beautiful White River are having all the fish they have time to catch. Any sort of an angler can catch enough of the wily bass for a good meal. The mountains are blossoming forth in all their glory, with the river flowing at their feet.

Bro. Curry, now at Palmer Lake, Colo. on the D. & R. G., is reported to have been married recently. We all offer our congratulations and wish he and his bride many years of perfect peace and happiness.

Brothers, let us have a few notes in the journal every month. Chairman Bivans is very busy, but maybe he can get his wife to handle the write-up if we will send him the items. Let's try it, anyhow.

"TBD," Cert. 2378.

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##### *Central Kansas Division—*

No news received from anyone for last two months. Brothers, please send me a few items not later than the 18th.

Kenneth closed Martin City second, and third opened by Bro. McLinn and Bro. Montavan, latter from Missouri Division.

Bro. Morgan, agent Bucyrus, has gone with a life insurance company, succeeded by Bro. E. L. Schall of second there.

Bro. Cross, second Herington, has returned from vacation.

Bro. Low, agent, and Bro. Lindvall, third at Gypsum City, both off recently on account of sickness, were relieved by Bros. Winters and Kirby. The latter also relieved Martin at Dodson, off with the "flu."

Some of the extra men are now laying off waiting for work.

"K," BY.

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#### **Frisco R. R., Div. No. 32.**

##### *Southwestern Division—*

Superintendent's office, Madill, abolished, leaves only the operators there, Bros. Copeland, Garrison and Dunnam on first, second and third, respectively.

Our division has been somewhat lengthened by consolidating the Red River and Southwestern territories.

Sister Glen, Francis, attended the farewell dance given at Madill by the citizens for the Frisco folk that were moving away. They know how to make a good time for visitors.

Bro. Pat Parks is on first Henryette, while Sister Lillian Butler is visiting in Monticello, Ky., Sister "Sunshine" Flack on third.

Bro. Green and family of Ada have returned from a visit to home folks in Texas.

We welcome "CB" back on third Okmulgee from the Army. Next time tell a fellow your right name.

Glad to report the wife of Bro. Page, at Francis, almost recovered from her serious illness.

Bro. "B's" items seem to have gone astray between "X" and "GN."

Everybody at Francis has a card and we figure may have to have pictures made. Are your gardens ready for scarecrows?

ANNA BELLE GLENN.

#### River and Cape Division—

Bro. Butts is back at Conran after about 60 days in Wittenberg agency, succeeded there by Bro. Summers, and he at Malden agency by Bro. Workman.

Bro. Eachus, Pascola, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Jones, bumped off second "OC" by Bro. Workman, who, not being satisfied with the job, was sent to Joiner to relieve Agent King for a few days, Bro. Jones returning to "OC," and Bro. Workman later to Malden agency. James McEwing, a clerk from Chaffee, to Yarbro agency.

Bro. Rodgers relieved a few days by Bro. Abernathie.

We are glad to see the boys getting back, who went from this division to serve "Uncle Sam." Bros. Shain and Clay Smith are the latest arrivals. Bro. Shain, after a trip to Hayti, takes Marston agency. Bro. Smith goes to second "GR" after visiting home folks.

Bro. Layton was in the hospital several days with an injured hand.

The telephones are being taken out on the North End and the selectors from them are being put in phones on South End.

Brothers, locate the few "nons" on the Hoxie branch. See if we cannot line them up and make this division 100 per cent.

CERT. 592.

#### Birmingham and Tupelo Sub Divisions—

Bergens has been made a Morse job, and later closed, displacing Sisters Mattinson and Horsley, latter to third Palos and former to second Dora. First Palos discontinued, Bro. Chance made agent-telegrapher. Second Cordova and Winfield and first Sulligent discontinued. Bro. Springfield made agent-telegrapher at the latter point.

One operator cut off at Guin; Bro. Byrd made agent-telegrapher. Ticket clerk Jasper also cut off, duties assigned to operators.

Among those who have returned from the service and taken their former positions are: Bro. Jackson, Navy, Algiers, La., who displaced Sister Horsley, third Pratt City; Bro.

"Bill" Stanback, also from the Navy, displaced Sister Schatz, first Byhalia, who displaced Bro. Rogers, "PC"; Bro. J. V. Manasoo, Signal Corps, A. E. F., has not yet found desirable location at which he can exercise his seniority.

Bro. Howard Webster, Tank Corps, A. E. F., after a few days at his home in Duke, Ala., will displace Frank at "FY"; Bro. Wm. Robuck, from the Army, relieved Bro. Young a few days on first "SU," and Bro. Dawes four days on second "A," then bumped Bro. McBride from third Amory, the position he left when he entered the Army in 1917.

Bro. McBride, after a hurried survey of the work in Fort Scott relay, decided to return to Birmingham Sub extra board.

Bro. Sloop "B" cut off, bumped Extra Moyer, third "JR," being bumped later by Bro. Perkins, from "CH," bumped by Gilbert.

Bro. Black, third Palos, relieved a few days by Miss Reed, extra phoner.

BILL AND JOE, Certs. 600 and 1011.

#### Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.

##### Monongah Division—

A very interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held in Waldo Hotel, Clarksburg, W. Va., April 12, 1919, at 8 p. m. Called to order by Local Chairman Ferrell, Bro. Lannam appointed to examine cards, and Bro. Gillum secretary. There were nineteen members present, including Sister N. M. Ford, of Gypsy.

General Secretary and Treasurer Shaffer spoke at length on the Sunday work and proper wages therefor, and on the various questions that have been put to the Board for decisions or interpretations which are expected shortly.

He warned the brothers to be on their guard against persons who are trying to stir up dissatisfaction and discontent among the O. R. T. members in an endeavor to interest them in such dual organizations as the station agents and employes or something similar; and made a strong plea for more thorough and solid organization, taking into consideration the possibility of the Government turning the railroads back to private ownership in the near future. We all enjoyed his masterful address.

The local chairman mentioned a number of grievances, some of which had been favorably decided by the superintendent, others being in the process of investigation; the superintendent promising to place an operator on relief or wreck train in future when called to accidents, in cases where it is desired to get in communication with dispatcher, and where the operator at the nearest station cannot handle the business.

The question of trainmen handling telephones and communicating direct with dis-

patchers and copying their own orders and instructions, seems to be looming up very conspicuously on this division, regardless of the promise of Mr. Davis that such would only occur in cases of emergency. This matter should be handed up to the Director General, if unable to obtain a favorable decision otherwise.

Much dissatisfaction has arisen in connection with the creating of the new Charleston Division, consisting of the Coal and Coke Railroad and that portion of this division between Weston and Pickens, and between Weston and Richwood. It has now been ruled by the division operator that the brothers on that portion of said division formerly the Monongah Division will still retain their seniority on the Monongah Division due to the fact that the Coal and Coke Railroad has never been included in the schedule, and that they have no seniority on that portion of the Charleston Division. This matter should be corrected at once, and the Coal and Coke Railroad included in our next agreement, and the brothers entitled to assert their seniority on that portion of the new division.

Other matters of interest were taken up and discussed at length. We all enjoyed the meeting immensely and felt sorry when the hour had arrived for the departure of the brothers and sisters who were compelled to leave for their respective homes on the last train or trolley.

CERT. 184.

*Connellsville Division—*

It is now Bro. T. F. McMullen, Ohio Pyle, Pa.

A recent pleasurable incident was the return of former L. C. Bro. Currie, from Flanders, where he did his bit with the gallant Canadians. Bill looks none the worse for his experience, and expects to soon be back at Garrett, Pa. Another hero, Bro. Harry Board, has returned from northern France hale and hearty, who immediately secured an up-to-date.

Bro. J. T. Reynolds, second Confluence, spent a day in Connellsburg recently, fulfilling his newly acquired duties as Divisional Safety Committeeman.

Boys, let's cut out the sleeping on third tricks, and give the company the best we've got.

We hope your new local chairman will soon have had the pleasure of acquainting you with the "doings" at the Cincinnati convention.

Bro. J. G. Kuhn, second wire chief Connellsburg, has invested his talents, and incidentally his wealth, in a fast growing business in Uniontown, Pa. Confidence is felt in Jack's ultimate success in this new venture, and it is a pleasure to feel that this will never alienate this brother from his O. R. T. card.

Bro. E. J. Burkett, formerly of Cooks

Mills, Pa., from all reports is making a success in his new line of endeavor, of which his many friends are justly proud.

Don't forget the slogan—"a 100 per cent Connellsburg Division."

CERT. 142.

*Wheeling Division—*

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of this division for the confidence they have shown in selecting me as local chairman for the coming two-year term, and promise to do the best I can to take care of their interests.

Local board members appointments approved by our general chairman, as follows:

C. L. & W. District, Bro. J. Donley, to represent the agents' entire division; Bro. M. F. Burton, Underwood; Main Line District, Bro. C. L. Allender, Littleton. Bro. M. B. Rickey will represent the dispatchers, whom we soon hope to have in our schedule. Ohio River and Short Line operators will report any grievances to local chairman direct, as will also operators in Wheeling Terminal not covered by Bro. Allender's territory.

Our division is in excellent shape. Seniority list shows 119 names, operators and agents, 101 of these are members. Of the eighteen remaining, three are in military service, and six are extras.

Brothers, please address letters to my Post Office address, Box 531, Wheeling, W. Va., instead of to the telegraph office.

Send your notes for the write-up not later than the 20th. J. B. SPRINGER, L. C.

*Newcastle Division—*

It is no longer necessary to mention brother in the notes, reference to the seniority list will show "who's who." No new stars this month, the raw material is here. Do your bit of organizing and send in their applications. Give their names to your local chairman or a member of the Adjustment Board, who will also look after them.

Correct seniority list to April 15th. Erase lines 3, 102, 110, 117, 125, 128, 129 and 130, and add the names of J. E. Farley and C. W. Stout, levermen (dates in doubt), W. S. Booth, Jan. 1, 1919, and H. P. Eckis, April 14, 1919.

Erase star from line 86. We are sorry for and hope to be able to change it again. It is hard to understand how any one can drop out at this time. Instead every member should work hard to make the division solid. A few more stars will make our division 100 per cent.

Corbett, Nova, off several nights on account of sickness in his family.

Bane, "UN" Tower, Pearce relief, called to his home in Kentucky on account of the sickness of his mother, who we are glad to hear is much better.

First Trick Dispatcher Brown, West End, is now division operator, vice W. P. Cahill, resigned. Bock succeeds Brown; Phelps lands regular dispatcher's job; Gardner working vacations.

Floral fund statement remains same as of March, 1913.

Post on six months' leave, Seiring relieving. They are planning to erect dwellings at that point in the near future.

Bro. Post has taken up carpenter contracting at Newton Falls. Since having the "flu" he has been in poor health, and hopes to benefit by the change.

Quite a lot of sickness on the division the past month. Looks like we can't get rid of the "flu" epidemic. Ault was off a few days recently, owing to sickness.

The father of Owen Bedell, Newton Falls, passed away suddenly with heart failure Saturday, April 12th. We all sympathize with him in his loss.

Holliday gave up second "VO," doing relief work.

McLaughlin has returned with his family from a visit with his sister at Lincoln, Neb. He has purchased a three-acre tract on the Ravenna paved road, and will erect a residence in the near future.

Quay has sold his home at Lordstown.

Having been chosen correspondent of this division, I ask that all the brothers send me any news they may have for publication. I will make an effort to keep up to the standard, but cannot keep in touch with all the changes, and will appreciate your co-operation in handling our writings.

R. GLIDON, Cert. 1908.

#### Cleveland Division—

Seniority list: Erase Cert. 2671 and 2723, resigned, and Showalter and McGill out of service.

Our meetings should have been better attended. One brother sure was glad he came, as he was shy an even \$100 in back pay and two vacations.

Two of our boys have been put on the time card as extra dispatchers. We are glad to see them stand a show. Perhaps some day we will all be in line of promotion if we so desire.

Our division operator paid us quite a compliment in his March bulletin by saying our organization stood 90 per cent awake, and only claiming 2 per cent for his own. I beg to differ with him (as usual); think he will find the boys all alive, and wide-awake to the best interest of the Government. In the interest of harmony and good feeling it would be better if such things were omitted entirely. None of us appreciate a public slam, neither do some of us wish to appear as a liability, just because we do not report all our actions for publication in the magazine. A number of us have stopped

trains for defects, and said nothing to any one except the dispatcher, not caring for the commendation in a public way. Knowing that our boss realizes we are on the job, and is satisfied with our service goes farther with us than printer's ink.

Boys, if you have got the green book *keep it*, and see that it is lived up to. Make yourselves conversant with the contents, as you have all passed the required examination. I do not see why we should be expected to tote the book.

Bro. Webber relieved a few days on sick list by Starnes, and Sister Banish by Bro. Lewis; Bro. Landis, sick few days, relieved by Bro. McCoy.

A letter from Bro. Shafer, still in Mt. Vernon, O., hospital, states that he is doing fine, and will be with us some time during the summer. Bro. Baul, among those who have written recently in France, say they will see us at some future date. Bro. Baul intimates he would like to be in "CS," but seems happy where he is. We will greet them all heartily when they return. Bro. Ellis wishes to be remembered to his friends.

I hope the few delinquents will pay up at once, and not force me to lose several days to run them down, as I cannot afford to do so. Let's stay 100 per cent. I have done my part, now do yours.

W. A. McCABE.

#### Ohio Division—

We are in exceptionally good shape and have some very important work in front of us, and it is very necessary that everyone should be in good standing.

Our revised schedule is in the hands of the Board at Washington D. C., and a decision is expected any day. Matters that concern every member are at issue; so remit on once if you have not already done so.

Information was circulated recently to the effect that Supplement No 14 to General Order 27 would be issued shortly to take care of all station agents and take them from Supplement No 13. Supplement No 14 has been issued and relates to rates of pay and condition of employment for railroad policemen. This misleading information was evidently given out for a purpose. The majority of the agents are too intelligent to be misled by it; but we should not fail to put them straight on the whole matter.

Claim of Bro. Trevillo former agent Roxabel, for \$39.20 allowed on second half of February payroll. He resigned and had this coming to him on General Order 27. Company refusing to pay necessitated taking it up at Washington, D. C., and the claim was allowed.

I secured Chas. Ray's application, Sabina tower. Moorey, on first there, still refuses to join.

Bro Fultz, agent Derby, has recovered

from an attack of the "flu." Bro. Dewey, who relieved him, was relieved on third Grove City by Sister Burgmeyer. Bro. Frame, agent Guyerville, has returned from a trip through the Southwest, very much improved in health.

Bro. Dye, Torch Hills, while on sick list was relieved by Bro. Harry Campbell.

Bro. Scott, third Sabina, is recuperating at Hot Springs, relieved by Bro. T. G. Hall.

With regret we learn of the death at the Protestant Hospital in Columbus, February 20, of Bernice Heasley Pavey, the eldest daughter of Agent W. H. Heasley, Sabina. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. Heasley and family.

Bro. T E Fitch, agent Coolville, attended court in W. Va. several days.

Bro. C. C. Woodruff, an officer in the army for the past year, has returned to third Athens from France, looking fine, and was warmly greeted by his many friends.

Bro. Baughman, third Grosvenor, has purchased a new Buick Sedan.

Bro. Root took third Stewart in preference to "Q" tower.

Bro. Troops, Wilmington, was off several days recently resting up, relieved by Mr. Selby.

Thanks to Bro. Malone, of Athens, and Bro. Preston, of Leesburg, for notes contributed.

CERT. 729.

#### *Baltimore Division—*

We regret to announce the recent death of Mrs. Josephine M. Spurrier, mother of Bro. Chas H. Berry, of Baltimore Division 33. Mrs. Spurrier was a life-long resident of Baltimore, where she was well and favorably known for her religious and charitable work. THE TELEGRAPHER extends its sympathy to Bro. Berry and her many friends.

CERT. 393.

#### *Indiana Division—*

Inquiries among persons whom I come in daily contact with surprised me of the vast number who read very little and are consequently unable to talk about current events. Among those I found to be readers to any extent, a large number "ate fiction," and were not much better off for their trouble than those who read nothing. It happens frequently that we are called upon to vote for public officials and improvements, and unless we know what has been transpiring at home and abroad, it is little wonder if we elect a parasite, or choose the wrong improvement to our misfortune. Sometimes we come upon a sudden realization that even us wonderful Americans are not quite so wonderful.

Pictorial Review states that "In New York City alone 32,097 children of school age are receiving no instruction." It asks the question: "Do you realize America is

behind England in the education of its children—behind France—behind Sweden? That, educationally, we are becoming a second-class power?" The item goes on to say that:

"While these countries are lengthening the school age, thousands of our children under fourteen are being thrown into mills and factories. At the very moment when our Supreme Court was deciding that the Federal Government could not act to prevent child labor, England was totally prohibiting the employment in industry of all children of school age."

Think what these things mean. Wherein does freedom differ from license? Does freedom mean that the children can be placed in mills and factories for employment when they should be at school learning to become better men and women, capable of deciding right from wrong? Do you realize that we are looking upon a kingdom from whence many of our forefathers fled, only to look back today and see children protected while our own Supreme Court declares the protection of these baby lives unlawful? Are we going to become a nation of illiterates, easily controlled and stampeded, fit prey for anarchy and unlawfulness?

The labor unions today rest upon the same foundation with the nation. The children today are the nation tomorrow, and without education we are lost—nation, union and all. The strength of a nation is the strength of its weakest link, and that link is education. The sum total of a union's work is education. But Massman, at Bedford, is still out.

Div. Cor.

#### *Illinois Division—*

Pana third discontinued, vice Bro. Weshinsky, who relieved Bro. Lavel, Shops, while visiting in Toledo several days, and Bro. Rule at O'Fallon while visiting home folks and taking in St. Louis.

The Vandalia taking over "K" tower, East St. Louis, will cause a lot of bumping, and some will lose their gardens.

Bro. Hodges spent Saturday and Sunday in Fairfield recently with his folks.

The clerk was cut off at Fairfield, giving the boys more than they can do.

Bro. Schroeder, Beckemeyer, off two weeks with mumps and pneumonia, relieved by Miss Edmindson.

Bro. Dudley, third Breese, and wife have returned from a ten days' visit with his home folks at Bridgeport and his wife's folks and friends at Bicknell, relieved by Sister Greathouse, who also relieved Bro. Messig while visiting his sister, seriously ill in St. Louis hospital.

Sisters Greathouse and Delap, who both took out cards in the Ladies' Auxiliary, are working extra.

Bro. Rogers, agent Aviston, visited his folks in East St. Louis several days recently.

Bro. Vic Munie, Trenton, has some rabbits and about 300 thoroughbred young chickens.

Bro. Kile, first Carlyle, is now acting agent there, vice Bro. Hooks, promoted. Higgins relieved Bro. Kile. Hope the brothers will see that he gets an up to date at once.

Bro. Ernest Hoffman, third "K" tower, visited Bro. Felix Messig at Breese recently.

Keep after the few remaining nons and see that they come in at once and help pay for the better conditions and benefits they recently received.

Thanks to Bro. Messing for the fine write-up. All the boys should send in a few lines.

R. A. Hobos, Cert. 1380,  
Washington, Ind.

### Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.

#### *Pt. Huron-Gd Rapide Division—*

I received twenty-two new applications during ten days up to April 19th.

Bro. Frank Thomas just returned from overseas to second Edmore, relieving Bro. S. D. Gates, an overseas veteran, temporarily filling the position.

Backtime pay checks, covering errors in making up rates of pay as per G. O. No. 27, have just been received through the persistent efforts of General Chairman Burr.

While our delegates are convened with the Grand Division at St. Louis, doing their duty, each one of us remaining at home should work faithfully and back them up in their efforts, that they may not be found wanting for lack of proper support.

We have now reached a point where we can begin to live as we ought to, although it has been hard work for the various committees to bring about these results, and we should see that everyone on the division takes out a card, although we have very few delinquents and less nons than at any other period of our history. Through a little effort by each member, we will soon have one of the most up-to-date divisions in the organization. Give your committee and organization the same support you did "Uncle Sam," and we will win just as great a victory—and be able to retain it.

CERT. 214.

#### *Canadian Division—*

Bro. Prowse has purchased a new house. Bro. W. Burger, second "Q" St. Thomas, has purchased a house.

Our poet laureate, Bro. C. Baldson, was a recent St. Thomas visitor.

Bro. W. C. Newton has resumed as third trick dispatcher, having finished up his studies in Chicago, and is now a graduate chiropractor.

The three levermen at Blenheim tower and one man at Essex terminal are now mem-

bers of our organization. We hope to soon have the applications of the men at Pelton tower, also Paddock, first Susp. Bridge, and Julian at Ruthven.

E. R. McCALL.

### Chesapeake & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 40.

#### *Huntington Division—*

Huntington and Logan Divisions are on the "boom." We had a most interesting meeting at the Huntington Hotel, Huntington, W. Va., April 11th, with about thirty members present.

We were very much elated in having General Chairman Hicks and Express Chairman Shuay with us.

Bro. Hicks gave us an outline of his experience in securing the present scale of wages and having it incorporated into the agreement. He says it is the most gratifying contract we have ever had and is complete with the exception of a few questions that were submitted to special board for consideration, and these should be completed within a very short time. Brothers, let us show our appreciation of his efforts by lining up the few nons left on our division.

Bro. Hicks told us that our division stands first in up-to-date members. Let us keep it up to this standard.

Am sorry to say that there are four dispatchers still out. They have had the most consideration, and yet they persistently remain out, and, of course, if anything happens, no doubt would expect the same protection as our members.

Brothers, be as liberal as possible. Let us go "over the top" with the Victory Liberty Loan and help get some of our brethren back from "over there."

Remember, "No card, no favors." Make it effective and our membership 100 per cent strong.

Our next meeting is the second Friday night in May, at Huntington Hotel, Huntington, W. Va. Every brother who can possible do so, come out. You will never know what is going on by taking everything second handed. Everybody work hard on the dispatchers and bring them in.

Please send notes to

B. MARCUS, Cert. 1628,  
Div. Cor.

#### *Richmond Division—*

Norwood closed. Bro. Milloway back at Norge, vice Payne; Bro. Cowles to Norge agency, vice Bro. Clay, to Roxbury second. Looks as if all the third trick jobs down on this end are going to be closed. Guess Bro. Woodward gets his next.

Quite a cut for the agents working overtime when second tricks are put on. Bro. Durrett got Elko; Bro. Clay, Roxbury, and Ayers, a new man, Oriana. A lady clerk is

on second Walkers. That job should go on bulletin.

Bro. Scott succeeds Bro. Goddin as chairman, who was a good one.

Underwood, formerly a brother, is back with us again, now on second Old Point Jct. Boys, get after him and bring him back to the fold. We want this end solid. Also line up Nelson, second Lee Hall.

Bro. Mastin, a fine fellow to work with, has gone to second Shadwell. Sorry to see him leave this end, but he is very near home now, where all of us want to be.

Quite a few of the boys turned out Friday night to the meeting.

"RU," Cert 1762.

#### *Hocking River Division and Branches—*

There are still three or four nons on the River Division between Gallipolis and Pomeroy, causing O. R. T. men to stick to their jobs rather than to favor those who will not favor us.

Bro. Long, Hobson Yards, off several days on vacation to the coast. Bro. Augustine, back from "over there," to Hobson Yards, displacing Bro. Coleman.

Bro. Newman, Orbiston, attended court in Logan recently. Bro. Thompson, East Clayton, was also in Logan recently, getting "toggied up" in some new clothes.

Local Chairman Robinson was off several days meeting General Chairman Hicks at Columbus, relieved at Mosel by Bros. McCarthy and Blosser.

Bro. Weisenberger is back at McArthur, after fighting the "flu" several weeks.

Bro. O'Neil, Greendale, visited his sister over Sunday at Logan recently.

Bro. Rife, Cheshire, recently purchased several acres, making a valuable addition to his farm there, and is getting it in condition for a bumper crop of tobacco this year.

Bro. Gibbs, Kanauga, has sprayed his hundred peach, apple and cherry trees, and hopes to have a bumper crop of each this year. Brothers, place your orders early to insure them being filled in time.

Bro. Stroupe, Nelsonville block, spent several days in Columbus recently with the dentist, relieved by Bro. Jenkins.

Sunday work at Gallipolis abolished, the brothers there taking turns meeting No. 2 at 1:45 p. m., getting two hours overtime.

Bro. Moore, Groveport, visiting Pomeroy several days, relieved by Bro. Codner.

The brothers on this end would like to see a write-up from the north end.

Bro. Nihiser has thrown up the sponge, and if you brothers don't "get wise" pretty soon, "good night" with me also. Many thanks to Bro. Gibbs for his items. He's a live one, and we could have more like him with just a little push. Give the few nons no rest, and use our motto to the limit.

FRED G. DEISHLIE, Asst. Chairman.

#### **Boston & Maine R. R., Div. No. 41.**

##### *Portland Division—*

Sister Helen Foster, formerly of "JP," superintendent of Terminal Division, and "OF" Concord, is relieving Sister Edith O'Connell, third West Kennebunk, Maine, and Sister Edith J. O'Connell is relieving Sister Decker at "DO" Lawrence for a few weeks.

##### *Southern Division—*

Bro. A. L. Emery, second Forge Village, off sick, relieved by Miss Clough.

Sister Daisy Whiting displaced Sister Theresa Collins at "BC" Lowell, who displaced Sister Mary O'Connell at "CH" Lowell, Mass.

##### *W. N. & P. Division—*

Miss Lillian E. Daley is at Nashua East Yard, vice Bro. G. O. Key.

##### *Fitchburg Division—*

Bro. Nutt, agent Ashburnham, took West Groton agency, Bro. Abbott going to Townsend Harbor agency.

Bro. Dan Berry, "CW" Fitchburg, relieved a few days by Travis. Bro. Wm. Campbell, "CW," relieved a few days by Conductor Fahy.

##### *White Mountain Division—*

Bro. Lester, second Plymouth, enjoyed a few weeks' trip to New York recently, relieved by Bro. Burnham, who also relieved at Woodsville dispatcher's office, and is now on first Tilton, vice Bro. Berry, resigned.

Sister Mooney to Washington on two weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Bouchsene.

Bro. Woodward, agent Oliverian, is in the milk-producing business. We all wish him success.

Bro. Davis, agent Rumney, had a few days' enjoyable trip to Massachusetts and New York recently, returning very much recuperated.

Brothers, in order to have a good write-up each month, kindly notify me of anything of interest happening, especially on the northern part of the division.

##### *C. & P. North Division—*

The yard clerks have resumed at Westboro Yard, abolished a few weeks ago, relieving the operators of the duties of yardmaster, checkers, etc.

Brothers and sisters, write Bro. B. B. Winslow, now in France, formerly of Ely, Vt., agency. He writes that he seldom hears from us. His address is: Corp., Company C, 301st Field Signal Battalion, Am. Exp. Forces. Drop him a card or send him your TELEGRAPHER after you have read it.

Local Chairman King, while in Boston on O. R. T. business, had his station at Passumpsic, Vt., completely destroyed by fire.

**Business** is now being transacted in a coach near by.

On account of so much cutting down on agents, etc., the younger members are taking caretakers' jobs. Bro. Landgeman takes Ely, Vt.; Bro. Fish, North Hatley, Que., and Bro. Blake, West Burke, Vt.

Bro. Lambert resumes his old job as assistant agent at Bradford, Vt., relieved at Piedmont, Vt., by Bro. Bellanger. Bro. Sheldon, now with the 26th Division in France, the regular agent there, is expected back shortly.

Bro. Dalziel has resumed at Beebe Jct., Que., after three weeks' siege of the "flu."

**Abolished:** Ely second, Bro. Courtney to spare list; also Bro. Powell's job as freight clerk and operator, and two tricks at Summit Siding, making a greater number of spare men than ever before.

Sister Cole is back on second Wilder, Vt., after a few days' rest at her home in Salisbury, Mass.

Thanks to Bros. Blake, West Burke, Vt., and Provost, North Leominster, Mass., and Cert. 918 for their help in write-up.

S. GOODWIN, "VN," "GM," Cert 406.

#### Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.

##### N. Y. S. & W. Division—

Brothers, you know where the few nons left are located. Give them no rest until they line up, and grant them *no favors*.

Bro. Vanderberg has our sincere sympathy owing to the death of his mother. We also extend our deep sympathy to Bro. Frank Sisco, whose grandmother was called to her reward on April 8th. He was relieved ten days by Bro. Leo Woods.

Bro. Deering, displaced on third "BA" by W. Jennings, relieved Bro. Wheeler on third "DK."

Bro. Spencer and wife spent the Easter holidays at Camp Dix with her brother, who has been stationed there for some time. Bro. Spencer is now able to take this trip monthly, as he says that eight hours and the big increase more than make up for the little he pays into the O. R. T. *Nons, please take notice.*

Bro. Agents Clayton, Woodward and Matthews have all been trying out new clerks recently.

We wish to thank Bros. Rogers and Harbourne for their earnest efforts in helping to build up the organization on the lower end of the road. Results shown are the best proof of their labor.

Bro. D Teeter was laid up a few days recently with a sprained ankle, due to a bad fall.

Bro. Hanson, relief agent, spent his off hours sporting around in his new Ford sedan.

Bro. H. M. Van Orden has returned after "doing his bit" with the American Ex. Forces.

The boys all welcome him back to his old position. The new rate of pay will no doubt prove a very pleasant surprise to Bro. "Van." While he was "over there" fighting, the O. R. T. was working at home. "Rip" Campbell and W. Jennings have also returned from overseas service in excellent condition. They will line up as soon as they are financially able.

Chairman and Delegate A. N. Keim left for the St. Louis convention May 9th on sixty days' leave. After the adjournment he and Mrs. Keim will take a trip through the West, with Denver as their objective point. This backtime is a wonderful thing. He sure earned this vacation, for during the past few months he has been working night and day in our interest, and we want him to realize that his labors are appreciated. We trust he and Mrs. Keim will have a very enjoyable tour and a safe return.

Brothers, make good use of this magazine. Do not leave it laying around the house. Read it, then hand, or send, it to the nearest *nons*. It does not matter if he should receive two or more. It will make him feel that HE IS just what he is.

CERT. 2069.

##### Susquehanna Division—

The chairman you elected for this division says he hasn't time to do the work, shoving it all on me again, and I am buried in work. Someone should act as correspondent. It is utterly impossible for me to do it all.

Bro. Francis to Kirkwood agency, succeeded by Bro. Shannon on first Great Bend; Bro. O'Neil to second there; Bro. Lisenby to third Smithboro, and Bro. Wezloski to second "GJ" tower. All these brothers now in their home towns.

Corning and Painted Post consolidated. Bro. Webber to Painted Post; Bro. Chichester to third "AQ." Sisters Kelly and Russell, displaced, are not working.

E. J. HESSER, Chairman.

##### Rochester Division—

I wish to thank the members for their support in helping to land the *nons*. With the continuance thereof, we will soon line up the very few remaining ones and have a 100 per cent system.

We hope to have a meeting shortly and invite General Chairman Hesser to explain what has been done during the past year, and every member should attend who can possibly do so. On account of poor train service we can not figure on regular monthly meetings. Meanwhile write me for any information you desire to help you out.

Bro. Fuller, second Wayland, resigned.

Agents at Stafford and South Livonia have been awarded the 48 cent minimum rate. The former will line up South Livonia.

The new schedule will be ready for print

shortly. Members will please be patient until we have everything in book form.

Seven new members have been added to our roster since March 20th. The only way to keep organized is to keep at work. Slackers never get anywhere.

Bro. Nicholson has returned to second Avon, N. Y.

Bro. Quinlivan, copier Rochester, is convalescing and expects to soon be with us again.

S. T. J.

#### *Chicago Terminal—*

Bro. Robinson, first "CO," on ninety days' leave, relieved by Bro. Davis; Schwab, "YA" on third. Later Bro. Davis, off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Fulton, from the W. U.

Bro. Paxton, Hammonrd drawbridge, relieved by Gearhart, released from the army, who will soon be with us.

Bro. Reder, off a week on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Johnson, the handy man for emergency cases.

Pretty short write-up. My stenographer is on vacation. Will have more next time.

Have you subscribed for the fifth bond yet? "X."

#### **Can. Nat'l Rys. Lines West, Div. No. 43.**

##### *Second Division, Central District—*

A meeting held at Sioux Lookout, April 18th, was attended by eighteen members, Called to order by our new local chairman, J. B. Lalonde, with Bro. Reid in the chair. Bro. Ainsley read and explained our new schedule. Bro. Gillespie appointed correspondent, with Bro. McDonald, Redditt, as assistant. Steps were taken to form a local board of adjustment to handle our grievances.

Our meeting was held late, waiting the arrival of the boys from the west end. We regret that Bro. York could not attend, owing to the early departure of his train.

Watcomb Pit opened on April 17th, with Bro. J. D. McLean, first, and Bro. C. H. Stephen, second; also McIntosh Pit, with Bro. J. E. Poulin, first, and Bro. J. F. Hone, second.

Dodd nights closed temporarily. Hunt closed day and night. Bro. A. V. Craig to Zarn days.

*Wake up, boys, and help us to improve our present condition by attending meetings when possible.*

Although very much has been accomplished toward the betterment and salary increases during 1918 and 1919, there still remains much yet to be done in order to keep our organization up to the highest standard possible and obtain still better recognition and conditions in the future. *Co-operation* is necessary; do your share.

Several years rolled by while the payrolls on most roads remained the same. Father

Time and the surging tide of events has changed things for the better; so let us keep them there.

CERT. 888.

#### *Halifax & Southwestern Division—*

A meeting held at Bridgewater, April 11th, in Temperance Hall, was attended by nineteen members.

Bro. Jollymore and yours truly read the epistle of the O. R. T. to the C. N. R., Local Chairman Smith explaining all important points.

We are certainly grateful to the committee for securing such a splendid schedule, with an eight-hour day, back time from October, vacations, passes, legal holidays to count as overtime, etc.

After some four hours' discussion the meeting closed, the boys settling the flower and rent bills, when we all went to Rafuse's restaurant, where an excellent dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Some brother broke the anti-tipping law by suggesting tips for the waitresses, which was generously subscribed to.

A vote of thanks was extended to Bro. LaFrance, who so kindly paid for the dinners.

Some of the boys who went to the Fairview Hotel, talked "aloud" (not remembering S. O. & D.) till the early hours of the morning, and the guests complained to the management in the morning of suffering from insomnia.

Bro. Langille, expected by "Pumpmobile," was prevented from attending by a heavy rainstorm. We all missed him.

This was the largest meeting ever held on the H. & S. W. by our members, including several new ones whose positions have been added to the schedule.

We are about 100 per cent and can maintain this standard if all the brothers will assist Bro. Smith by keeping up-to-date. This will make matters move smoothly. There is no reason why any member should become delinquent. Remember it was the O. R. T. that secured these conditions for us.

It being nighttime we could not get "mapped" by our good man Corkum, the photographer. We hope the next meeting will be held in the daytime.

CERT. 457.

#### *Duluth, Winnipeg, Pacific Division—*

Bros. McDonald, Gish and Dorris went to Winnipeg and, assisted by General Chairman Muncey, arranged a temporary working agreement which was signed by the general manager, pending final settlement with the Canadian Labor Board. Agents' pay to be \$104.00; operators, \$94.00, with an 8-hour day, but we still are away below other roads in this district.

I had a nice letter from Bro. Smith re-

cently, now working extra at Port Mann, B. C.

Bro. Willette, from the M. & St. L., took Agency "BN;" Bro. Whitney, a new man, Agency "GH," and G. A. Mallingor, Agency "DO."

Bro. Fuller resigned Agency Gheen; Bro. Erickson made a quick relief at "AY" and "DU," later relieving Bro. Brown at "WN" a few days.

There is plenty of night work along the line at present. "DQ," Cert. 584.

#### Central R. R. of N. J., Div. No. 45.

##### *Central Division—*

Bro. Fred Harding, second dispatcher on branch, has resumed duty after being off two weeks owing to sickness.

Bro. Brown, "WU" Jersey City, and Bro. Lewis, second Bay Draw, were off a few days on sick list.

Bro. Jack Murtagh, third "PD" Port Reading, has resigned.

Bros. Thos. Farrell and David Rothman have been moved back from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., and 10:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m., respectively, to 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. and 12:30 p. m., until 8:30 p. m. on account of Harding coming back from the army and taking the 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. trick at "JC."

Bro. J. Bebler, third Lane Crossing, relieved Bro. J. Bullman, third Pittsburg, for a week.

Bro. R. Donovan went to Westfield and Somerville for a few days.

Bro. Howard Pletcher, second Eastport, took in the sights over in New York several days.

Jersey City ticket office is now 100 per cent O. R. T.

Bro. M. O'Brien has been transferred from "JC" to first Bound Brook.

Bro. Fred Seidel is on second Newark transfer pending bids.

Bro. Appleby, formerly on the Long Island, surprised the old brothers who had worked with him there by taking second East Rahway there recently. We are all glad to have him with us.

Bro. Frank Campbell relieved the main line dispatchers while on their two days' inspection.

Bro. Patty Barry, third Singers, had a ham sandwich in his boot when he came to town "Good Friday."

Brothers, I cannot give a good write-up unless you send me some notes, as it is impossible for me to travel around and hear what is going on with the transportation I have this year.

"EC," Cert. 33.

#### Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.

##### *First Division—*

On Saturday night, March 22, twenty-one members employed on roads entering Trinidad met and formed the Trinidad O. R. T. Club. We have some live members in that territory which will make the success of the club a certainty.

A well-attended meeting was held at Palmer Lake town hall at 10 a. m. Sunday, April 20th, the undersigned presiding in the absence of Local Chairman Reynolds.

Sisters Gove, Castle Rock; McNeil, Monument; Clark, Spruce, and Bros. Cremeen and Evans, Palmer Lake, were present as visitors. Members of Division 49 who attended were: General Chairman Compton, Sisters Lewis, Dobberteen, McNeil and Archer, Bros. Fulmer, Carlisle, Gordon, Austin, Clark, J. F. Evans, Priest, Curry, Losey, French, Moore and the writer.

Bro. Clark served as secretary; Moore, first vice-chief; Losey, second vice-chief; Cremeen, past chief Fulmer, Marshal and Sisters Lewis and Dobberteen as sentinels.

After the object of the meeting was stated, General Chairman Compton gave us an interesting talk on matters of current interest, after which each member spoke a few words expressing themselves as being glad they came.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Palmer Lake mayor and Council for allowing us the free use of the hall.

Colorado Springs was named for the next meeting, and a day and night meeting is under consideration, probably during month of June, Bro. French being instructed to make inquiries as to the hall.

After adjournment we were joined by Mesdames Moore and French of Colorado Springs and a lunch of sandwiches, coffee, boiled eggs, ice cream and cake, prepared by Mrs. J. F. Evans, was served, assisted by all. Much credit is due those who prepared the feast.

F. P. ROSE,

Asst. Local Chairman.

##### *Fourth Division—*

Bro. Safford, from La Veta Pass, is relieving the operator and cashier at Silverton; Bro. Vance, a new man, relieved Woolrey at La Veta. Brewer, who was a new man, went to Taos Junction, N. M.

Bro. T. J. Looney, who was relieved at Pagosa Junction by Nelson, a new man, relieved Bro. Rafter, Del Norte, a few days owing to sickness in his family, and later relieved Bro. T. A. Williams, agent Chama, several days.

Bro. L. C. Martinez, who was relieved at Alamosa by Ferganchick from La Veta, re-

lieved Gilmore, first Chama, who relieved Nelson at Pagosa Junction.

## CERT. 945.

*Utah Lines—*

Bro. Allen, Division 53, is relieving Bro. Anderson, second Green River, on sick leave. Bro. Allen's wife, an operator, also has a card. Bro. Swarfager, first Provo, on sick list, relieved by Bro. May and he on second there by Bro. C. O. Reed, second Thistle, relieved by Hill, a new man from the Short Line. Bro. Everett, third Thistle, also under the doctor's care, relieved by Bro. Snyder.

Bro. Gordon, Castle Gate, is relieving Bro. Burghard, second Soldier Summit, on account of his mother passing away in Iowa. The wife of Bro. R. A. Garrett, Salt Lake, also passed away some time ago.

Bro. W. K. Pinnel, second Gilluly, expects to transfer to the first division and has some oil shale property he would like to trade for a Ford.

If you want good coyote skins communicate with "the trapper," Bro. H. F. Phillips, first Soldier Summit.

Bro. John Imhoff, agent Westwater, is visiting his daughter at The Dalles, Ore.

Bro. Young, a new man, is relieving King, second Colton, while he spends the easy money on vacation we got for him. Uhr at Gilluly and Limke at Helper also belong to the class who never refuse to accept the increased wages obtained through the efforts of the O. R. T.

If you like to see our division mentioned in the Journal then send any item that comes under your observation to the correspondent, Bro. J. O. Meiling, third American Fork.

## CERT. 1065.

**Bessemer & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 51.**

Train crews are handling the bills for all Shenango cars left at Kremis. Bro. Careless, agent there, has been relieved of most yard responsibilities and the station looks like a deserted village since the night yard clerks have been pulled off.

Construction work has been stopped and work train tracks filled with new hoppers not yet stenciled. Old coal tipple at Russelton is being removed to make room for an up-to-date coaling plant. Valley station has been moved to the new track grade and is receiving a new coat of paint.

Bro. Hedeon spent a few days in western New York recently visiting his parents.

Bro. Brewer, first "RU" tower, was relieved by Bro. Rimer a few days recently, owing to the arrival of a new son.

Bro. Rowe, third Culmerville, has returned from vacation, relieved by Mrs. Hagerty.

Bro. Pfabe, Houseville, gave his auto an extra shine recently. Looks suspicious when

there are so many girls in the vicinity who like to ride.

Bro. MacAnallen displaced Bro. H. Rowe on third Standard Junction.

Bro. Lassinger, third Houseville, also has a new boy at his home.

Bro. Scott, third Mercer Junction, relieved by Bro. Williams. Pearson, second there, is looking after his farm, Moose relieving.

The new roster has been issued and the number of stars is encouraging. Let us all see that none drop out. Don't make it unpleasant for the non whose application we rejected at the last meeting, as nothing can now be gained by roasting him for not having a card. You all know who it is.

Bro. Buzzo, third Shenango, passed away after a brief illness. His application had only been in a short time. A collection is being taken for the benefit of his wife and three small children. Brothers, this is a worthy cause. It is very important that we all keep our insurance up-to-date, in order to protect those dependent upon us.

## CERT. 92.

**Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53.  
Portland Division Notes—**

Assistant Local Chairman Prime, Division 53, presided at the meeting in the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, called at 8 p. m., April 13th, and Bro. Peate acted as secretary. This was a continuation of the joint afternoon session of the S. P. S., O.-W. R. & N. and S. P. Divisions, and the action taken then in the matter of G. M. Leslie, station inspector of the S. P., was unanimously supported.

Bro. Mitchell, of the O.-W. R. & N., in an address proposed forming a social club, which would always have on hand funds to help members and their families when in need, particularly in case of sickness or death; and he and Bros. Waldron and Peate were selected as a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws and report at the next meeting.

Bro. Prime was extended a vote of thanks for his quick action in securing the voluntary subscription which made it possible to send a wreath of flowers for the funeral of our late Bro. Wood.

After an address by Bro. Peate along the line of better co-operation by the members of the Portland Division with Local Chairman Boyd in trying to organize it 100 per cent strong, a motion passed unanimously to take up a subscription to purchase a mimeograph to lighten his labors in sending out his circular letters to the members, and Bros. Prime and Peate were authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

A general discussion followed in regard to the coming convention; better attendance at the meetings (there being less than a dozen present at this session), the monthly write-ups from this division and kindred subjects,

and the brothers present promised to send Bro. Vickers notes not later than the 20th of the month for THE TELEGRAPHER, the secretary being requested to furnish him the names of those making the promise.

Bros. Pinkerton and Hagle, from Hillsboro, and Bro. Allen, from Beaverton, were among those in attendance, this being Bro. Allen's first opportunity to be present at a meeting in Portland for a number of years, owing to the poor train service on the Yaquina branch to return on.

Bro. W. A. Taylor, recently released from the U. S. Navy, took second Halsey, and Bro. E. K. Wertzba, from the army, went to third Hillsboro temporarily.

Bros. Dolan and Mast have returned from the trenches. H. V. Van Buren, out a few days on the big pond when the news came of the armistice and they were turned back, has also returned. Bro. Mast is back on second "KC" Portland. Bro. Dolan relieves Bro. Casey, "KC" Portland, when he goes back to his farm in eastern Oregon. Van Buren is at home in Albany; no work in sight just at present.

Bro. H. G. Van Buren, recently from overseas, is relieving Bro. Van Wanning, Albany, on thirty days' leave.

First Lieut. C. B. Richards is back at Woodburn as chief clerk.

Bro. W. A. Pearson took first "KC" Portland, vice Bro. E. F. Thompson, gone to the service. According to our agreement, if he is gone a year he will not be able to claim his position when he returns.

Arrangements are being made for a banquet at the Hotel Multnomah at Portland in honor of the boys returning who have been in the service. All should be there who possibly can get away.

Second Dispatcher Bayer, east end, Roseburg, has resigned and gone into business for himself in Washington, relieved by Dispatcher Nichols. Bro. Christmas, who took the examination for dispatcher recently, will relieve at Roseburg during the dispatchers' vacations. The dispatchers, chiefs and operators there expect shortly to move to the building now being used as the company club house, near the freight station and round house—a steam-heated building and a great improvement over the present quarters.

W. Scherr is expected to return shortly as assistant chief at Portland; Cantrell to displace Night Chief Grubb, who will displace Gorman on first Main Line, to second Main Line, displacing Hughes.

Bro. Pete Nelson is at Dallas agency, vice Bro. Woods, deceased, and Bro. Stewart, from the S. P. & S., is on third Woodburn temporarily.

Bro. Welton, agent Mt. Angel, a recent Portland visitor, called at O. R. T. headquarters.

Bro. M. C. Bond, at Sutherlin, lost two brothers recently, one being killed by a grade-

crossing accident. Our sympathy is with Bro. Bond.

Our official seniority list shows 252 names. Bro. Boyd advises nine are nons, and requests our help to line them up; also the ten who have not paid dues up to the close of 1918. We all received a copy of this circular. Let's get after them and make the division solid.

When you camp at Rockaway this season, visit Bro. Robinett for spring fries; he's in the chicken "biz" this season.

If all the operators talking of going to Enright for spring fishing make good, Bro. Moody will have to enlarge his quarters to accommodate them. Bro. J. E. Jacobson spent Sunday there recently trying his luck on the speckled beauties.

A new water tank is under construction at Enright, the old one at Belding having been demolished to make room for the Silverspruce Logging Company's operations.

Bro. A. M. Bogen, Cert. 2562, Coast Division, desires to exchange position and seniority with some operator or agent on this division. Seniority dates April 17, 1918; working extra, plenty of work; prefers to exchange for extra list.

A number of old-time agents are taking straight telegraph jobs in the same offices. They are being cut out of all overtime possible, and many not allowed to show up on Sundays at all.

Bro. C. E. Allen, Philomath, succeeds Bro. S. W. McIlvaine as agent at Beaverton, who resigned in protest against his helper services being taken away and took second thereafter three months' vacation in California; Bro. Peate on third Beaverton. Bro. Geo. Miller, Aurora, also has lost his helper.

Bro. H. Simonson is doing the ticket work at Grant's Pass; no work as operator for the time being; and Bro. Roberts is at Canby, extra.

I wish to thank Bros. Wilson, Roseburg; Hagle, Hillsboro, and Moody, Enright, for their splendid assistance in this write-up.

P. G. VICKERS.

#### Members Portland Division:

I wish to express my thanks to you for your support and confidence in electing me delegate from District No. 1 to the Grand Division. I surely appreciate the honor of being your representative to St. Louis, and will try to carry out the wishes of the members of our division as far as possible.

J. S. PRIME, Cert. 323, Asst. L. C.,

Monmouth, Ore.

#### Western Division—

Bro. Heavy, agent Brentwood, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Spurgeon.

Bro. Kirgin's father died recently at Benicia. He has the sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. Claude Woodson, Santa Rosa, was re-

cently off two weeks with influenza, relieved by Rippy. Someone line him up.

F. J. Varges, recently in military service, who relieved Agent Fuller, Mt. Eden, promises to line up shortly. Boys, keep this in mind.

Bro. Schad, agent Avon, and Bro. Faria, Walnut Creek, recently relieved a few days by Bro. Hoell, later to agency Antioch.

Sister McCarthy, South Valley, relieved several days by Brasswell.

Only two delinquents on the entire division, but we have several nons still drawing benefits secured by the organized boys.

Bro. Falls has submitted forty-one positions, which we expect to have added to the present list now covered in our schedule.

Bro. Helgren motored from Pittsburgh to Altamont, calling on the brothers there.

Bro. Moseley, first Martinez, is taking in sights around the bay in his new automobile.

Bro. Falls, re-elected local chairman, was also elected to represent this division at the St. Louis convention this month.

"Chad," our little round agent, has a new Overland. Boys with fast machines affected with the racing fever can be accommodated on any highway by just calling him up. He claims his "buggy" will throw dirt on De Palma's Packard.

Bro. Gale has purchased a large tract of land near El Verano, and is going in for cattle. We all wish him success.

Some of the boys are already spending their back pay. The others will all be paid up shortly.

G. S. & T. Hammond is mailing out a circular showing earnings and disbursements of Division 53, and calling for an assessment from each member of \$5.00 to strengthen the treasury. We have derived many concessions and raises in wages during the last year through the efforts of our great organization, and the least we can do is to send in this small amount at once and make our treasury as strong, if not stronger, than any other. Get busy with your checks and money orders, boys, before June 15th, so there will be no delinquents.

The trainmen, enginemen, switchmen, operators, yardmasters and clerks of Suisun have formed a dancing club, to give monthly dances during the summer at Fairfield. Boys near Suisun and along the line should call up and ascertain when dances are to be given and attend. Nothing like harmony between the different classes of railroad men.

Keep after the nons and few delinquents on this division holding us back from making a good showing. They have all gotten enough back pay and increases in wages to meet these little obligations. They would be working for almost nothing if it were not for the O. R. T. Give them no rest until they line up and help us make the Western solid.

Don't forget to send Bro. Holliday, Napa Jet., our new correspondent, a few notes each

month on or before the 15th, so as to insure a good write-up. The job is "no cinch," as you all know.

CERT. 896.

#### *Sacramento Division—*

There has been quite a difference in opinion in regards to Article 13, Section C. We are the only division on the system that needs that section of that article. A staff operator starting to telegraph would start his seniority as a telegrapher on the day he began service outside of the staff district, having seniority on both lists. A telegrapher taking employment in the staff district would start his seniority as a staff operator on the day he began service outside of the telegraph district, having seniority on both lists. It is absolutely necessary to show a man on both seniority lists who has worked in both districts in order to maintain a record of dates, and the rule works vice versa.

Bro. Spork is the only man who was shown on both seniority lists of the last issue. Bros. Fisher, Sumpter and Stone will be shown on both lists, which will be out shortly after June 1st. Soda Springs is the *only agency* on the staff, and a man working that job goes on the telegraphers' list.

On the last seniority list Bro. Knapp, shown 1897, should have been 1879, and G. H. Barnes, shown as 1903, should have been 1904. These will also be corrected. If there was an error made in the date when any other seniority began, those affected should notify the local chairman at once.

Since Sunday work has been eliminated entirely at some stations, the question has arisen as to what will be the result of all three men leaving town if there should happen to be a wreck or trouble at that station while they were gone. Ask the dispatcher for permission to go, telling him where you are going. If he grants you permission, you are in the clear; if not, make out an overtime slip, minimum two hours at overtime rate, or three hours' pay.

A joint meeting was held in Sacramento March 28th. All five brotherhoods were represented. The question of treatment in the S. P. Hospital was the main one of discussion. It was decided that the general chairman of the "Big Five" would take turn about visiting the hospital and looking after the patients' needs. Bro. Shields relieved our L. C., second Blue Canon, while he attended the meeting.

Bro. Fountain relieved Bro. Brewer, agent Blue Canon, when he went to Brighton agency.

Bro. Purciful, agent Smart, relieved a few days by Bro. James, and Bro. Parlin, third Truckee, by Bro. Schneegas, who later relieved Bro. Woodbury, third Gold Run, when he went to second Truckee.

Sister Allen, first staff Tamarack, on vacation, relieved by Mrs. Gordon, her first job

Sister Hocker relieved Mrs. Beldon, third Tamarack, when she went to second Eder.

Sister Clayton, second staff, relieved a few days by Sister E. M. Wells, and Sister Hood, staff Yuba Pass, by Sister Scherer.

Sister Hocker, third Tamarack, off on account of sickness, relieved by Mrs. Hansen, a new one.

Bro. Jacobs, first Andover, relieved a few days by Bro. Rector.

Sister Jacobs, staff Eder, spent a short vacation in Sacramento.

Bro. Polmanteer resumed on first Champion, Mrs. Jacobson taking leave of absence.

Sister Bailey, third Spruce, relieved by Bro. Wallace; Sister Wells, second, by Mrs. Weyhe, and Sister Fisher, first, by Mrs. Knox, several days, all account of sickness.

Bro. Blackford, agent Cisco, relieved a few days by Bro. Shields, and Bro. Mason, second Midas, by Sister Harmon, when he relieved Bro. Schnegas, third Gold Run.

Bro. Coons, first Troy, relieved a few days by Bro. Rice, and Bro. Follet, first staff Blue Canon Jct. by Bro. Lawrence.

Sister Viek, second Tamarack, relieved by Sister Scherer a few days, and Mrs. Jacobson, staff Emigrant Gap, by Bro. Lawrence. Later Mrs. Jacobson relieved Mrs. Thompson there.

Bro. Scott, first Truckee, relieved by Bro. Rector, and Bro. Rodgers, agent Fair Oaks, on six months' leave, by Bro. Williams.

Sister E. H. Aske, third staff Fulda, relieved by Bro. Lawrence.

Bro. Allen is at Tamarack, extra.

Thanks to Bros. Dusher, Allen, Sumpter, Fingland and Lawrence for news items.

J. J. MASON.

#### Coast Division—

This division is rapidly approaching the 100 per cent mark in membership. We have only four nons left and their applications are expected shortly. A little added effort by the brothers near them will result in making our division solid.

Bro. Mock, who recently bid in Chualar agency, was taken suddenly ill just after he had packed his goods for shipment. He is in the Gilroy Hospital, but on the way to recovery. Bro. Brannon, who relieved him, later went to San Ardo third.

Bro. Miles, San Jose, at a ball game Sunday recently with his sister, visiting him from Colorado, was called to the 'phone and advised that a dispatcher's job at San Joaquin was waiting for him, and he was in Stockton by 9:40 p. m. Bro. Sherman of San Jose informed the chief dispatcher that he would probably find him at the ball game.

Bro. Spender relieved Bro. Ward at San Jose a few days recently.

Bro. McCosker relieved Bro. Cookson on third San Jose, who relieved Bro. Kilgore at Gilroy, on vacation.

Bro. Neu, from the Navy, is now at Casalia, temporarily.

Bro. Sherman, assistant agent at Santa Clara, works from 12:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., resides in San Jose, and spends his evenings at the Elks' Club. The Santa Clara bankers even are envious of him.

Bro. F. B. Sherman, sick for some time, is back at San Mateo, displacing Bro. Bogen.

Bro. Duffy relieved Bro. Evans, S. L. O., during the illness of his father.

Bro. Fischer succeeds Todheimer, King City first, and Bro. Cooper relieved Bro. Dains at Menlo when he bid in R. C. agency.

Bro. Hoon, agent San Lucas, on two-weeks' vacation in the mountains, broiling steel-head trout, relieved by Bro. Bunny.

Bro. Korf, second Gaviota, visiting in San Francisco and San Jose, relieved by Bro. Fuller, son of old "Doc" Fuller, our good brother and agent at San Martin. Bro. C. G. Evans' son is relieving the agent at Edenvale. Bro. Goodrick is relieving Bro. Rubell at S. J. ticket office, relieved by Bro. Bogen at P. A.

Bro. J. M. King, agent Naples, had the great pleasure recently of sitting up with a wrecked seven-passenger Chalmers touring car and a dead automobile thief, from midnight until 4 a. m., when the coroner arrived. He was on No. 17 when the crew discovered the car and dead driver on the right-of-way near Ellwood bridge. Hereafter he is going to travel only during daylight. His hair is turning gray fast enough.

CERT. 1876.

#### Stockton Division—

Bro. Hunter and wife motored to Vallejo over Sunday recently.

Bro. Beatty, second Merced, and family, on six weeks' leave to Memphis, Tenn., relieved by Bro. Isham.

Bro. Foulks, agent Firebaugh, on two weeks' leave, visited in San Francisco, and stopped at Modesto to visit Bro. Ouderkerk on his return, relieved by Bro. Van Loon.

Bro. Loomis, third Patterson, visiting in Los Angeles, relieved by Bro. Collins.

Bro. Mullins, first Tracy, and family, on a trip to Chicago and East, relieved by Nelson, a new man.

Bro. Werner on extended leave, relieved by Bro. Oldendorf, Sacramento Division.

Bro. Hess, third Madera, went to Sacramento recently to meet his folks coming from a few weeks' visit East.

Bro. Jinks, second Kerman, and wife were recent Stockton visitors.

Bro. Brown, in "Uncle Sam's" service at Great Lakes, has recovered from the erysipelas and will soon be back with us.

Wish to extend our condolence to Bro. Knightly in his great sorrow of losing his dear mother April 1st.

Bro. Geo. Darrow is home after his jour-

ney with our late Bro. Bissell's remains to Indian River, Mich. Bro. Bissell's folks appreciated the kind act more than they could express.

Bro. Curtis, fifth Tracy, is extra dispatching at Bakersfield.

Dispatcher Norcross, Stockton, sick with pneumonia, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Bro. Miles, San Luis Obispo.

E. L. R., CERT. 760.

*Los Angeles Division—*

Bro. E. W. Kalles, second Chatsworth, off several weeks on account of serious illness of himself and other members of his family, relieved successively by Bros. Herring, Tuttle, Wilcox and Hubbel, in turn. Bro. R. W. Keyes, second "NG" Los Angeles, also ill a few days, relieved by Local Chairman C. H. Meador.

Account recent heavy rains, Newhall tunnel had a minor cave-in, requiring about ten days to repair. San Joaquin Valley trains were detoured via Saugus and Montalvo. Sisters Curran and Wildes and Bros. Meador, Moore, Carl, Hubbel, Wilcox and McBay reinforced branch offices during the trouble.

Following members desire to exchange to L. A. Division: S. W. McIlvaine, agent Beaverton, Ore., 11 miles from Portland; hours, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.; two additional operators; seniority from August 5, 1902. G. Yaeger, agent Truckee, Cal.; salary, 83 3-4 cents per hour; seniority from July, 1905. Also E. W. Sargent, agent Lanark, N. M.

In order to correct an erroneous impression circulated that Bro. Hinkle was connected with the recent P. E. shake-up at San Bernardino, he submits a copy of a letter addressed to him by O. A. Smith, general passenger agent of the Pacific Electric Railway, under date of March 21st, File 1022, a part of which reads: "You were not in any way connected with trouble wherein certain conductors and ticket clerks of this company were found to be fraudulently manipulating sale of our tickets, which was brought to light at or about the time of your leaving the San Bernardino station." While we do not believe that any fair-minded person would associate Bro. Hinkle in this affair, yet it is a pleasure to publish this authentic vindication.

Bro. B. C. Moore, who relieved Bro. Culley, agent Ogilby, called to St. Louis by a death in the family, later seriously cut his wrist and had to be relieved by Bro. Kays.

Bro. McCord, second Glamis, relieved by Sister Wildes several days, account throat trouble.

Bro. Robbins, second Amos, off three days, relieved by Bro. C. G. Sheffield, formerly local chairman on Sacramento Division, who traded rights with Bro. Powell.

Bro. and Mrs. O. U. Hampton are making

a short visit at Fillmore. Bro. Hampton, together with Bros. J. P. Sullivan, F. B. Swan and Plumb, are temporarily employed in the auditor's office, San Francisco.

Bro. Liddy displaced Bro. Scruby at Aras Jct., who resigned shortly thereafter.

Many offices have had Sunday hours changed to conform to week-day hours, thus insuring a full month's pay at least.

Several pleasant and comfortable houses have been erected on the desert for operators' use. They consist, as a rule, of four rooms and bath, with modern plumbing and up to date in every respect. Let us demonstrate that we appreciate these houses by keeping them in first-class condition.

Sister Tuttle has resigned. While working third at Mecca she was attacked by an insane Mexican, and although not seriously injured, suffered greatly from a nervous shock. The Mexican was captured by the train crew of a freight that had just pulled into Mecca and sent to Riverside for commitment.

Bro. A. W. Sullivan, agent Amos, is in receipt of an interesting letter from Bro. O. S. Youngblood, written from the Le Mans district, France. He has no idea when he will return, but can scarcely wait until that time arrives. He says the towns are not to be compared with ours, and describes in detail the public wash-houses where the French women gather to wash clothes, most of the work being done by hand, washboards being practically unknown. Moldt, from Mexicali, and Skillings and Shirly, from this division, are all in his company.

Bro. Robbins, second Amos, who has resigned to enter business for himself in El Centro, assures us he will always remain up to date.

Bro. Dickinson and wife spent a week end with Bro. and Mrs. Cambridge at Mecca.

Bro. O'Grady, third Saugus, was relieved a few days by Wilkinson, who also relieved Bro. Bruce at Ventura and Bro. Tuttle two weeks at Indio.

Bro. Brannon, taking a trip back to the old home in Alabama, relieved by Bro. Haworth, who also relieved Bro. Misner a few days at Zelzah.

Bro. Coyle, agent Newhall, off a few days account sickness of Mrs. Coyle, relieved by Bro. Landau.

Bro. A. W. Sullivan, first Amos, exchanged positions with telegrapher at Mills. We are sorry to lose you, "Sully," and hope the climate will be beneficial.

Bro. G. S. Scott, agent Carpinteria, called to Needles account death in family, relieved by Local Chairman Meador.

Bro. Sheffield relieved Bro. McReynolds at "WD" Los Angeles, thence to Coachella, relieving Bro. Rorer while he had the "flu."

Bro. Pritchett, after about three months in hospitals at Los Angeles and San Fran-

cisco, is back in Brawley, bumping Bro. Kays.

Bro. Moreland, agent Mecca, called to L. A. on account of his father's illness, relieved by Sister Wildes.

Bro. Butler, third Bloomington, relieved a few days by Bro. Baumgardner, who then went to second Cabazon a short time, thence to second Amos, relieving Bro. Robbins.

Bro. McGrann, our genial trouble shooter, has his new Maxwell about tamed and hopes to soon make main line runs with it.

Bro. James, agent Duarte, suffering with "flu," relieved by Wilkinson.

Bro. Liddy, Araz Jct., recently killed a two-foot diamond back in his living room, and does not care for the same experience again.

Bro. Reid, third Mecca, off a few days, relieved by Sister Tuttle; later by Bro. Herring.

Bro. Gelwicks, just returned from six months' leave of absence, a part of the time in the Army, remainder in a Chicago veterinary college, relieved by Bro. Ellison, now relieving Bro. Shorocks in "NG" Los Angeles, and expects to work extra in "HU" Los Angeles later. CERT. 1246.

#### Tucson Division—

The local committee is to be congratulated on its efforts in organization, the results showing in the number of applications coming in. The brothers returning from the Army and Navy are quickly renewing their membership, but there are still a few old "hard shells" to be worked on. Every member knows who they are. Get busy with them and apply "No card, no favors."

Sister Pine, second Sentinel, relieved a few days by Miss Babb.

Bro. Kelly to Rillito agency, account sickness of Mrs. Harris.

Bro. Pixley, from sick leave, returned to Dome second.

Sister Esden, third Picacho, and a friend, Miss Williams, were visitors at the Tucson Automobile show recently, and attended the dance.

Bro. Hadaway was off a short time, owing to an injury to his hand, relieved by LeBlance.

Bro. Burlot, Casa Grande, and Bro. Smith, agent Maricopa, took in the ball game between the Chicago Cubs and University of Arizona in Tucson.

Sister Rheinhart relieving Bro. Turner, second Araby, and Bro. Rheinhart relieving Mrs. Weller on third at Araby. Bro. Rheinhart formerly relieved on all tricks at Mohawk, while Bro. and Sister Hoover were putting their new Jeffery to the test.

One-man job at Colfred closed. Bro. Wilson to Granite Spur, opening up the new job at the pit.

Sister Kathryn Morrison was released from her assignment, Vail third, owing to poor living accommodations. She could not use the portable house.

Bro. O'Connor, agent Aden, relieved several days on account of sickness by Miss Shannon, who later relieved Bro. Gray, Gage third, who went to Araby.

Bro. Christians returned from service with "Uncle Sam," to cashier Willcox.

Telegraphers Maull, Kilburn and Hamilton have also returned from the service.

Bro. Bouck and wife, from Cochise, were Willcox visitors during the cattle growers' convention, April 4th and 5th.

Bro. Stanley, manager "UN," on two weeks' vacation to Salina, Kan., relieved by Bro. Williams; Bro. Shook, second W. C. "UN," on two weeks' vacation to Sacramento, relieved by Bro. Meadows, and Bro. Mooney, third W. C. "UN," to Globe on two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Robeson was a recent Los Angeles visitor.

Two new six-foot ceiling fans were received at "UN" recently, and the boys will probably spend a very pleasant summer there, and should be made comfortable. They are all up to date.

Bro. Tommy Morrison has returned to Tucson eighth, relieved at Bowie by Bro. Duell.

Bro. Black, agent Aztec, was over to Dragoon a few days recently, looking over his gold mine. We hope it pans out rich.

Raso days opened by Bro. Adams, later relieved by Bro. Thomas from San Simon, relieved by Sister Hobart. Raso later closed, steam shovel work completed.

Bro. O'Brien, third Benson, on 30 days' leave, relieved by Bro. Beckley. Bro. Relley, second Benson, returned from leave.

Sister Amanda Morrison to Vail second, displacing Miss Caverly, visiting relatives at El Centro, Cal.

Sister Cora Smith relieved Sister Pixley on third Vail, called to California by the death of her father. Sister Pixley and family have our sympathy in their bereavement.

I have to thank Sister Kathryn Morrison for her notes from the east end, also Bros. Cates and Robeson.

Keep after the new-comers from the S. F. School and see that they get cards. It is very hard for Local Chairman Pritchett and myself to write each one individually, and we ask for your help. See that the man next you has a card.

Capital is learning that it must make friends with the workers, and the direct cause is organization.

B. D. MAHONEY, Div. Cor.

#### Salt Lake District—

Bro. Banish and family down with the

"flu" ten days, nursed by Sister Norris, who later took it, relieved as nurse by Bro. Roberts' wife.

Sister Knight camped with Sister Kiley a few days, then relieved Sister Rose at Nenzel, who becomes Sister "Someone Else" shortly.

J. T. Bell is now chief at Sparks; Valleau, night chief; McDonald to relief job.

Wish all the boys would send me a few notes about the 12th of each month. It is almost impossible to get a write-up without a little help. CERT. 741, Winnemucca.

#### Northern Pacific R. R., Div. No. 54.

##### *Members Pasco Division—*

Erase Nos. 34, 52, 54, 78, 102, 122, 125, 130, 135 and 137.

I wish to thank you for the honor of serving you as chairman and delegate. The same policy I have pursued in the past will be my motto, to live up to the schedule and do my very best for the interest of all concerned. It is a hard road to travel at best. Each one of you consider earnestly each point that involves technicalities and help me all you can. Your advice and counsel is valuable and I cannot have too much of it.

You all have a copy of our agreement; making telegraph positions of 'phone jobs is covered by our schedule and we have no "kick" whatever on this action by the company.

Keep an accurate memorandum of your time and deductions, as this is a big help in straightening up shortages.

I will hold a series of meetings upon my return from St. Louis.

H. H. FLESHER.

##### *Members Tacoma Division—*

Remove from seniority list: No. 87, E. T. Wyse; No. 113, H. T. Palmer; No. 115, J. A. Reininger; No. 118, John Smith. Insert W. E. Dickerson, No. 87, date 3-17-7. He did not resign, but took an extended leave to enter military service. Add: C. H. Jakway, H. J. White, Walter Atkins, S. T. Melton and George French.

E. L. CARR, L. C.

##### *Tacoma Division—*

Bro. H. F. Floyd, manager "WR" Tacoma, has returned after several months on the road examining the employes on transportation rules.

Bro. Keyes, Roy, chopping wood, severed one finger from his left hand, relieved by Bro. Melton, a new man. Local Chairman Carr had the misfortune to also lose part

of one finger. Bro. I. E. Ray, second Aberdeen Junction, now acting as his stenographer.

Bro. Pitts, Stadium, off three months proving up on his homestead, relieved by Sister Harler, who was later relieved by Sister Bryan and relieved Bro. Lehay, Tenino, when he went to the hospital for another operation. Later reports are that he is very low, calling Sister Lehay from Vader, Bro. Quinn and Sister Inman doubling one trick.

Sister Rubish has returned from an extended vacation in California.

On vacation: Sister Mielke, Hoquiam, three months, relieved by Bro. French; Bro. Thompson, Hoquiam, by Bro. Duby; Bro. Gillespie, Gucoda, by Bro. Jakway, and Bro. Wright, Montesana, by Bro. White, several days.

Bro. Neill had his \$70 watch and \$17 in cash taken from him, returning from work via Tacoma yards. Hereafter he will not tarry there nor carry anything to be relieved of.

Sister Bryan gave up third Kalama in favor of the extra list. Some of the agents are contemplating the same action on account of the unfair treatment they are receiving in the matter of express commissions.

Mrs. W. H. Lang wishes to extend her thanks for the kind assistance during the illness and death of her husband.

Bro. H. A. Long's father-in-law passed away recently at Yelm. The sympathy of the membership is extended to Bro and Mrs. Long in their bereavement. Also to Bro. C. R. Gillispie, of Bucoda, whose mother passed away in Hoquiam. CERT. 1477.

##### *Seattle Division—*

Bros. E. B. Davis, Bill Parks and J. F. Russell have returned from the Navy to their old positions.

Bro. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Hudson are visiting relatives in Illinois, relieved on third Cle Elum by Bro. Farrington.

Bro. Fischer, third Thorp, is relieving Sister Fischer, on second, for three months, relieved by Sister Scott.

Bro. Jas. Warren, second Stampede, relieved by Bro. C. O. Abernathy, off two weeks recently on account of illness in his family.

Third trick dispatcher, John Garber, has taken a trick on the North End.

Several of the boys on the hill are doing their best to keep the switchboard operator in Seattle from getting lonesome nights.

Bro. Bergum, re-elected local chairman and delegate, appointed Bro. A. W. Ackley, Box

183, Ellensburg, Wash., correspondent. Help out with the write-up by mailing him your notes. He will greatly appreciate any assistance. Our division cast the heaviest vote of any in the election, indicating that there is a keen interest in things O. R. T. locally.

Bro. Kruger, "CF," has resigned to enter other fields of endeavor. Div. Cor.

#### *Members Montana Division—*

Sister Crawford has been appointed secretary and treasurer of the "Flower Fund." There are a great number on the division who are not supporting it. This, I am sure, is merely neglect, as it has been a fine thing since we revived it four years ago. I wish you would all remit at least six months to this fund, 10 cents a month.

L. C. CARLTON,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Montana Division Notes—*

Sister Taplin, who has been very ill with the "flu" at the Windsor Hospital, Livingston, has recovered. Bro. Graham's wife is there with lung trouble. Bro. Frank Harlan's wife, at Missoula Hospital, with appendicitis, is getting along nicely. Sister Silvia Carll has returned from there fully recovered.

Bro. A. J. Ranger is laid up there with rheumatism.

Sister Tannis Chase, "MU" transfer, has recovered from an attack of the "flu," and Bro. Cartwright, Logan second, from a case of mumps.

Bro. Fred Smith, of Livingston, spent a week in April in Minneapolis visiting his mother.

E. Rozier has returned from the service to Livingston dispatcher's office, and Bro. C. W. Skinner from France relieving recently at Townsend, Columbus, Reed Point and Spire Rock.

Sister Chase, who was called to Bozeman the latter part of March to attend the funeral of her aunt and contracted the "flu," is back at "MU" transfer. Miss Ora Dietz, who relieved her, has married Bro. Gross, "Soo Line," honorably discharged recently from the Signal Corps.

Bro. Turvey is still in Rochester taking treatment for his heart prior to his operation. Sister Turvey is working her husband's trick, second Grey Cliff, during his absence.

Bro. Darham returned to Laurel Depot after several weeks' visit with relatives at Carthage, Ill., made a trip to Helena, has been busy looking at furniture and, we hear, has purchased a residence and several acres

of land in one of the Laurel suburbs. As he does not smoke will someone kindly give him a pointer on the best brands of Habanas. "R," Cert. 1299.

#### MONTANA DIVISION FLOWER FUND. RECEIPTS.

Turned over to L. C. Carleton by H.	
B. Arnold December 1, 1918.....	\$41.60
Received since .....	29.44

\$71.04

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Flowers for wife of Operator Lemm and wife of J. B. Johnson, and Operators Cassidy, Seese, Brenneman, Lindberg and Rathburn.....	\$14.10
Hall rent for O. R. T. meeting, Billings .....	5.00
L. C. Carleton, seniority list 1919.....	9.50
L. C. Carleton, paper and carbons....	.40
Advanced to B. C. Hazlett, Billings, for buying flowers locally for sick members .....	17.20

\$46.20

Balance on hand April 14, 1919.....	24.84
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\$71.04

EVA M. CRAWFORD,  
Local Secy. and Treasurer.

#### *Yellowstone Division—*

Local Chairman Brand has appointed me correspondent for this division with Bros. F. E. McNabb and Sheffer as assistants. The three of us with the assistance of the brothers and sisters should be able to have a write-up every month.

Let us all take an interest in this work. Notify me of any changes at your offices or any other news of interest not later than the 18th of each month.

Yours for success.

Fraternally,  
H. A. DESFORGES,  
South Heart, N. D.

#### *Division Notes—*

Sister Williams, third South Heart, relieved by Miss Christiansen few days account sickness, latter later relieved by Mrs. Pesold also account sickness.

Bro. Brand, bidding into Glendive, puts him in close touch with local officials direct and he can now handle all our matters to better advantage.

Bro. Buck, formerly agent at Gladstone, writes that his unit was billeted out near the seacoast in France awaiting embarkation for the dear old U. S. A. and hopes to soon be with us again.

Bro. Flanagan is back on second Worden; Bro. Hughes to second Huntley.

Bro. R. W. Nye, Glendive, relieved Bro. W. M. Spike, Hysham, on vacation in Washington.

Bro. L. A. Kern, Miles City, while inspecting his homestead, was relieved by Sister Carrie Forberg.

Sister Graves, third Sweet Briar, is being relieved by Miss Anna Jacobson.

Sister Williams is back on third South Heart.

Sister Pesold relieved Bro. Bessanson, Sims second, while taking his wife, Sister Bessanson, Glendive, to hospital, latter relieved on third Sims by Sister Pennington.

#### FLOWER FUND.

##### RECEIPTS.

Received to January 31, 1919.....	\$47.85
Received March 31, 1919.....	6.50

Total.....	\$54.35
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##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for flowers to date.....	\$18.82
Paid for stamps.....	.90
Cash on hand March 31, 1919.....	34.63

Total.....	\$54.35
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Now that we have a good start with the Flower Fund let us keep it up, and those who are behind please remit to Bro. J. P. Meehan, secretary and treasurer Flower Fund, Sweet Briar, N. D.

CERT. 71.

#### Yellowstone Div. Notes No. 2—

Sister Beasanson relieved by Miss Larson at Sims a few days. Bro. Beasanson, second there, visited the cities recently.

Several stations closed owing to poor business.

Bro. Segur, relieved by McDowell, a new man, and Bro. Sheffer resumed third Mandan April 1st. The latter then took a lay-off and McDowell went to Forsyth.

Sister Duff, Mandan, is being relieved by Bro. Scarosch.

Sister Ledger, third Richardson, off several days sick, relieved by Bro. Rhyner, who later relieved Bro. Murray, first Hebron. Miss Falgren is relieving on Belfield third.

Bro. Cooper bid in first Richardson on line account of reduction in the relay service.

Sister Christine Pesold is relieving on second New Salem, and Miss Christianson at South Heart.

Bro. and Sister Wilkinson, of Glendive, spent Sunday in Mandan recently.

Bro. Litchiser, first Huntley, relieved by Bro. Dietz several days on account of sickness. Later Bro. Dietz was relieved three months by Bro. Fisher.

Bro. Vreeland, agent Big Horn, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Nye, later by Bro. E. D. Elmquist.

Bro. Ball, of Myers, off a few days visiting the Windy City, relieved by Bro. Shef-

fer; and Bro. Spike, agent Hysham, also on vacation, relieved by Bro. Nye, later to Glendive second.

Bro. W. F. Segur, Mandan, was off sick and no one sent in any news.

C. A. QUIRE.

#### Members Rocky Mountain Division:

The delinquent list for the first term of 1919, I am very glad to say, shows only two delinquents, both of whom will pay up. It is now Bro. Thorsen, third Elliston, a new member, and Bro. Archer, extra agent, reinstated.

This will be my last write-up before the convention. Upon my return I will advise you of important business transactions, etc., as much as possible.

C. R. BULLIS,  
Local Chairman.

#### Rocky Mountain Division Notes—

The subscription for Sister Wilson was very generously signed, a total of \$187.20 being received, which was duly turned over to her. Special thanks are due the dispatchers in Missoula, conductors and enginemen and clerks in the yard offices in Helena and Missoula, also to other employes who helped make this such a success. Sister Wilson extends her appreciation for the kindness shown her after Bro. W. P. Wilson's death, enabling her to have the remains taken to the family home in New York.

Bro. Bowdish had his face and hands severely burned recently when his stove "back fired," and was in the hospital several days.

Bro. Ulvestaad, agent Bonner, off a few days on company business, later to Spokane to attend the funeral of his brother, Rev. Ulvestaad, of that city, relieved by Bro. Rowe from Missoula yard.

Bro. F. L. Kling, agent Stuart, is on leave, relieved by J. B. Archer. Bro. Flansburg, third St. Regis, relieved ten days by Sister Edith Lindberg while working on his ranch in Musselshell County.

Miss Gertrude Hale, clerk to the chief dispatcher, is now timekeeper in the superintendent's office. She deserves much credit for the able and impartial manner in which she handled the telegraphers for the past eight years. We all wish her success in her new position.

Sister Sohn has returned to first Missoula Yard after ten months' absence because of sickness. We are glad to see her back. She is not yet entirely recovered, but is improving rapidly.

Sister and Bro. Mintline, at Austin, have successfully battled through a siege of influenza in their family.

#### Notes from Silver Bow—

Bro. A. B. Cron is having his share of family trouble with the "flu."

Bro. Johnson is happy over the arrival of a new office desk.

The O. S. L. tying up its freight trains here caused the N. P. to put on a switch run between here and Butte to handle all the freight into the latter point. This is known as the "Bug Run." CERT. 464.

#### ***Idaho Division—***

Bro. Whaley, first, and Bro. Sisty, third Plains, on thirty days' vacation, former relieved by Bro. L. E. Erickson; latter by Sister Cheatham, who later relieved Sister Anderson, second Athoe, a few days.

Sister Jensen, second Plains, visiting her parents in the East, relieved by Sister Shavelear, who later relieved Bro. T. D. Miller, Eddy, on sick leave, and Bro. Beskeke, third Heron, a few days.

Bro. C. V. Fauss, first Thompson Falls, relieved a few days by Bro. G. D. Hartman.

Sister Brand, who relieved Bro. Geo. Phillips, second Noxon, a few days, later relieved Sister M. Kay, second, and Bro. S. F. Petersen, third Hope, on short leave.

Bro. G. M. Stevens, first Killdeer, called to Beatrice, ebr., owing to the illness of his mother, relieved by Bro. Williams, and he by Sister Williams, on second there.

Bro. E. M. Taylor, second Trout Creek, to Spokane as extra dispatcher, relieved by Bro. E. E. Thomson, later by Bro. E. W. Hartman, relieved on third by Bro. G. D. Hartman, just returned from the Pasco Division.

Sister C. W. Pearcy, first Ramsey, taken suddenly ill, was sent to Missoula Hospital, relieved by Bro. Day, Reynolds.

Bro. C. E. Krough, agent Oro Fino, in Lewiston Hospital, owing to a motor accident, relieved by Bro. Mays.

Bro. S. J. Henry, relieved on third Colocalls by Sister Paulin, bid in agency Trout Creek. Agency Irvin reopened.

R. B. IRWIN, L. C.

<b>Local fund ending December 31st, 1918.</b>	
Received from all sources to Decem-	
ber 31st, 1918, inclusive.....	\$142.35
Disbursements previously reported...	54.50
Seniority lists for 1918 and postage..	7.15
Dues for members in army.....	4.00
Flowers for funerals.....	12.00
Due on loans to members.....	5.25
Cash on hand.....	59.45
	<b>\$142.35</b>

E. S. SMITH,  
Loc. Sec. and Treas.

#### ***Dakota Division—***

Bro. H. E. Rannestad relieved Sister Ethel Gray, agent Arena.

Sister Edith Wiese, third Sterling, has married and resigned. Bro. Mark Sexton, New Leipzig agency, also married recently.

Bro. G. L. Berquist, undergoing an operation in Brainerd hospital, was relieved by Bro. Olson, second Steele, relieved by Sister Martha Higgins. Bro. Olson visited friends at Dawson recently.

Bro. A. E. Soderholm, back from the A. E. F. in England. After visiting his home in Sheyenne he bumped Bro. Bohlig at Stanton.

Bro. Donald Monroe, recently returned from the army, prior to bumping Bro. Flowers, agent Sykston, relieved Bro. F. E. Arnick, agent Tappen, off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. F. A. Ward has returned to Montpelier agency after taking the hot baths three weeks at Chico Hot Springs, Sister Irma Ingalls relieving.

Sister Evelyn Miller, who relieved Sister Hilda Thorpe, on third Medina, a few days, later relieved Bro. W. H. Millard, agent Hazen, on a trip to Mandan.

Sister Mildred Watt relieved Sister Agnes Ydstie, second Dawson, and Winifred Watt relieved Bro. H. C. Dahl, third Bismarck, on vacation.

Sister Lillian Berquist, cashier-operator Killdeer, has returned after six weeks' vacation. Sister Ethel LaFave, who went on a visit home before assuming relief work, acted as agent Killdeer, and Winifred Watt as operator, while the writer attended the State Liberty Loan conference at Fargo. Sister Claudine M. Wall, Killdeer, has recovered from an attack of acute appendicitis.

H. H. ELLSWORTH, L. C.

#### ***Members Fargo Division:***

When you read this the St. Louis convention will be in full swing. I look for many important changes and legislation that will materially benefit our craft, and will be guided by what I think is for your interests in voting upon the different measures.

The assistant chairmen will handle the work on the division until my return, which will be about the first of June.

M. L. HETZLER, L. C.

#### ***Fargo Division Notes—***

Bro. Frey at Sheldon while Bro. Farnham at Jud visiting over Sunday.

Bro. Burton at McHenry relieving; Thompson back on second Milwaukee Crossing and Mrs. Taylor back on first Alta.

Bro. Meldahl on third Eckelson. O. D. Lenn back to Dazey as agent. Bro. Alm to extra list.

CERT. 590.

#### ***St. Paul Division—***

It is now Bros. Geo. O. Barrett, agent Dayton; Hanratty and Langdon towermen, and W. H. Ross, Elk River; John Stewart, Como; R. A. Nygaard, Cushing; also Bro.

Melhorn, exclusive agent White Bear, and Sister W. L. Tooley, Sartell.

Thanks to Bros. Floukes and Conkey for their assistance. Only a few more to make our division 100 per cent this year. Bro. Rawlins is giving an official emblem ring to any member obtaining five or more members during the year. Bro. O. C. Smith, of White Bear, was the first from this division to get one.

Returned from military service: Walburn, who bumped Sister Tooley, Sartell nights; F. J. Konop, relieving Bro. Ross, second Elk River, and Bro. Randall, agent Gregory, a few days; also Harry Nolan, relieving Bro. Coates, third Clear Lake, account sickness, until abolished; Bro. Coates now on second Clear Lake, vice Sister Hermanson to Sartell nights, vice Sister Tooley to extra list.

Bro. J. C. Johnson, returning from military service, took third Becker, a new position.

Bro. Butler, third Coon Creek, was off few days account of an investigation at Superior.

Bros. Foulkes, Murphy and Bothmer served on the checking board to determine who were the successful candidates in the recent election.

Bro. Herberg is back on second Mississippi Street from Brainerd Hospital.

Bro. Dodge, of assistant superintendent's office, has a new No. 10 Remington.

Thanks to Bros. Foulkes and Wipper for notes.

CLYDE BARTEE, L. C.

#### *Lake Superior Division—*

Bro. and Sister J. F. O'Neal on a trip to New Orleans. Anton closed. Bro. O'Neal took third Carlton.

Bros. Ray Trueblood and Alfred Moen have returned from military service, former bumped Sister Pitney, Morgan Park, and Bro. Moen bumped Bro. Oslie, agent Cromwell, who is now relieving Bro. McFarland at Carlton.

Bro. John E. Linden, third McGregor, relieved a few days by Bro. H. H. White, on vacation from the Grand Trunk Pacific in Sask.

Bro. John Fuller, back again, is relieving at Moose lake.

We were shocked to learn of the sudden death of the wife of Bro. L. I. Henry, agent Pillager. The official wreath was presented as an expression of sympathy from members of the division. Bro. Henry wishes to express his thanks to those who were so kind to him in his bereavement, also for the beautiful floral offering.

To revise seniority lists to April first, scratch out names of B. T. Williams, A. A. St. Pierre and C. B. Whitney.

J. F. O., Div. Cor.

#### **Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R., Div. No. 55.**

Bro. H. W. Keough, first Cleveland yard,

off sick several days, Bros. Dayton and McCarey doubling, later relieved by Bro. Lew Davis, relief agent.

Bro. Jack Sproul, wire chief "D" office, Brewster, off several days, relieved by Jolls, a new man.

Bro. C. G. Schlegel, second Brewster yard, off, relieved by Sister Margaret Welsh.

Second Kemery, bid in by Mrs. L. Hartzell; first Huron Jct. (temporary), by H. C. Fry, and second Jewett (temporary), by Bro. T. E. Lucas.

Cert. 318.

#### **N. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 57.**

##### *Huntsville Division—*

Sorry our write-up missed last month's journal, but could not get it there in time.

Bro. Pitts has returned after 60 days' rest.

Sister Johnson relieved several days by Miss Fuller.

Bros. G. S. Talley recently passed the examination for dispatcher.

We are glad to report that Bro. Freeman's wife is recovering from her recent illness.

We sympathize with and are proud of Clerks Edge and Jackman, superintendent's office, and hope they may soon be with us again.

Bro. Shrader visited in Decherd; Sister Johnson the division office at Tullahoma, and Bro. Arnold, Nashville, recently.

Bro. Shrader, Scarbrough, Flora, Sparta Branch and Sister Johnson, and Miss Fuller recently stood examination on standard rules in Nashville.

Bro. Scarbrough, of Chase, relieved several days by Bro. Rahm, who later relieved Bro. Gattis, Kelso, on a fishing trip.

Bro. D. J. Sparkman, Huntsville, was off few days on account of illness. Bro. "Daddy" Campbell, Hobbs Island, also temporarily on sick list, was relieved by Scarbrough.

Boys, if you have not yet responded to the call from the general committee for the extra, please mail the amount to Bro. Hale, 408 Fourth National Bank Building, Nashville, Tenn., at once. The benefits already received are more than double the amount asked of you, so don't be a "slacker."

Brothers, I will have to give this write-up the dodge if you don't send me news. Let me hear from you in time, so I can get my notes to St. Louis before the 25th.

"JACK," Cert. 229.

#### **Louisville & Nashville R. R., Div. No. 58.**

##### *Atlanta Division—*

We had the best turn out since our organization in Marietta, March 17th. The meeting was called at 1:18 p. m., with 26 present. Everyone participated in the discussions and the spirit manifested showed that all were impressed with the slogan: "Stay organized." It is our only hope to arrive at our objective point.

Brothers, drop me a note of the changes around your offices so we can have a nice write-up every month. Have not received an item from anyone since I have been trying to keep our division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

"WA," Cert. 78.

#### Knoxville Division—

We are glad to learn that none of the boys who left our division for military service have been marked on the casualty list, and all will probably soon return to their old posts. Bro. Lon Hannah has already returned to third Binfield; Bro. J. O. Archer to "GO" Chief Dispatcher's Office, Knoxville, and R. S. Sullivan to Lot, Ky. We are expecting W. J. Lamdin, J. W. Cooper, A. R. Perkins, Arthur Kidd and Bro C. T. Cannon back soon.

Do not use R. R. stationery or the R. R. mail to handle your O. R. T. business. A. L. Disney, Cert. 271, is our new corresponding secretary. Please send him all the notes you can by the 15th of each month. Address R. F. D. No. 2, Maryville, Tenn.

Bro. M. C. Miller, agent-operator at Saxonton, Ky., and Bro. L' R. Murray, assistant agent-operator at Maryville, have been appointed as assistant local chairmen and members of the Grievance Committee of this division.

Bro. W. D. Turner, second Chaska, relieved a few days by Sister White, and Bro. J. E. McKamey, third Chaska by Bro. H. B. Graham.

W. F. MILLER, Cert. 132.

#### Mobile and New Orleans Divisions—

A meeting was held in New Orleans, Saturday, April 19th, with a very good attendance. Local Chairman Green, who took office April 1st gave a very nice talk. A few suggestions were made as to the betterment and giving us a 100 per cent division, which will be voted on at the meeting to be held shortly at which all should be present that possibly can. You will be notified of the exact date later.

Venetia, Claiborne, Lake Catherine and Michaeud and three tricks at Thesore, Lake Shore, Rigolets and Chef Menteur, closed.

Bro. S. J. E. Smith went to third Choctaw, vice Bro. Ellis to third "FX."

A meeting held in Gulfport, April 4th, was also well attended, dinner was served at the Great Southern.

Bro. Jones, second "CN," is now on third "BA," and Bro. Westbrook, from Venetia, on first Gulfport.

Harry Waters with the A. E. F. in France has returned, and Willie Raymond serving with the Dryland Brigade in Algeria is now on third Lake Shore.

Cunningham, Pascagoula, was a recent Mobile visitor.

Miss Revier, Grand Bay, is being relieved by Miss Epperson, recently on the sick list.

Every member who writes an application will be put on the Blue Ribbon Roll. Get busy and see who will head the list and make the division 100 per cent. Local Chairman Green will furnish you all the blanks necessary.

CERT. 1134.

#### Louisville Division—

Bro. "Sandy" Boone is back again at Newhope, after a second attack of "flu."

Bro. Hess is on third Lebanon dispatcher's office. Bro. Sams, first trick Lebanon branch dispatcher, relieved by Eb Butler a few days while moving.

Bro. "Jop" McCall, Stanford, spent Sunday recently at Rabbittown.

Bro. W. R. Patterson, third Loretto, recuperating at Hot Springs from a severe attack of rheumatism is being relieved by Bro. O. E. Wallin.

CERT. 639.

#### Kentucky Division—

It's now Bro. McQuillan, Campion Junction.

T. J. Singleton, recently returned from the West, working extra, has filed his application for membership. Also Miss Kate Rankin, agent Robinson, and A. E. Yelton, agent Butler; Earle, Falmouth, and Cannon, Boyd, still on the waiting list North End.

Bro. L. T. Taylor, formerly on the E. K. Division, has returned to railroad work, going to Torrent.

Sister Ruttle has been relieving at Wildie and Flanagan.

Snider second and third cut out. Bro. W. S. Payne to third Livingston, vice Bro. O. P. Bourne to third Sinks, Bro. Jackson to extra board. Bro. Herd sick several days relieved on the levers at Sinks by Bro. Jackson.

Bro. R. B. Pergrem, first Sloan, off few days account sickness, relieved by Bro. Ray Abner.

Bro. C. A. Adams, second Flanagan, to third Berea, vice Bro. Berry relieving Bro. Walter Beldon, on third Flanagan, who had previously been relieved several nights by Sister Rich.

J. G. Metcalfe, former trainmaster, returned from overseas service, has been appointed assistant superintendent. We are glad to see him back on the division.

Bro. Quisenberry on sick list relieved by Sister Dickerson.

Bro. Bales, London, was off a few days on account of his wife undergoing an operation. We are glad to hear that she is recovering. Mrs. Proctor is also convalescing, and Bro. Proctor is back on the job again.

Sister Taylor has taken Lilly agency, Bro. Reed going to Helena.

You can't expect much of a write-up this time as Bro. Galloway keeps ringing the telephone to see if I am awake, besides the fish are biting and I am right now due on the river

E. L. DAVIS, L. C.

**"EK" Division—**

Some of the brothers and sisters have had the "flu" recently, causing a few changes. Sister Combs being relieved by Sister Polly; Bro. Redmond by Bro. Whitt; Bro. Reese was also on the sick list a few days, relieved by Bro. E. S. Whisman.

Bro. L. S. Whisman has been reinstated. We are all glad to see him back again. He relieved Bro. Robinson while on a visit to his home in Ohio.

Sister May displaced Sister Combs on second "FC;" Bro. Hemphill to O. & K. Junction, vice Bro. Fugate, who displaced Sister Polly on second "JN," and was later relieved there by Bro. Creech.

We regret very much to announce the death of Sister Artie Banks of Whitesburg, Ky., after a brief illness of influenza. All with whom she was in daily contact are deeply grieved over her demise. The members furnished a beautiful floral wreath for her funeral.

We also deeply regret to announce the death of the little daughter of Bro. Hall, second "BX," being relieved by Bro. Howerton, while at the bedside of his dear little one.

Watch out for your "31s" and "19s," and whatever you do don't overlook one; and, brothers, whatever you do don't overlook any of the nons either. DIV. COR., CERT. 893.

**Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.**

**Columbia Division—**

Our last meeting in Columbia was one of the best we have had since we were organized. Although the crowd was small it was called for the purpose of discussing how we should handle the returning soldiers, and it was decided that seniority should rule, affecting the men so displaced.

We also discussed how to best show our brotherly love and affection to our deceased brothers, having had two cases to deal with recently. We should protect them with all due respect, and not give the entire division the trouble to subscribe according to one's feelings. I have had something in the journal before, requesting that you let me hear from you on the subject.

I argued it to some extent at the meeting, and it was agreed that we establish a local fund of \$300 for this purpose, and after it has been raised, then the dues should stop. We want to start it with one dollar a member for the first two months, then continue with whatever amount the May meeting

would decide on to raise it to the \$300 mark.

Now, I want to hear from all of you, if favorable or not, and also why it should be established or should not be established. The Conductors and Trainmen have this kind of a fund here, and I know from actual experience the benefit of it. When a member dies \$150 is sent the family at once. This is a great help; usually we do not look for death, and it comes when we least expect it.

We will meet at Columbia, S. C., May 18, 1919, just as soon as we get the brothers from Nos. 8, 134, 35 or 31 together, which will be about 11 a. m. If any A. C. L. or S. A. L. brothers may chance to get in we would like for them to be with us.

J. B. ELKIN, Local Chairman.

**Murphy Division—**

A very interesting meeting was held at Waynesville, Sunday, April 6th, with fifteen members present. Several important things were handled. We were glad to have this number present, but there were several more who could have been there by making a little effort. It is the duty of every member to take an active interest in promoting the welfare of the organization—and especially remember the watchword: "No card, no favors."

I am not receiving any notes, boys, and it is very hard to get out a write-up without your assistance, as I haven't time to listen to the wires to find out when a fellow gets off. Help me out.

CERT. 664.

**Main Line Asheville Division—**

Bro. Pearson has returned from army, bid in third Nebo, later cut off, when he displaced Bro. Glendown, first Coleman, who displaced Bro. Smathers to extra board. Williams returned from the army, bid in third Oldfort.

Bros. J. E. and F. A. Bishop, from the navy and army, are on their old jobs again, and Bro. Graham has returned from navy. We are all glad to see "Clumsey" back again.

Bro. Cy Frazier bid in first Azalea, and Bro. Lail, cut off third Nebo, displaced Sister Jenkins, third Azalea.

Ross Frazier is doing extra dispatching.

Third Drexel cut off, displaced Bro. Moose, who displaced Bro. Bright, displacing Bro. R. E. Patton, third Bridgewater, who displaced Bro. Merman, third Ridgecrest.

The non on second Ridgecrest and one on Dendron, second, are still making excuses. "No card, no favors."

Sister Wilkinson assigned first Greenlee over a non; that is the right way to handle the "bit."

Sister Nell Graham is relieving on first Morganton, and Bro. Peck is at "XO" extra.

Bro. Pat Moore is relieving Bro. Morgan third Swannanoa.

We should have a 100 per cent division now, as the raise gives us about \$130 a month, leaving no excuse for any one not getting a card. Very few drew less than \$90 to \$100 back time.

"TOXAWAY," Cert. 2056.

*Memphis Division—*

Bro. Dugan, first Sheffield, while on sick list relieved by Bro. Boyett, who also relieved Bro. Bowen, Grand Junction, while sick and moving; and Stuart, extra, relieved Bro. Rosson, second there, while sick.

Bro. Miller, agent Moscow, relieved a few days by Extra Smith, and Bro. McCluen, third Sheffield, by Evans while visiting Memphis.

Bro. Grant, just back from France to third Grand Junction, vice Bro. Bowen, to agency Normal, vice Bro. Cooper Hunt, to third Gurley, vice Sister Morrison to third Middleton, vice Bro. Mayhew to second Cypress.

Bro. Knox, Division 61, relieved by Vickroy, has returned to work at Decatur.

Third Cypress abolished. Bro. Ash and Bro. Mayhew to first and second there, each working eight hours.

Sheffield Junction also abolished. Bro. Hickey, first, rolled Stuart extra to second Florence. The other two men were not operators.

Bro. Miller, second Moscow, on sixty days' leave, relieved by Sister Walters.

Extra Dispatcher Thompson relieved Dispatcher Moss while he and wife visited their wounded son at Charleston, S. C., hospital.

New Sheffield Yard office opened March 11th; main line sounders being used, the operators are having trouble to keep them adjusted.

Bro. Thompson, extra dispatcher, was a recent Memphis visitor.

Chief Dispatcher Ennis went to Decatur recently and joined the Shriners.

Bro. Willis spent Sunday recently with his family in Tennessee.

Bro. McCluen, third Sheffield, has returned from a visit to Memphis.

Bro. Jester, Middleton, visited home folks at Henderson, Tenn., recently.

"SY," Cert. 588.

*Santa Fe Ry., Div. No. 61.*

*Rio Grande Division—*

This is probably the first time in more than eighteen years that a "write-up" has been offered THE TELEGRAPHER from this division of the Santa Fe. The reason for this was obvious to most of the boys. Since then another generation of operators has come and gone, and the operator of today is not the same as yesterday. I, myself, can tell a marked difference, even in the last nine years, having worked for the Santa Fe. in 1910. Then those of us who had cards were very particular where we kept them, and

who saw them. The boys who were able to respond to the pass words, wire tests, etc., were few and far between, a feeling of fear seemed to pervade the very atmosphere and surroundings where we worked, and the manager or wire chief seemed to feel that the principal thing for which he was paid was to ferret out those who had cards or had in time past been "indiscreet" enough to have one. For this reason the employees in our class of service were a little slow to "take hold." When our organization was in its "infancy" my letters and numerous invitations to come in were met with a very cold reception by some, but gradually they have come in one by one, until at the present time our division is well above the 90 per cent mark with good prospects of 100 per cent.

Among the first to come in were Sister Knight, second Rincon; Bros. Mize and Andreas, "YD" Albuquerque Yard; G. B. Haverty, third "YD," was a worthy brother when we acquired him, coming here from the New Mexico Division, so was Bro. McCabe, third Isleta. We like to get you boys when you have the up-to-date.

In fact it is brothers and sisters on almost every job on the division now, and I would like to mention each of your names, but space forbids.

Bro. G. B. Haverty, "YD" Post Office, Albuquerque, N. M., has been appointed Assistant Local Chairman, and will be glad to assist you in any way. Bruce is a "live wire," and quite a speed merchant with the "bug," but don't be afraid of him, he is just a little red-headed Irishman, and very tame once you get to know him real well.

Will some of the brothers and sisters please send some news and this will be more interesting next time.

B. G. YOUNG, Local Chairman.

*Albuquerque Division—*

Local Chairman High, while with the General Committee in Albuquerque, was relieved by Bro. Macey from Frisco, later relieving Bro. Wonders a few days on a visit to Rio Puerco.

Bro. Scott, who relieved Hopkins, first Gallup, a few days while visiting his family in Los Angeles, later went to Grand Canyon.

Bro. T. F. Sullivan, Wingate, who relieved Agent Kirsch several days, later went to Grand Canyon second.

Bro. L. B. Durant, who relieved Agent Bro. T. J. Lancaster at Thoreau several days on account of sickness, later relieved Sister Eubanks, who went to Winslow.

The general committee convened at Albuquerque, March 31, and elected Local Chairman High assistant to the general chairman for the Coast Lines. Now do all in your power to help him out.

General Chairman Currie wired Bro. High, April 15, that prospects were bright for having our schedule signed and put into effect shortly. Everything progressing nicely.

Bro. H. F. Pearson, from Los Angeles, is on second Winslow; Bro. C. E. Archibald vice Bro. H. O. Griggs from Needles relay on third Winslow.

Sister Lela Warren has returned to first Laguna, after a severe attack of the influenza.

Bro. Weidman is back on the first district.

Bro. E. A. Newman, a new man, is on third Ash Fork, vice Crawford resigned.

Bro. Fredericks, from Joseph City agency, goes to first Wingate; vice Bro. Weidman to third there; vice Bourgnignon to third Perea; vice Bro. Aery to third Canyon Diablo.

Ticket Agent Krueger Winslow to agency Wingate, vice Edminson second there.

Ralston agent Grants bumped Bro. Romeo from second to third Grants, vice Sister Taylor on vacation East.

Sullivan is back from the colors to third Chambers.

Thanks to the brothers who helped me out on this write-up. "FN," Cert. 350.

#### *Arizona Division—*

Sister London has returned to Peach Springs; Sister Bigoness now relieving Sister Young on third there.

Bro. Jackson has returned from the Army to second Yucca, Gunther taking third, vice Bro. Forgey, also recently returned from the Army, who went to second Topock, vice Bro. Springer to third there, vice Bro. Dearing to third Hackberry, vice Sister Price to Truxton, vice Bro. Slayton to extra list.

Brother Groenke, also just returned from the Army, to first Ludlow, vice Bro. Gilmore to second, vice Bro. Jones to third, vice Bro. Blake to third Cadiz, vice Bro. Hinkle to extra list.

Bro. Brown, chief clerk, returned to telegraph service to second "NA" Needles, vice Bro. Rushton to third Kingman, vice Bro. Spencer to second Drake, vice Bro. Lewis to first there, vice Bro. Lane to extra list. Later Bro. Gilmore went to second Kingman, vice Bro. Spencer to third, vice Bro. James to second Ludlow, Bro. Hinkle working Ludlow swing.

Sister Bowers returned from leave of absence, bumped Sister Luellin, Franconia, to third Walapai, vice Sister Mary Trenkle, who went to Los Angeles and got married. We wish her much happiness and extend our most hearty congratulations.

Bro. Weinstock Daggett relieved 10 days by Bro. Mickle, extra Sister Turk, Fennr. relieved a few days by Bro. Henkle, who later relieved Bro. Howell, second Goffs, a month, and Bro. Maler, first "NA," to Los Angeles four days.

Bro. Owens, Klondike, relieved a few days by Sister Alderson, extra. Bro. Northrup first Kingman, off sick, relieved by Bro. Slayton, extra.

Sister Lewis returned after a long illness to second Lavie, vice Sister Otto to third Peach Springs, vice Sister Bigoness to extra list.

Bro. Hoxie, agent Searchlight, off with "flu," relieved by Bro. Wagner, relief agent, who later relieved Sister Plumbe, agent Lavie, 20 days.

Bro. Tom Morgan to second Bagdad, vice Bro. Barton to first trick londike, vice Bro. Owens to second, vice Sister Evans back to third, vice Sister Alice Trenkle to extra list.

Bro. Behrens, second trick wire chief, who relieved Mgr. Lewellyn, "NS," a week on account of the death of his wife, was relieved by Bro. Griggs, relieved by Bro. Doty from "DS."

Bro. Drum, third Yampai, now has his wife with him and says life is worth living once more.

Bro. Best, local chairman, who went to the Albuquerque meeting to elect officers, etc. stopped off at Yampai on his return to confer with our ex-local chairman, Bro. Frank

Bro. Gleason, Barstow, was off a few days owing to the illness of his son.

We are solid on this division with the exception of one agent and one operator on the first district, and one agent third district. Bro. Best, local chairman, offers a gold emblem O. R. T. ring to anyone who can land any of these nons, and says it looks like a safe bet at that.

We have been called upon to pay a special assessment of \$5, which we trust every member will do promptly. You may rest assured that you will get good returns for your money. We are going to keep hammering away until we get a schedule, and it takes money to send committees around over the country looking after this. Don't hesitate, but "jar loose" from that five bucks, pronto and you will feel better after it is over with. Also send Bro. Best, Barstow, 50 cents each toward the purchase of a mimeograph. He needs it badly and will keep us posted as to what is transpiring if we do this, otherwise he cannot do so. Attend to these things promptly, for it is no more than our plain duty.

"73." T. E. B.  
Cert. 1814.

#### *New Mexico Division—*

The Trinidad O. R. T. Club has been launched and next month we hope to tell what has already been accomplished.

A joint meeting held in Trinidad Saturday evening, April 12, was well attended by members from the C. & S., D. & R. G., and Santa Fe.

Bro. Anderson has appointed me correspondent of this division. I appreciate the

appointment because I am anxious that we should be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and I hope you will all give me your valuable assistance and comply with the request I made for notes.

Bro. Plant, formerly at Wooton, now with the C. & S. at Ludlow, drops around to see the boys occasionally.

Bro. E. A. Pascoe, relieved on second Starkville by yours truly, went to Santa Fe freight house.

Bro. Holt was relieved on third Starkville by Upperdine, now out of the service, relieved by Bro. Pascoe at Kochler Junction.

Bro. Sullivan, an old Santa Fe man, relieved Geishler on third Gallinas.

Bro. McGuin, third Jansen, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Stockdale.

K. E., Cert. 2693½.

#### *Valley Division—*

Bro. Gandy, displaced on third at Antioch by Bro. Foley returning from Army, bumped Bro. Marley second Kismet to extra board, and Bro. F. L. Brown, displaced on first "NH" by Bro. Parachini returning from Navy, displaced Bro. Sisson, third Bay Point, to extra. Langill, back from 14 months' service in France, immediately filled out the necessary and took his old place at Denair, displacing Bro. Henderson, who bumped Bro. Hal Robinson, first "RK," who bumped Bro. Comstock from second there.

Towerman Bro. Phelan, Stockton tower, off sick, Bros. Morris and Crane doubling.

Sister Page, displaced at Antioch, is going back to Missouri, and Sister Stoffers has gone with the W. U. at Los Angeles.

Bro. Bravo handles the pumping station at Allensworth, thereby enlarging his pay check, since the pumper was taken off.

Bro. Purkett has recently come back to work after a very hard siege of sickness.

F. L. C., Cert. 64.

#### *Slaton Division—*

Bro. McBride, for some time acting agent at Kress, is back at regular relief work again, Bro. Sefton taking that agency, succeeded at Floydada by Bro. Shockey from Eastern lines.

Bro. Craft, Lorenzo, to second Littlefield, vice Bro. Henderson to Justiceburg agency, vice Bro. Mitchell resigned. Bro. Goodson, second Snyder to first Lamesa.

A successful meeting was held at Lubbock, April 13, various important subjects discussed, everybody present having the real O. R. T. spirit. They were: Sisters Miller, Blair, Martin and Parr, and Brothers Haynes, Ward, Cundiff, McBride, Todd, Blair, Shelton, Hart, Keys, Miller and Street, and C. T. U. Thomas and Gartman. Asst. Local Chairman Gartman presided, owing to Local Chairman Hardy's illness. Everybody had

such a good time that they are anxious to come to the next meeting and bring a brother or sister along, when we expect to have Bros. Curry and Patton with us.

It is now Bro. Rowden, agent Lamesa. Get after those "nons." Every branch line on this division is 100 per cent; let that be an example to the main line.

Sorry to learn that Bro. White, Littlefield, is laying off on account of poor health.

Send me a few notes so we can keep our division on top, and remember: "No card, no favors."

GARTMANN,  
Cert. 205.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Bro. L. A. Wolverton, after undergoing an operation in Topeka Hospital, is now at home and expects to return to work shortly in "NR" Emporia. Bro. Bobo, who has been relieving in "NR," is now relieving Bro. Tripp at Lawrence, who is on vacation.

General Secretary-Treasurer Patton, General Chairman Currie and Assistant General Chairman Braun have returned from a conference with representatives of the Regional Directors. We hope to have our schedule in effect very shortly.

Don't fail to remit your special assessment and keep your membership dues up. It will be necessary for us to stand solidly together if we are to succeed.

CERT. 197.

#### *Relay Office, Illinois and Missouri Division—*

It is now Bro. Tucker, the lineman, and we are now one hundred per cent strong.

Operator Herbst, first Shopton, relieved a few days by Bro. Goodwin, Ft. Madison.

Local Chairman Sullivan, of Streator, Illinois division, out to Albuquerque attending the meeting, on his return stopped and introduced himself.

Mrs. Hugh Johnson, agent Kenwood, Mo., returned to work recently, after a siege of the "flu."

CERT. 295.

#### *C. N.-O. & T. P. Railway—*

Bro. F. Mason, recently discharged from the Army, after calling on friends and relatives at Robbins, returned to his old job, "G" Cincinnati.

Bro. R. S. Voiles spent several days in the Queen City.

W. B. Madden and bride spent their honeymoon North. He promises, now that he has a wife, to get a card shortly. See that he don't forget. Also see that the new men coming on the road have cards. If not, get busy with them.

Bro. Caywood Pemberton, suffering from typhoid, has not yet passed the danger point.

The notes Bro. Ritch promised to send me failed to materialize. I hope to get them

by the 20th; also some from the other members in time for next journal.

*Alabama Great Southern R. R.—*

Sulphur Springs and Fort Payne second; all three tricks at Tannehill Jct., and third Moundville closed. Rising Fawn second and three tricks at Dowdell opened.

Bro. F. G. Hawlitt is back on second Boligee from Rochester, Minn., much improved in health after having a severe operation performed there.

Bro. W. J. Loyd, agent Hulls, has returned from vacation.

Bro. T. J. Gray is relieving Bro. Smith on second Tuscaloosa.

The new Sunday service has been put into effect, closing several offices entirely and reducing it to three and four hours at others. The train register at York also has been discontinued.

CERT. 974.

*A. & W. P. & W. of Ala., Div. 63.*

I want to thank every member for the confidence placed in me by electing me as one of your representatives, and I will serve you to the best of my ability.

Hogansville and Chehaw were recently made two-trick offices and Vandiver Park telegraph office abolished; Bro. Whitehurst to the relief job, vice Bro. Brewer to second Hogansville, and Bro. Watts to second Chehaw.

Bro. Hicks, Newman, while visiting relatives in Alabama, was relieved by Abrams, from the C. of Ga.

Bro. and Mrs. O. B. Chandler, Palmetto, recently visited relatives in Opelika.

Bro. Mason, West Point, relieved a few days by W. P. Rickard.

Only one item received. Remember, no news, no write-up.

J. A. KIRKLAND, G. S. & T.

*Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 70.*

*Sioux City Division—*

We failed to get our write-up into St. Louis in time for the last TELEGRAPHER.

Our March meeting was held in the G. A. R. Hall, Yankton. Owing to a wreck at Garretson the attendance was small, but we had an interesting session. Bro. Knudtsen acted as chairman and Bro. Phillips as secretary.

Twenty-six were present at the Sioux City meeting, April 13th. Bro. Olsen read our new schedule to us and explained each article, so there should be no misunderstanding of any of the rules. These meetings are getting better every month, and you are missing something fine by not being there.

The Sioux City Telegraphers' Club was recently organized, with Bro. Phillips of the Great Northern as president, Sister Blanchard of the C. St. P. M & O. as vice-presi-

dent, and Bro. Pat Knowles of the Illinois Central as secretary. Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month. All you need to join is an up-to-date card and one dollar.

It keeps Bro. Phillips at "SX" Sioux City rather busy since second closed there to handle the business alone all day. We can help him by having car reports ready so that he will not have to call to get them.

Fifty-three have donated to our floral fund. If you have not, please send 25 cents to R. A. Phillips, 710 Douglas St., Sioux City. This is a good thing and everyone should help it along.

We expect to publish a non list next month, but we should be able to land the few left before that time.

Bro. Carlson has been promoted from relief agent to extra dispatcher, vice Trusdale, now with the C. & N. W.

CERT. 1331.

*Willmar Division—*

Bro. F. J. Winne, Minneapolis, was elected delegate to the St. Louis convention; Bro. H. H. Steen, Kerkhoven, alternate, and F. A. Olson, Willmar, chairman. Assistant local chairmen appointed, by districts: Bro. Bergfolk, Litchfield, first; Bro. Morton, Tintah, second; Bro. Ridgewood, Willow Lakes, fourth; Bro. Kretchman, Districts Rutland seventh and eighth; Bro. M. N. Johnson, division correspondent, Hancock.

Our new schedule has been signed and will be distributed as soon as received from the printer. This is the first schedule we have had since 1905. Let's make our 90 per cent membership 100 per cent and maintain it, so the legality of representation by our committee will not be questioned, enabling us to secure a better one next time. The granting of Supplement No. 13, with increased wages, should be sufficient to prevent any member from becoming delinquent, and leaves no excuse for anyone to make that he is unable to join our movement for still better conditions, determining our rates of pay and working conditions.

A joint meeting of the W. & S. F. of the Soo Division and Willmar Division was held at Watertown, Wednesday evening, April 9. General Chairman Johnson explained the new schedule and how hard the committee worked to get it. Twenty members were present.

Bro. Ellis is back as agent DeGraff after serving several months in the Army.

Geo. Kuntz, after serving "Uncle Sam" eighteen months, is back at "WD" and promises to take out a card pay day.

Otto Kopp is back from the Army on his old job as relief agent.

The sincere sympathy of the members of the division is extended to Bro. S. A. Thorne and wife, who lost their daughter after a serious operation at the Watertown hospital.

About a dozen operators were laid off account reductions in forces at various points.

CERT. 281.

#### Breckenridge Division—

It is now Bros. A. P. Anderson, Karlsruhe, N. D.; Harvey Benson, towerman, Hanaford, N. D., and Sister Myrtle Kurtz, Pillsbury, N. D. Prospects are good now for getting all the towermen in, as we have had their salaries raised to 48c or more an hour, an eight-hour day and a 26-day month.

Assistants on this division are: Bros. S. A. Anderson, Casselton, N. D., between Dwight and Kempton; R. H. Hemmesch, Page, N. D., Aneta Line; K. A. Hetlund, east end, and F. B. Benedict, Guthrie, N. D., for west end of the Survey Line; Bro. A. E. Shaw, Breckenridge, Minn., correspondent. Keep your assistant local chairman advised of changes and grievances and co-operate with him in every way. Keep Bro. Shaw advised of changes and other news items for THE TELEGRAPHER. We have had a write-up nearly every month. This magazine costs you money. See that you are represented in it by sending Bro. Shaw any news you think would be of interest to the other members.

A. O. OLSEN, L. C.

#### Breckenridge Division Notes—

All articles must be signed, giving the certificate number of the writer. The last write-up was returned to Bro. Olsen for signature, consequently we had a very short write-up for April. Send me all the items you can.

Bro. Score is back from the Army as agent at Selz. He is enthusiastic over the work the Order has done since his absence and will soon take out a new card. He displaced Bro. Bollum at Selz.

Bro. Lindquist, Erie, is reported seriously ill at Fargo; also Bro. Whisenand's father, and the wife of Bro. Kurtz, of Pillsbury; latter in the hospital. Bro. Kendrick, agent New Rockford, was in Fargo recently, owing to the illness of Mrs. Kendrick, now completely recovered.

Bro. Olson was in Breckenridge several times recently, but was unable to get up the F. S. Line.

Bro. LaNeu is back from the Army at Galchutt. We had an interesting talk with him while he was at Breckenridge. He will soon be lined up with a new card.

It is now Bro. Mohen at Norfolk tower. Bro. Bennidict, Guthrie, is sure lining them up.

Bro. Haley is back at New Rockford, having been called to Havre on account of the serious illness of his father, who is now convalescing nicely.

Sister Gladys Haley, Durbin, has received news of the serious illness of her father.

Sister Schmeckle relieved Bro. Hales at

"KD," relieved by Miss Robbins, Sutton, at Grace City.

The entire division grieves with Bro. Skorheim, Grace City, owing to the recent death of his mother. Our sympathy is also extended to Bro. Oeland, Portland, on account of death in his family, Mrs. Oeland relieving him several days.

Bro. Anderson of Hope and Bro. Heuer of Kloten were in St. Paul in the interest of the company in a lawsuit, latter relieved by Bro. Burns.

Bro. Childs, Wahpeton tower, went to Rochester to undergo an operation, relieved by H. Yates, recently returned from France, a son of Bro. Yates, third Wahpeton tower. We hope for Bro. Childs' speedy recovery.

A. E. SHAW, Cert. 315,  
Breckenridge, Minn.

#### Minot Division—

I wish to thank the brothers who supported me for local chairman and delegate, and assure you I will make every effort to meet the requirements expected of me. Bro. L. A. Warner was elected alternate. Assistant local chairmen appointed: G. E. Gifford, Third, Fourth and Sixth Districts; E. F. Meier, Berwick, First District; L. L. Berge, Berthold, N. D., Ninth and Tenth Districts. A. B. Baker, Bantry, N. D., division correspondent.

We will hold a meeting in Minot in the near future and I hope every member that can will be there, as there is some important business to transact.

A few more applications will make our division solid.

C. V. VANCE, L. C.

#### Minot Division Notes—

Bro. L. A. Fleming, Williston, at Minot, having his eyes examined, stopped off at Stanley over Sunday to visit old friends.

A joint meeting of this and Montana Division will be held shortly at Williston, when we can have the general chairman and G. S. & T. with us. Date will be announced later.

Helper Keller, Crosby, is now agent at Stampede.

Bro. Wilkins is back on "DX" third from the Army; also Ticen; latter to Blaisdell agency.

Ernest Thompson succeeds assistant chief clerk at Minot, Langford, who has gone to Willmar Division as chief clerk.

Bro. Seldon, agent St. John, was off about ten days, attending his father's funeral.

Local Chairman Vance, formerly at Granville, is now on third White Earth.

Bro. Halmberg relieved Bro. Gifford at Bottineau; Bro. Oty is relieving Bro. Monson at Barton, and Bro. Spafford is relieving Bro. Walton at Landa.

Boys, keep after Pollock, at Bossivain. He has had repeated invitations to come in.

There are also some other nons on the division to be worked on, and remember, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1478.

*Montana Division—*

Remember our slogan: "Montana Division 100% strong."

Bro. Knights, Fairview, on a trip back east, relieved by Bro. Newell.

The local chairman recently secured 18 new members. Let's jump in and do our part by talking to that man who works beside us.

Send your news to Bro. McClung, Watford City, in time so the notes can be arranged and reach St. Louis before the 25th.

Please send 25 cents to Bro. Clark, at Chinook, for the floral fund, at once.

Those who did not attend the agents' meeting at Havre, March 23rd, missed one of the best ever held. Interesting and instructive talks were given by General Supt. Smith, Auditor of Station Accounts Smith, Federal Auditor Barnes and many others, and the fight between the badger and the bull dog was the best ever.

Bro. Plank relieved Bro. Fox, Flaxville, who was called to Spokane on account of the serious illness of his father.

It is now Bro. E. B. Smith, relief agent, and Bro. Lane, at Madoc. Get after Warden at Poplar.

Bro. and Mrs. Albers, Alexander, N. D., are being congratulated over the arrival of a baby girl.  
"Mc." Div. Cor.

*Butte Division—*

In the passing away of Bro. Schuester, agent Cushman, our Order loses one of the hardest and most faithful workers, and we all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister Schuster. Cushman station is being filled by Relief Agent Bro. Kessler.

Bro. Stoner, Belmont, off with another bad case of "flu," is being relieved by Bro. James, relieved at Craig, by Lamphere of P. D.

Bro. Woodhull, Silver, is being relieved by one of our old-timers.

Bro. Kemp is reported to have taken the "flu" again for the third time.

We have received the back time awarded by Supplement No. 13 and have more coming, which can be best invested in a card in our Order. Without cards no Order, and without the Order no back time. Get a card.

CERT. 417, M. C.

*Kalispell Division—*

Bro. Larson, Whitefish relay, is now on second Whitefish depot.

Sister Swanburg relieved Bro. McCormick, at Glacier Park, on a trip to Kalispell. Bro. Dickson, third Browning, was also in Kalispell recently.

Bro. Beckly, to Summit second, relieved by Bro. Walker, at Essex. Bro. Bowman, third Essex, caught 12 trout in one day recently.

It is now Bro. Simon Kenneth Beattie, at Libby.

Local Chairman Rundell now works second, Sister Montgomery transferred to ticket office on first Kalispell.

Brothers wishing a copy of the Seniority List for this division should apply to Local Chairman Bro. H. J. Dundell. This is the first one this division has ever had and its publication may do away with many apparent discriminations that have been a source of irritation in times past.

H. C. SEE, Cert. 1750.  
Kalispell, Mont.

*Cascade Division—*

Our meeting at the Central Labor Hall, Everett, Sunday, March 30th, was a success in every way. There were thirty-three brothers present. General Chairman Johnson gave a very interesting talk, explaining our new schedule.

We made arrangements for a regular monthly meeting the second Sunday of each month, starting in May.

Assistant local chairmen appointed are: Bro. Christopherson, Mukilteo, from Blaine to Seattle and Skagit Branch, vice Bro. Lucid, account Relay Division; Bro. Boggs, New Westminster, Blaine to Vancouver and Sumas Branch, vice Bro. Ubill resigned, going to the C. P. Commercial; Bro. Huston, Skykomish, Everett Junction to Leavenworth, vice Bro. Stewart, Jr., account Relay Division.

It is now Bro. Moore, third "D." Remember, it is: "No card, no favors" to the nons.

Sister Hudspeth was relieved a few days by Day, since resigned. Bros. Brower and Swenson also resigned recently.

Bro. Hinie Ackers is back from the service to agent "Sky," vice Bro. Bright to agent Rockport. Bro. Barrett back from the service to first "Sky," vice Bro. Todd resigned.

Bro. Galbreath was relieved 30 days by Sister Hollinshead.

Bro. Craig, while sick, was relieved by a C. P. man.

Bro. Anderson, from the Navy, who relieved Bro. Day a few days, also relieved Bro. Baker and Davies, resigned.

Send your notes to R. H. Van Dyke, Pac Ave. Frt., Everett.

"K" Cert. 1621, Div. 54.

*Minn. & St. Louis R. R., Div. No. 71.  
Central and Western Divisions—*

The brothers and sisters were grieved to hear of the death of Sister Nellie Myer, sec-

ond Montgomery, from "flu" and pneumonia. An O. R. T. wreath was sent to the funeral.

Bro. Wagstaff, Cedar Lake, relieved Bro. Koerner, at Hopkins, during several days' illness.

Bro. Hendrickson, New Richland, was a recent Waseca visitor.

Bro. Cheezig and family, at Jordan, have recovered from a bad siege of "flu."

Bro. Schroeder, agent Kilkenny, now has a helper, salary of \$40.00 a month.

Bro. Allen, agent Callender, is now cashier of a new bank there.

Bro. G. L. Carr, second Gowrie, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Boyle.

Bro. Sandmier will meet his brother from Division 126 at the St. Louis convention as both are delegates.

Don't give up until we land the few nons left and make it 100 per cent. Remember our slogan: "No card, no favors."

S. J. B., Div. Cor., Cert. 451.

#### **So. Pac. Ry., Atlantic Div. No. 72.**

##### **Victoria Division —**

Bro. Jimmie Hicks has returned from France and is now agent at Thomaston.

Bro. Glenn Harris, back from the Army, is now agent at Westhoff. He was married while in El Paso. Congratulations.

Bro. Montgomery is now our local oil magnate, having bumped Whitten at Damon Mound.

Life is what you make it, so is the O. R. T.

CERT. 118.

#### **Chicago & N. W. R. R., Div. No. 76.**

##### **Galena Division —**

The meeting at West Chicago, April 12th, was well attended. General Chairman Thomas and General Secretary and Treasurer Boyington delivered interesting addresses.

Bro. Mayer, Dundee, relieved on vacation, and Bro. Chas. Zadnichek relieved Sister Gilmour at Aurora second. CERT. 481.

##### **Madison Division —**

The general committee made a ruling that the brothers called to military service can reinstate by paying \$1.25 a month until June 30th. We would like to have every one of them reinstate.

Bro. Polzin, Lebanon, has our sympathy in the loss of his mother, who passed away at her home at Farrington, Wis. Miss Todd, who relieved him while away, later relieved Bro. H. A. Ramsdale, Mapleton.

Bro. Morgan, Sussex, while sick with the measles, was relieved by D. J. Kramer, just back from military service.

Bro. V. C. Martin, Clyman Junction, was relieved by J. G. Wermer.

Bro. Wyremek, Friesland, relieved Bro.

Hull, Adams yard, a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Brown, Shennington, has had the "flu" for the second time this year.

CERT. 11.

##### **Wisconsin Division —**

Bro. Anholt elected chairman and Bro. Strand is acting as correspondent. Submit your grievances to the former and your news items to the latter. Give Local Chairman Anholt all the assistance you possible can in making this division solid, and remember that the correspondent needs the help of the boys along the line in order to have a good write-up.

Two well attended and enthusiastic meetings were held at Milwaukee on March 23rd, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., respectively, with stirring addresses by General Chairman Thomas and Grand Secretary and Treasurer Boyington.

Bro. Castelli is back on third Skokie Junction after several months army service, relieving Bro. Clark while he was off with the chicken pox.

Bro. Strand, honorably discharged from military service, has resumed first Highland Park, vice Bro. Nelson, to North Chicago; Bro. R. K. Canary, to Hunting agency, succeeded on second Highland Park by Bro. Creighton, and he at Eden by Mr. Ender. Bro. Irwin from C. B. & Q., took third Valley, and Mr. Easterday, from the W. U. to third "GO."

The brothers left on this division subscribed liberally to "the World's Best Investment"—the Victory Liberty Loan—thus helping "Uncle Sam" to "finish the job."

CERT. 823.

##### **Members Nor. Wis. Division —**

Words are inadequate to express my thanks for the dandy desk, lamp and chair you presented me. It had been moved in after I left the office. I trust that I will be able to show my appreciation in the next two years as your chairman.

One of the new by-laws provides for each chairman to spend a few days covering his division. Directly after the convention I will do this division and give you all the information possible on Supplement 13 as it has been put into our present agreement.

Have delayed calling the Sunday meeting until the committee completes the new revision. Upon notice I hope every member will be present at this meeting.

Will some one kindly come forth and act as division correspondent.

P. L. HACKBERT.

##### **Peninsula Division —**

The item in the March number reading: "Sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Delaire" was a misprint, probably owing to the fact

that it read Bro. Delaire's "brother." It should have been "brother-in-law."

Bro. F. Ranger, Little Lake, while visiting relatives, was relieved by Bro. Perket, who also relieved Bro. Patrie, third Humansville, a few days; Bro. Narberg, second Stagul, several days by Bro. Jensen; Bro. Bandt, second Saunders, by H. J. Kell; Bro. La Londe, agent Loretto, by Bro. Laveau, second Vulcan, and he by Bro. R. L. Vachon, who relieved Bro. Moran, first Powers, several days.

Bro. and Mrs. E. T. Johnson, Norway, spent Sunday at home recently, his brother "Al" being at home on 30 days leave while the U. S. Battleship Rhode Island is making another round trip to Brest.

Bro. E. Koenig, Quinnesec, was a recent Norway visitor.

Bro. R. L. Vachon succeeds Bro. I. R. Nelson on second Brampton.

Bro. W. A. Roland and family visited relatives recently in Escanaba.

Bro. E. T. Johnson is the only one who sent me items for this write-up. Thanks! Come again.

J. E. RANGER.

#### *West Iowa Division—*

Bro. Palmer relieved service nights by Hefling from the C. R. I. & P., who later relieved Bro. Curran while in Chicago.

Bro. Lyman was off few days in March on account of the death of his brother. He has our sympathy.

J. F. Underwood has returned after an absence of several years and has been relieving Bros. Trigg and Hagan second and first Dunlap, Davis first Broadway and Lyman first Carroll.

Helpers have been taken off at Harlan and Audubon.

Bro. J. A. Haywood bid in Ogden third, and Bro. O. D. Harmon third; Denison latter pending return of Bro. Aricson who is with the army in Germany.

Bro. D. W. Conwell has resumed as agent at Grand Jct., after a six months' vacation, vice Bro. Matthews to extra list.

Bro. Lyman's wife has recently undergone two operations and we are pleased to report that she is steadily improving.

CERT. 450.

#### *Minnesota Division—*

Bro. A. J. Hummel, lap trick Tracy, relieved Bro. Dickerson, agent Lucas, two weeks when called away by the death of his father. The brother has our sympathy in his bereavement.

Sister Haugen, Springfield third, relieved a few days by Mrs. Slumberger.

Bro. A. M. Wentworth, agent Plainview, visiting Chicago and his old home at Gary, S. D., on his vacation. Bro. E. E. Johnson, Winona first side wire, relieved a few days by J. C. McNally. Bro. Niles Tracy, sec-

ond, relieved several days by Bro. A. J. Hummel.

Bro. E. C. Mielke is back from the Navy on Watertown first. We are all glad to welcome him home.

Bro. A. P. Murphy, Mankato, was in Winona on committee work several days recently.

Dispatcher Carroll, Winona, while on his two days' vacation visited his mother at Chatfield and his brother at St. Peter.

Bro. John Zeeches, Winona, was obliged to take his wife to the hospital there for two serious operations which we are glad to report were successful, and she is now convalescing.

Several of the night jobs closed recently, business being exceptionally light this spring.

Bro. Chadborn, Burdette second, while visiting relatives at Tracy, was relieved by Bro. Madsea from Kasson.

Whitcomb, recently returned from the Navy, went to Springfield second several days and then relieved Bro. Small, Walnut Grove second, a few days.

Bro. C. F. Leatherman took second Mankato, recently put on.

Assistant trainmaster's office discontinued April 1st, C. F. Prescott going back to Winona as chief dispatcher, vice T. M. Cassidy resuming as night chief.

Sister Curley, Marshall third, visiting her old home in Wisconsin recently, relieved by our new brother, Slumberber.

Bro. J. E. Allen, who lost his regular trick by reduction of force, is now extra dispatcher at Winona.

D. J. M.

#### *Black Hills Division—*

Sister Froman Harrison, third, who went to Lusk to have operation performed, has gone home to Deadwood, N. D., until she recovers. Relieved by Mrs. Steinman.

Bro. Townsend, off two months, having strained his back loading baggage, is now at Hay Springs, Bro. Taylor having returned to second Crawford from the Army.

L. B. Walters, out of service two years, went to Orin Jct. third until it was assigned to Ed Felch.

Sister Jessen, returned from vacation to Omaha, relieved Bro. Wood on Douglas second, several weeks, visiting his folks in Hay Springs.

Bro. Huffman relieved by Mr. Hendricks on Lusk third, is now with the Burlington at Hyannis.

CERT. 1925.

#### *Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.*

#### *Eastern Division—*

Remember regular meetings are held the last Saturday of each month, 8 p. m., in the Grand Army Hall over the Market House, Hagerstown, Md. Attend as many meetings as possible and assist in the great cause.

Officers installed for ensuing year: Chief telegrapher, C. R. Arnsperger; first vice-chief, J. E. McClain; second vice, J. S. McGlaughlin; past chief, K. H. Stover (temporarily filled by W. A. Clark); marshal, H. C. McCubbin; secretary and treasurer, D. O. Martin; inside sentinel, Geo. Hoover; outside, H. H. Cooper.

We voted to retain straight seniority, because we believe it stands for more strength, better protection and greater prosperity than any other clause.

Bro. Rawlings, owing to Government restrictions, requests that we cut down our write-ups all we possibly can. This will account for its brevity. CERT. No. 94.

#### Texas & Pacific R. R., Div. No. 88.

##### Rio Grande Division—

Returning from three months' committee work, Bro. Canafax, Fort Worth Division, and myself, covered the entire T. & P. system, and I am glad to report that we are 99 per cent strong and hope to shortly make it 100 per cent.

Bro. Chennault is appointed division correspondent. Please mail all notes and news items to him at Sweetwater.

W. M. JONES, L. C.

##### Rio Grande Division Notes—

Brothers and Sisters: In filing your bids be careful to show the date of entrance in service and get your bid in as soon after the bulletin is announced as possible so that Local Chairman Jones won't be crowded for time to get them straightened out.

Don't scratch your train orders and clearances. Keep up the standard requirements. Use good carbons so the lower copies will be plain. The safety of passengers, crews and equipment depends on the correct handling of orders.

Bro. Neidermier relieved at Van Horn several days by Extra Dispatcher Bro. G. W. Hamilton, who also relieved Bro. Corcoran at "BG," and Bro. Ferd Hamilton, "SW," who relieved Bro. Blalock on first, relieving Bro. Jones until called to Louisiana. Bro. Corcoran called on the boys at "SW" while off. We were glad to see him and will be glad to see any of the boys any time. Bro. Sharman, "MU," comes to "SW" quite often.

Bro. Beardon is relieving Bro. Knight on second "BD."

Bro. Hardesty is on vacation in Louisiana.

Bro. M. B. Pitzner is being relieved by Bro. Geisler, from the Eastern Division.

Bro. L. W. Pitzner, resigned, relieved by Bro. Pat Harrison on second "MY."

Bro. Taton relieved Bro. Baxter, agent Iatan, a few days on account of the death of his father.

The dispatchers are now taking their two days off each month, relieved by Kelly Hogg.

Don't forget that Mr. Gulley made \$15 a day for three days at the accident recently between Merkel and Tye, and see that he keeps his promise to join.

W. S. CHENNAULT, Div. Cor., Cert. 707.

#### Illinois Central R. R., Div. No. 93.

##### Wisconsin Division—

Sunday, April 13th, probably the most enthusiastic day meeting we ever had on this division, was held at Minonk with an exceptionally good attendance, every station between Clinton and Freeport being represented, with four exceptions. Both Sisters Mead and Unsbee honored us with their presence, and several members were accompanied by their wives and children, so it was on the order of a family reunion. Bro. Stocks, who never misses a meeting, was present, his wife carrying away the honors from Bro. Mumma and Sister Unsbee for having traveled the greatest distance, the two latter coming 200 miles.

The meeting was held in the Royal Theatre, and the management favored us by putting on two first-class pictures—"No Man's Land" and Fatty Arbuckle in "Out West"—for which a vote of thanks was extended.

Local Chairman Kelly presided, and in his review of conditions brought out the facts that the Wisconsin Division has a 96 per cent membership, with a local fund of \$45, fourteen members in the military service and a service flag with 205 stars, two of which are gold; that Division No. 93 has \$5,000 in Liberty Bonds and \$4,000 cash in its strong box.

Our genial secretary-treasurer, Bro. Shannon, gave a short but most interesting talk.

We were glad to see Mrs. Hehir out after a long siege of sickness.

Even the boys were not entirely overlooked. Bros. Owen and Voight were accompanied by their sons.

Mrs. Leith said she took "E. T." for better or worse, and if there was some of the better in sight she wanted her share, therefore she came.

Bro. Meziere "had to be shown" relative to Bro. Strand's right to bump him.

Bros. Barclay, Sibley, Hoffman, McGowan, Schilt, E. Hinrichs, Devaney, Shipper have all returned from military service and we are looking forward for the early return of the other brothers. Every returned man resumed his former position in accordance with the ruling we made to that effect, and those who have not yet returned we make the same guarantee. We would be ashamed to do less for them.

Bro. Carrithers is much elated over the safe return of his son, after a long time in the aviation service department, where he won honors as a Lieutenant.

Our next meeting will be held in Freeport,

after the convention, and after we have heard from our appealed cases to Washington, very likely some time in June. Due notice will be given and all should make a special effort to attend, as there will be much of importance to discuss.

"WANDERLUST."

*Louisiana Division—*

The death of Bro. J. F. Seab, agent Roseland, La., brought sorrow to the members of our division. He is the second to be called home from our ranks this year.

Bro. Ecker, first Yazoo City, is still in Memphis hospital, and Sister Addison is on vacation, relieved respectively by Bros. Spragin and Merkle.

Returned from the army: Bro. T. S. Akers, Jr., to temporary job at Ponchatoula, and Bro. Hood to Gennessee agency, vice Bro. Boudousqui, to Roseland, pending assignment.

Bro. A. K. Ellzy, cut off second "MO" McComb, took Madison, vice Bro. Page, to extra list.

Second and third Manchac abolished, Bro. Bogue remaining as agent, Bros. Akers and Tucker going on vacation before bumping somebody.

New members: M. T. Gracy, ticket agent McComb, and A. R. Arnold, ticket agent Brookhaven.

Bro. Erringer, second Orleans Jct., relieved a few days by Bro. Berry.

Bro. Boddie, third Canton, says Seattle went dry before the last convention and St. Louis will be dry after this one. He was campaign manager for our delegate. Must have it in for St. Louis.

Sister Furlow and Bro. Spragins will visit the convention. Wonder if that signifies anything.

Bro. C. C. Wilson and a young lady of McComb visited old Kentucky not long ago and came back married. "CN" is some speeder on the wires now, but it don't get him home any earlier. CERT. 2083.

*Tennessee Division—*

Bro. E. Cummings, Frogmoor, on three weeks' vacation, visited several important places before his return.

Bro. D. D. Murphy to Bradford agency, Bro. A. C. Allen, Covington nights, relieving.

Bro. T. L. Allen, "U" Fulton, relieves the dispatchers for their two days each month.

Dispatcher Alvey, Fulton, was off several weeks recently, relieved by Bro. Briggs; Bro. Dunn, "FU," doing report work.

Bro. "Shorty" Wilson is doing some good work on the Birmingham District. Relieved Bro. McClure, Corinth, two weeks; the writer, Frogmoor, while doing extra dispatching, and Bro. Cummings at "YD."

Agents on Birmingham District are taking their vacations. Bro. Osborn, Hodges,

and Bro. Elledge, Belont, were relieved by Agent Burroughs.

No news, no write-up.

G. C. D.

**Chicago G. Western Ry., Div. No. 96.**

We have been informed that two of our members on second and third trick at a station between Kansas City and Des Moines are teaching students. They evidently do not realize the obligation they took.

We are very sorry to learn of the long illness of Bro. Bradshaw, agent Shannon City, and we hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Hosey is now on third at Conception. We hope that he will be able to get operator "O" on first to make good his many promises to join.

The four members on the division who have not paid their dues yet should remit at once. We aren't done yet, we have just got started; pay up before it is too late.

Keep after the three "nons" at St. Joe (Shops) who are not ashamed to take the money for nothing. Some of the brothers on north end try to induce Agent Going at Fairbank to join.

Some of the interpretations regarding Sunday and holiday work reads in part: "When assigned to work on Sunday and holidays they will receive eight hours pay for it." Don't worry, brothers, you will get full pay for your short Sundays before long.

Your committee met with the general superintendent May 8th for a revision of schedules.

Brothers, get that "non" you are working with; don't let him rest a minute until you have landed him. Don't leave it to your chairman. You are helping yourself when you land a "non." We want to be 100 per cent by June 30th. Go after the levermen, and bear in mind absolutely: "No card, no favors."

CERT. 28.

Local chairmen elected are: A. L. Coleman, Kansas City, Kan., Southern Division; A. A. Kretz, Dubuque, Ia., Eastern Division; L. B. Anderson, Kirkman, Ia., Western Division, and D. G. Lynch, Hayfield, Minn., Northern Division. G. A. OTT. Secy. Deerfield, Ill.

*Eastern Division—*

Bro. J. C. Harris, Sycamore second, and wife, returned from vacation.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of our friend and brother, F. E. Lowe, agent Byron, Ill., a faithful member who always stood by the organization for the betterment of working conditions. He was the oldest member on the C. G. W. System, holding certificate No. 1, having transferred from the Grand Division in 1902. The division sent a wreath of flowers. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

Bro. Hudson has returned from the Southland and resumed third Elmhurst, Bro. Geo. T. Kack taking second, Sister Murphy going on the extra list. Hope she will soon be able to bid in something permanent.

Bro. Williams, third Chicago transfer, is on 90 days' vacation, which he will spend in Washington and California; relieved by Bro. J. I. McGee, who later bid in third "Z" Chicago, vice Bro. Durr, relieved.

Only one delinquent on this division. Expect him to be in good standing shortly.

Any desiring seniority list, Eastern Division, apply to Bro. A. A. Kretz, local chairman, Dubuque, Ia.

**Extra Dispatcher C. M. Pennybacker, East Stockton,** has returned to the Southern Ry.

Bro. J. Cotton, agent Virgil, and wife, called to Kentucky account death in family, have returned.

Bro. Richardson, mustered out of the army recently, has resumed as agent at Richardson.

The 13th Engineers, A. E. F., sailed from Bordeaux, France, for U. S. A. April 13th.

Bro. J. P. Conroy, agent Clare, spent a day in Chicago recently. GEO. A. O'H.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. Thorson is back at Vincent again after a few days' sickness.

W. F. Hogan, relieving Mayers, "CO" Bluffa, a few days account sickness, promises his membership soon. Don't let him forget, and keep after Mayers also.

Bro. Lynch, of Moorland, was shopping at Ft. Dodge March 29th.

Harlan has been made three tricks. Bro. L. J. Duke awarded first, others not yet assigned.

It is now Bro. Hine at Gilliat, who is past 70 years. "Young" and "one of the boys" yet. We all welcome him to our ranks.

Every agent in our schedule is now a member, but there are a few "non" operators out. Wilson, Mason City; Mayer, at "CO" Bluffs; Mrs. Miller, at Somers, and possibly one or two more. Brothers, try to line up those nearest you. Ferris, at Hampton, another "non," is a good scout, and with the proper invitation would probably join. Try him.

Bro. Art Kinsman, who left Irwin about a year ago account of poor health, is back again.

"Pa" Morgan, at Irwin, is being congratulated on a new boy.

Our next meeting at Ft. Dodge, May 11, will be over before you read this, but kindly remember we want your attendance at all of them, as they are very beneficial.

G. R. HOISINGTON.

#### *Northern Division—*

I have been elected to succeed Bro. Norris as local chairman and wish to thank the brothers for the confidence they have placed

in me, and assure them that I will use my best efforts at all times in their behalf.

The Northern Division has not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER for the past few months, but will try and get a line on the changes and happenings over the division in its columns each month. Until I can secure someone willing to act as division correspondent would ask that all items of interest be forwarded to me at Hayfield before the 20th of each month. Would especially like to hear from the men on the W., M. & P Division, as they are separated from us as to wire communication and it is hard to keep a line on them.

Expect to be laying off during May and will try to see most of you.

B. G. LYNCH, L. C.

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#### **Los Ang. & S. L. R. R., Div. No. 111. Salt Lake Division—**

Bro. C. W. Neilson, agent Mammoth, has signed up Kirkpatrick, Agent Eureka, and McShane, agent Silver City. This makes the Tintic district 100 per cent.

Send in your special assessment dues immediately and help the cause along. Remember, the money is to pay for the committee that met and helped get our raise and working on the schedule.

Bro. Dumont is back on third "NY" again after several months' vacation, vice Bro. Pippy to Milford third a few days, now at Modena.

It will be only a short time now until our contract is signed up and everything adjusted. Have patience; when we get the schedule it will be worth while.

Bro. Nicholas has also returned from his vacation to first Lynndyl. Bro. King, displaced, is visiting his home in California.

H. L. Johnstone of Nephi, back from signal corp service, on second Delta. He promises to rejoin this month. Don't let him forget it.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Jerome "Judge" O'Neill back at second Lund.

C. G. BAILEY, Delta, Utah, Cert. 240.

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#### **Duluth S. S. & A. Ry., Div. No. 116.**

Bro. J. C. Eaton of Superior was called to Newark, Ohio, on account of the death of his mother, and while there his father was stricken with a paralytic stroke. Bro. Eaton has the sympathy of the entire division. He was relieved by Hawes, formerly at Ishpeming, recently discharged from the Army. He also relieved Bro. Plinkley of Allouez when called away on account of death.

Bro. A. J. Kroenecke of Covington is in Milwaukee undergoing treatment for his eyes.

It was decided at the meeting to give a banquet and entertainment to the boys who have been in the Army and Navy during the war. Bros. Danielson, Fish and Wubbena were elected as a committee to make ar-

rangements. All will be notified the place and date in plenty of time to arrange to be there to make this a success, and we expect every member on all the roads in this territory, including the Copper Range and M. M. & S. E., to do his bit and help to make the affair a success. If the committee, by mistake, should miss any of you, be sure and communicate with Bro. Danielson at Chassell, who will see that you are taken care of.

The only one that sent me any news this month was Bro. Eaton of Superior. Brothers, send me all the items you get hold of, or tell Bro. Casey at "G" office.

Brothers, keep after the few "nons" left. You are nearer to them than our officers and all fully understand that organization will mean a great deal more to us in the future than now. Help to make the division 100 per cent and keep it that way. Remember, "No card, no favors."

N. H.

#### Soo Line Ry., Div. No. 119.

##### Duluth-Superior Division—

Bro. Hazen, agent Holdingford, relieved during the month of March by the writer. Bro. Hazen, accompanied by his wife, took a trip to Cuba and enjoyed it very much. Have been working as relief agent for the past two months, now on second Iron Hub which opened April 1st; Sister Carlson on first, and Bro. Hidde, a new man, on third; Crosby yard office also expected to open soon.

Third tricks, "ON" and "FD," closed, Bro. Larson of latter relieving third trick man at "SA."

Bro. LeBlanc, agent Aitkin, visited in Madella recently several days.

Bro. Comstock has returned from the Army and will take back Aitkin agency shortly.

Sister Simpson, second "BF," relieved a few days by Miss Ingbrizen.

P. J. K., Cert. 1695.

#### Lake Erie & W. R. R., Div. No. 120.

##### I. & M. C. Division—

Since the election of Bro. Brickley at "GO" office to chairmanship, there has been a noticeable increase of members, which shows that all that was needed was some O. R. T. member to call on the "nons" and explain the necessity of being solidly organized to formulate a schedule that will have the endorsement of all to make it binding for future uncertainties. There are several ladies that a little effort would make good O. R. T. sisters. Now, when working with them, don't be afraid to ask them in, as their welfare is always considered, as well as the others.

Some notes promised by brothers at "GO" failed to materialize.

##### Peoria Division—

Bro. Denton resigned as chairman and is succeeded by Bro. Walker, who will look after the business in a capable and able manner.

Bro. Burt has returned from overseas service to third "RF" and has his up-to-date card already, making "RF" solid. It is also Bro. Williamson, third "ZN."

##### Sandusky Division—

Bro. Heighway of Bluffton is to be commended for his untiring efforts to make this division solid.

Bro. Wilch, studying at Indianapolis for the radio service, has gone to Coldwater.

##### F., W. C. & L. Division—

Brothers, get after the ladies and tell them the O. R. T. welcomes them to membership. Pass out your journals to be read.

##### Northern Ohio—

It seems we cannot get any notes from you. We know how you all stand by the generous way you subscribed to the contribution for our late Bro. Reagan. Send in some notes so all will know how things are progressing. The O. R. T. Victory Loan committees are finishing the job with all other organizations.

CERT. 78.

#### Lehigh Valley R. R., Div. No. 124.

Your general committee met the management at Bethlehem in regard to our schedule and came to an agreement on April 2nd. The schedule was signed up on that date and forwarded to the regional directors. We have secured a very good contract, the first we have ever had on this road, and we feel proud of it. Our organization is in fine condition and everyone is doing his best to make it as near perfection as possible.

We have 622 members, with dues paid to Dec. 31st, 1918, and 48 new members since Jan. 1st, 1919, making a total of 670. This shows that we are going forward in a way that should hearten us all to keep in good standing at all times and show another gain this year.

M. M. CRANE,  
General Secretary and Treasurer.

##### Lehigh and New Jersey Division—

Bro. Baden, displaced at third Penn Haven, went to third West Oak Island.

Bro. Harry McAndrews, home from the Government, has resumed his former position in Bethlehem Relay.

New members: Agents Bretz, New Market; Huber, Flemington; Tuxhorn, Bloomsbury, and Bro. Van Middlesworth, third Three Bridges.

We hope Bro. Zandt, Pittsburgh Tower, can make it one hundred per cent, convincing the "non" there that he is enjoying privileges received through the efforts of our organization.

Bro. Willenbecker and wife viewed the parade of the fighting 27th in New York City recently.

Bro. George Purcell is now on second Union street tower.

Bro. Berdy, second Mahoning tower, is not compelled to report weather conditions as was necessary while he was on third Greens Bridge.

Bro. Bartholomew, second Catawauqua, has taken second Packerton.

Bro. Johnny Lutz, second Leighton tower, makes a specialty of White Wyandottes, Fern Brook Strain, claiming 127 eggs from seven hens.

Relief Man Bro. Geo. Knittle is being congratulated upon a new arrival at his home.

Our schedule signed by General Manager Maquire, April 2nd, is something you will appreciate when you receive a copy.

Bro. Little has been reinstated through the efforts of General Chairman Leh, at Perth Amboy.

Bro. Myers, Bethlehem Relay, is captain of the bowling team representing the relay office.

We are getting ready for our annual baseball season and expect to start out as soon as the weather permits. CERT. 76.

#### *Mahoning and Hazleton Division—*

Freeland days reopened with Bro. Bill McHugh, returned from military service, on the job.

Locust Junction, previously filled by trainmen, now comes within the reach of telegraphers.

Bro. Jack Bitorf, a member of the safety committee, surprised the gathering at its monthly meeting by reading an exceptionally good paper on "Safety vs. Luck," showing that the operators have some gray matter after all.

Bro. John H. Becker, agent at Delano, fell beneath a box car moving from the freight transfer platform. A successful amputation of one of his legs was made at the Hazleton Hospital, but complications have arisen from other ailments and his condition is not very encouraging. News of the accident was learned with regret and the brothers extend him their sympathy.

The residence clause, formerly appearing on all bulletins advertising vacancies, is now absent. You may bid in for a job and be a commuter. Another credit for our Order.

Bro. Eugene Mundy is still at home with rheumatism. He has been idle several months, medical aid giving but slight relief.

CERT. 208.

#### *New York Division—*

The meeting called at 8 p. m., April 16th, at Draub Hall, 587 Ocean avenue, was only fairly well attended owing to heavy rain.

General Chairman Leh read our schedule, signed by him and Mr. Maguire on April 28. Everyone was so well pleased with it that a vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Leh and the general committee for their good work, and the boys are very glad to have it in effect. Local Chairman Moriarty of the C. R. R. said he wished the boys on that road had one as good, and we hope they will soon succeed in getting it. Remarks were made by several other brothers.

It was decided that we hold a regular monthly meeting every second Tuesday at this same hall, at 8 p. m. All the brothers are invited to attend these meetings.

The roster is being worked up by the officials and in a short time everyone will know where he stands.

CERT. 192.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

All interlocking plants except Manchester tower are solid, with Bro. Hanavan coming in last month at Niagara Junction.

Bro. Gebhard, extra "BF," also done "his bit."

Bro. Davidson disagreed with that four-flusher "non" at "FS," so Andy has a discolored optic and his position is closed. "Tuff luck." CERT. 263.

#### *Auburn Division—*

Our local chairman has circulated a paper for the benefit of Bro. Taylor at Cortland Junction, who has been in the hospital, operated on and is back home, doing nicely. We hope for his speedy recovery and that a generous amount will be subscribed.

Bro. Yontz was in Syracuse three days, relieved by Bro. Alling.

The seniority lists are out. If you are not in the right place advise within 60 days.

The committee has decided that if a soldier does not return until after January 1st, 1919, his dues shall be paid by the division for the ensuing six months. Those of us who have returned since January 1st certainly appreciate this favor greatly.

Bro. Cleveland has been elected a member of the "loss and damage" committee.

Regular meeting held at Sayre, April 9th, was well attended, but only three Auburn Division members were on hand. General Chairman Leh and Secretary Crane were present, and the former outlined our schedule, which was very much better than we anticipated.

CERT. 280.

#### *Wyoming Division—*

Bro. Lines, "J" tower, Pittston Junction, was off sick two days, relieved by Bro. Hartman.

We have all received our back pay and it came in handy.

Bro. Finnegan is now on Conway first, giving him lots of time to run his tin Lizzie.

It is now Bros. Fullagar and Correll at

"YG" tower, Pittston Junction, making it solid O. R. T. Keep after the few "nons" left and make the whole division solid.

We are glad to see Bro. Moughan back at Pittston.

A. W. KNECHT, Cert. 59.

**C. R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.**

*Chicago Relay Division—*

Bro. Harper, back from the war, is on the "howl" trick.

Bro. Lyons, our efficient night chief, was recently blessed with a third baby girl.

Friend, "PY," discharged from the Navy, has returned to work, will soon have an up-to-date.

Goodland—Bro. L. C. Harrison is filling the war vacancy. Bro. Schooler to Fairbury. We are all looking for Lieut. J. L. Powers back on second trick "WC" soon. Bro. L. C. Harrison goes to El Reno.

Bro. G. B. Snyder, who recently worked here, is in Missouri Pacific Hospital, St. Louis, and needs assistance. Anyone wishing to help him communicate with Bro. Stover at Topeka.

Des Moines—Bro. Cummings is on 30 days' vacation in "Missouri" and says "they are bitin' fine."

Keeton, now in France, is expected back soon, Bro. Blevins working this war job.

Trenton—We regret to announce the death of the five-year-old daughter of Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Price. She has been in ill health some time. Burial at Gilmon, Mo., the home of both Mr. and Mrs. Price's parents. The family has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Schreiber has a new Ford.

Fairbury—Bro. C. J. Weld is relieving A. S. Carver on account of sickness.

Bro. "S" has an application in for 90 days' leave. He has been feeling sick all winter.

We have a big extra list, several men not working.

Bro. Schooler has gone to Kansas City. Understand he will have an operation performed while there.

El Reno—Bro. L. C. Harrison passed through here recently en route to Goodland. He is anxious to return here for more reasons than one.

Bros. Walden, Snodgrass and Young all recently received the \$60 bonus from "Uncle Sam."

Bro. Weld to Fairbury, temporarily; Swain, Little Rock, to regular "NO."

Bro. Young had an operation performed on his throat. He is unable to eat anything but soup and milk.

Bro. Gilbert, Oklahoma, acting chairman last meeting Pan-Homa Club. Bros. Wilday

and Gilbert gave short talks on the election, and other interesting matters. Everybody took a hand in the arguments. Only 18 members out.

Davenport—Some 20 brothers from the Rock Island, Milwaukee & Burlington met in this city April 13th and formed the Tri-City Telegraphers' Club, to be composed of O. R. T. members in good standing, of the tri-cities and contributing territory. Object, promotion of things relative to the Order, getting the brothers together, to get better acquainted, discussion of things vital to our interests, sociability, etc. Grand Secretary and Treasurer Derrickson of the Milwaukee helped us to organize and get started and gave an interesting talk, which was highly appreciated. We owe him our thanks for the interest displayed. Officers elected: H. E. McKay, president; W. Glorfield, vice-president, and James Price, secretary and treasurer.

Meetings will be held first Sunday of each month at the Odd Fellows' Hall, 510 Brady street, Davenport, Iowa. Meetings will be held at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m., alternating each month.

Bro. Brennan is working his Saxon roadster "overtime." Seems friendly with telephone poles, trees, etc.

Bro. McKay, who fell and broke his right wrist Dec. 16th, was laid up until Feb. 1st. Salary stopped, expenses doubled, no accident insurance, but pulled through and still tips the scales at 235. Bro. C. E. Collins relieved until his return, then went to "GO."

Topeka—Bro. Bill Hamilton, cut-off at Herington, recently passed through here on 30 days' leave of absence, headed for Duluth. We are hoping he lands back in the Relay.

Bro. Jones made a short visit in Keokuk recently on account of illness of his father.

Bro. Campbell is back from the radio service and on third "KI."

"Gotta" give it to our G. S. & T. He said it would be a boy.

Bro. Price, of Trenton, formerly with us at Herington, has our heartfelt sympathy in his recent bereavement.

R. D. STOVER, Local Chairman.

*St. Louis Division—*

We were deeply grieved to hear of the death of Bro. Oliver's wife. He has the sympathy of the entire division.

We are glad to see Bro. Henley, agent Bowens, back from "over there."

Bro. Oliver, extra, on account of closing Centaur nights, relieved Bro. Oney at "SA" two weeks. Bro. Oliver went from "SA" to Windsor to relieve Bro. Johnson, who relieved Bro. Ayers a few days.

We hope before long to have the Sunday working time eight hours.

Signal Maintainer Weirich of this division drew a back pay check, March 25, for \$614.64. He is glad he is not telegraphing. The lineman will draw his shortly, dating back from Jan. 1, 1918.

Off a few days: Bro. Slagle, agent Belle, sick, relieved by Bro. Hall; Bro. Slinkman, relieved by Bro. Young, who also relieved Loback while he relieved Dispatcher Stevens; Bro. Dohrman, Versailles, by Bro. Oliver, and Bro. Stockton, Ionia, by Bro. Nanson.

T. E. Dowling, back from the Army, at Union, vice Bro. McNeff, relieving Bro. Jett at Vigus.

Bro. Lakin has been doing relief work.

Thanks to Bros. J. B. Young and Richter for notes. That is what it takes to have a line up.

CERT. 987.

#### *Missouri Division—*

No write-up for some time as I have been on leave of absence. Will try to do better now.

L. C. Harper, agent Kenmoor and division correspondent, was called to Cairo, Ill., recently owing to the illness of his father, Mrs. Harper handling station during his absence.

Bro. Dean has been reappointed local chairman. Let us help him to keep the division solid.

Mable second and first, second and third new passenger depot, Elden, opened recently. All good jobs.

Boys on East End, send me any notes you may have for next issue. We should have a write-up every month. Let me hear from all of you.

CERT. 2275.

#### *Des Moines Valley Division—*

Sister Wassman, operator Keota, is now with the W. U. at Des Moines, succeeded by Mrs. L. N. Juber.

Bro. Barber, of Millerton, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Harned, of Keota.

Bro. Forche, while with the other local chairmen at Chicago, was relieved 10 days by Bro. McNamara of Bonaparte, at Oskaloosa.

Sister Hagler of Winterset was relieved on 90 days' leave by Goldie B. Chandler.

Bro. Forche, Oskaloosa, while on the Fifth Liberty Loan drive, was relieved two days by Mrs. Juber, later relieved by Sister Funk, Mrs. Juber taking second there.

CERT. 785.

#### *Kansas Division—*

The few who have not paid dues for current term should remit at once and keep off the delinquent list, as it is an extra expense to join over.

Bros. Beckwith and Ault, displaced by illegal bumping, have returned to Herington. Here is where the dollar clause of our schedule comes in nice. Be sure that this is applied in all cases, as it is due us.

Bro. Wilson, reinstated in March, did not return, as he had a better position elsewhere.

Bro. Shaw attended the general committee sessions in Chicago during March.

Walter Gillispie, formerly employed at Marion, Kan., is now extra relief agent on this division.

Bro. Albright, displaced on Marion first, back to Valencia as agent, vice Bro. Bedford, now at Elbing.

CERT. 406.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

The members along the line are earnestly requested to co-operate with me in an effort to have a newsy write-up each month.

Bro. Burrows, agent Payen, off a few days with the mumps, relieved by Bro. Speer.

Bro. Grafton, to Dubach agency, vice Bro. Henry, to extra list.

Bro. W. F. Worrell has returned from "overseas" and will shortly resume as agent-operator at Ellisville.

CERT. 1897.

#### *Pan Handle Division—*

Bro. S. G. Durrell, Sayre first, granted 90 days' leave, is now with his family in California. Bro. W. F. Brown, relieving him, was relieved on third Sayre by Mr. Bruton.

Bro. Cutler, second Sayre, was off a few days on account of sickness, and Bro. Ashber, Indianapolis, 60 days, owing to death in his family, relieved by Bro. J. T. Cox.

Bro. Ed. Jackson, third Weatherford, returned after 60 days' leave, relieved by Bro. Polk.

Bro. R. C. Young, to third Yukon.

Bro. A. L. Martin, out of service nearly a year, partly paralyzed, has resumed second Oklahoma City yard. Bro. E. R. Ewten to third there.

Bro. Taylor, Gracemont, relieved a few weeks by Bro. Golden.

N. J. CRUSE.

#### *El Paso Division—*

Bro. Carpenter, from Logan, visiting home folks at Haviland several days.

Bro. Minnis, agent Plains, to Dalhart third.

Bro. Murray Groveland, off sick, relieved by Bro. Chas. Johnson.

It is now Bro. A. G. Johnson on third Medora. Brothers, keep this in mind.

Brothers, let's try and have a write-up each month. Drop me a few notes to Box 242, Arlington, Kan., and I will do the rest. Thanks to Bros. Fling and Carpenter for their help with this.

S. E. MATTICS, Local Chairman.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Those who have not already contributed to the flower fund, kindly do so, as requested by Bro. Cramer in the April issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Relief Agent McConnell, from the C. R. Division, relieved Bro. Cousins, Spirit Lake, several weeks.

Jasper and Gowrie lines now on repeaters nights and call for Jasper changed to "JA," instead of "J," to prevent confusion of Palmer and Jasper calls.

Soo Falls and west of Ellsworth is now only on No. 20 wire, using 23 as a return of loop from Ellsworth, eliminating repeaters at latter point.

"GM," Cert. 1742.

#### *Colorado Division—*

I want to thank the membership for electing me local chairman, and will assure you I will do the very best I can for your interests. To do this I must have the support of all the members. I want to make this division one of the best on the system. Let everyone give the best service possible. On this our future depends. Live up to our schedule in every respect.

Bro. Morrison has accepted the assistant local chairmanship and has also agreed to look after the monthly write-ups, so give him the news. We have not had much of a write-up on this division in the past. We should have a good one every month. Members who have gone to other roads like to read of what is going on on the Colorado Division. Bro. Morrison is a hustler and will be successful if you assist him.

J. G. OLESEN, Local Chairman.

#### *Colorado Division Notes—*

Bro. R. E. Martin, recently discharged from the army, took first Limen, vice Bro. R. J. Price, extra at "DI," Bro. J. W. Nolan to third "DI." H. A. Hill relieving Mr. Creighton, first there, off on account of sickness.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Bro. A. S. Prettyman at Colorado Springs on March 31st.

Some 20 to 25 third tricks cut out on this division since March 23rd.

We still have a few delinquents. Remember, brothers, you are carrying insurance in this at the low rate of \$7.20 a year. You cannot find cheaper insurance and death claims in the M. B. D. are always paid promptly.

CERT. 1506.

#### *C. B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130.*

#### *Relay Division—*

Bro. H. R. Truax died March 26th from influenza, and was laid to rest in Montrose Cemetery March 28th. Bros. Wood and Winchell looked after the funeral arrangements and Bros. Coats, Nugent and Schroeder attended the funeral services. The "GO" force contributed towards a beautiful floral piece.

Extra Smith, Omaha, bumped out by men

returning from military service promises to line up shortly.

Bro. Bates, extra "GO," at Sterling, Colo. temporary.

Bro. Slack, "GO," off on a ninety days leave.

Bros. Denton and Rogers spent a day in Chicago on business during the early part of April.

Div. Com.

#### *Aurora Division—*

Bro. Freed, agent Naperville, is still handling the express.

Bro. Ostweg, discharged from the army, is clerking at Downer's Grove Freight Office.

Bro. McLaughlin bid in Batavia agency.

Bro. Yaunt, lately discharged from the army, will probably take Oneida agency. Wieghorst, recently discharged from the army, assigned LaSalle second, new job just opened.

Local Chairman Todd left for St. Louis, May 5th, to attend the election of the Local Officers of Division 130; and attend the grand convention there as a delegate.

CERT. 320.

#### *Aurora Division Notes—*

Bro. Gorman, second Hinsdale Tower, off a week on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Yaunt, recently returned from the army and Bro. J. J. Dinwiddie, second Somonauk, off sick, relieved by Bro. Eldred.

Bro. H. F. Plautz, second Tower 38, while going home from work found a dead man cut up by a train.

Bro. W. W. Wangler, agent Meriden, relieving at Ohio pending bulletin; Bro. Calhamer resigned.

Bro. L. M. Kunkle and wife recently took a trip down in the Ozark country.

Bro. Ed Ackerson, third Princeton, relieved a few days by Bro. Stimson.

Bro. F. E. Lind, second Neponset, off a week account death of his father, relieved by Mr. Billet.

CERT. 491.

#### *Galesburg Division, Quincy Branch—*

Bro. Gookins, third Colchester, off on account of sickness, Bros. Flack and Martin doubling until relieved by Bro. Hughbanks.

Bro. Moore, Abingdon, off several days getting married, relieved by Bro. Scott, who also relieved Bro. Powell, second Quincy Switch, ten days.

Bro. Fosdyck, agent Fall Creek, has purchased an Oakland runabout.

Bro. Dowell, Macomb, visited his father in Quincy recently, who is sick.

#### *Peoria-Buda-Rushville Branches—*

Farmington third closed, Bro. Hughbanks to first Yates City temporary.

Bro. Haist, Norris, off a few days sick, relieved by Tobin, who relieved Bro. T. C.

Love, Knoxville, while on an extended trip through the southwest.

No notes received from North End.

D. C. Root, L. C.

*Beardstown Division, St. Louis & Rio Line—*

Local Chairman McConnell called a meeting March 27th, at Beardstown, which was attended by twenty-seven brothers and sisters. Thanks to Mr. Horton, who gave his permission to the boys on North End to attend. We were all very sorry Bros. Denton and Rogers could not be with us. Bro. Beddingfield, West Roodhouse, was unable to attend as his relief, Bowman, had not been examined.

I was elected Division Correspondent and will have a write-up each month if each Brother and Sister will send me all the news they can get hold of.

Bro. Mosier, White Hall nights, was mentioned as a "non," has been a brother since January 1st. Hope he will accept this as an apology for the error.

Bro. Cooley, agent Waltonville, has been appointed freight loading inspector with headquarters in Centralia, and bought a home there.

Bros. Omer, agent, and Palmer second Chapin, attended the O. S. & D. meeting in Beardstown April 10th.

My little daughter, aged 5, I am glad to state, has recovered from a second attack of "flu," which developed into double pneumonia.

Bro. Ore, agent Medora, relieved several days recently, on account of sickness. It is now Bro. Paul Flanagan, Woodlawn, and Bro. Johnson, agent Waverly.

Send your dollars to Bro. Anderson for the flower and eats fund.

Brothers, help Local Chairman and Bro. Korte to make Beardstown division solid before June 30th. It can be done if all will do their duty. Thanks to Bros. McConnell and Ore for notes.

CERT. 692.

*Hannibal Division—*

Bro. L. S. Blincoe, agent Viele, Ia., recently operated on for appendicitis, is getting along fine, and will soon be able to work again.

Bro. J. M. Porter has returned from "overseas," and bid in Canton, Mo., third.

Everyone on this division is working on the eight-hour basis.

Bro. H. L. Fisher, agent Annada, relieved several days by Bro. F. H. Brinkman, account of sickness.

Bro. Banks, of Machens, on vacation, relieved by Bro. McKinna.

Night Chief Dispatcher Herring pulled off and all overtime in Hannibal cut out, putting Second Wire Chief Zinn back in that

office, vice Bro. Ed Latchford, transferred to Burlington, Ia.

CALLY MAYS, Elsberry, Mo.

*St. Joe Division—*

Bro. E. J. Crowder, formerly agent Halls, died in St. Joseph, March 30th. Flowers were furnished by the division.

Bro. C. D. Bradley, agent Beverly, was off several days sick.

It is now Bro. J. E. Summers, Clarinda.

Bro. Fred Arnold is attending the St. Louis convention as a delegate from our division.

Brothers, be sure to pay your dues. Don't allow yourself to become delinquent.

DIV. COR.

*LaCrosse Division—*

Bro. McCarty, third Fountain City, was off a few days recently.

Bro. C. M. Kemp to Oakland first, vice Bro. Leavitt to second, while Bro. Woods on sick list.

Bro. J. Tuttle, second Malden Rock, relieved a few days by Bro. Fetting, and Bro. H. H. Dornfeldt, first East Winona, by Bro. Cullen of third there.

Bro. J. Spratt to third North Jct., succeeded by Bro. S. W. Tucheck at Lytle.

Bro. F. Van Slyke returned from the Navy to Oakland third, when Bro. Kemp took first there.

It is now Bro. Guthrie, Pepsin second.

Wish to thank Bro. White, the only contributor this time.

CERT. 227.

*Ottumwa Division—*

Sister Sloan, Batavia, was off a few days recently visiting her brother at Liggsville, just returned from "overseas."

Bro. Ford, agent Batavia, was off recently to attend his grandmother's funeral at Birmingham.

Bro. J. M. Stevenson, Albia, on vacation out in Washington, relieved by Weber, an old-timer, who will soon be with us again.

The writer, sick one day, was relieved by Agent Gasaway.

Mrs. Ford, wife of Bro. Ford, agent Batavia, visited her brother in Des Moines several days recently. He had just returned from France.

Stay Organized.

CERT. 269.

*Members Creston Division—*

I left for the St. Louis convention May 7th, and hope to have good news for you on my return.

Keep right after the "nons" working with or near you; also the delinquents, and don't give them any rest until they come "over the top" with us. We need them and they will need us mighty bad if the railroads go back to private ownership.

J. C. OVERMIER, L. C.

**Creston Division Notes—**

I had the "extreme pleasure" of being taken off my job and relieved Bro. Lebaron, Hastings third, several days, while Bro. Hillings was off.

Bro. and Sister Moriotto, agent and third McPherson, are back again, after a sick spell, and Bro. Bicket bid in an agency on the Red Oak branch.

Bro. Turnbull bid in second Red Oak tower.

Sister Milligan, Corning, is being relieved by Mr. Brown, one of the loyal supporters of the Order, who worked at Chariton for a long time years ago, and has been farming. We all welcome him back to this division.

Bro. J. B. Milligan, third Balfour, on a trip to St. Joe, relieved a few days by Bro. B. F. Kunze, who later relieved at Lenox and Greenfield.

You other brothers on the branches please send me some news, I am even willing to send you back the three cents you pay for a stamp.     "PACEY," Cert. 1603.

**Omaha Division—**

Bro. Moore, Plattsmouth, while out motorcycle riding, had an accident, sustaining several cuts about the head, but stuck to his job.

Bro. Wachel, Ralston, is going West on account of his health.

Bro. Vant, Fremont tower, visiting folks in Ashland, between trains.

Sister Elder is back at Laplatte after a siege of sickness.

Bro. C. Squire returned from France, took second Plattsmouth. Bro. Crader, second Waverly.

Hours assigned agent at Schuyler for handling trains.

Bro. Jackman has been making daily trips to Omaha, his father being in the hospital there.

Bro. West was in Plattsmouth one day recently.

Bro. Holmes, of Walthill, relieved Russel at Belden a few days, while he visited his mother at Plattsmouth.

Bro. Geo. Squire wants to bid out of Orchard agency. Bro. Howiter, Osmond, has a new Ford.

Bro. Hampton, of McLean, helped out nicely with them this month. Thanks. Come again, old man.     CERT. 752.

**Lincoln Division—**

Bro. Kirchner was a recent Omaha caller between trains.

Bro. C. C. Whitcomb, second York, relieved by Eva Wilson, who later relieved Bro. Lutman, Comstock, owing to his father's illness.

Bro. A. A. Canfield at Cushman a few days, later to second Kenesaw, vice Bro. Harris, Cobb, resigned.

Bro. Marshiner, Cushman, and Bro. Fulmer, Kenesaw, off a few days, Mrs. Beatty relieving.

Bro. A. R. Golden, Arcadia, on vacation, Bro. Canfield relieving.

Bro. Hershner, "KY," relieved several days by Bro. McFarland.

Thanks to Bro. Hanson for notes. Flower fund, cash on hand, January

1, 1919 .....	\$1.00
Contributions since January 1, to April 20 .....	6.00

Total.....\$6.00

If you have not contributed yet this year, let us have two bits, please.

J. E. ELINOR

**Wymore Division—**

Bro. F. C. Savage bid in Bennett, relieved at Graf, by Bro. McIntyre.

Bro. Price, of Wymore, recently attended the funeral of his brother's daughter at Trenton, Mo.

Bro. C. D. Hohaus, who has been with the A. E. F. in France, is back again at Nebraska City.

Bro. Redline is on second Superior, Mrs. Redline doing the work at Kesterson during his absence.     CERT. 842.

**Sheridan Division—**

Bro. Thomas, assistant local chairman and correspondent, off two weeks looking after his oil interests in Lance Creek and vicinity, therefore, not much of a write-up on the division this month.

Bro. Chilson bid in second Hardin.

Bro. Glen Chambers on forty-one a few days ago, says he is back to stick.

Expect Thomas to give you a good write-up next month.     C. M. MILLER, L. C.

**El Paso & So. Western Ry., Div. No. 137.**

On March 21st we received a turnover of the office of general secretary and treasurer and are pleased to inform the membership that the division is in good shape.

We have to our credit one \$500.00 Third Liberty Loan Bond, an equity in the Policy of Bro. Chord amounting to \$150.00 and a cash balance of \$99.40 along with a typewriter and other miscellaneous supplies.

The General Committee has authorized the purchase of a desk and mimeograph machine, which will give us a full equipment to handle the business of the office.

Effective June 30th, the dues will be increased to \$6.00 semi-annual or \$12.00 annual; \$1.00 of the six and \$2.00 of the \$12 will be set aside as a permanent fund for the aid of distressed worthy brothers. We will also receive contributions towards a permanent flower fund, and hope to provide one for this purpose instead of taking up a collection each time as heretofore.

Bro. Ash desires us to thank the member-

ship for the generous gift of \$77, which assisted him very materially in taking care of his children in the Rescue Home in El Paso. Much credit is due Bro. Bordages for his efforts in this line.

Sister Bearden of Duran, is in the hospital at El Paso, having been poisoned eating meat. We hope she will soon recover and be with us again.

Bro. J. U. Malphurs goes to Mills, N. M., as agent, relieved by Bro. W. S. Manning, on third Vaughn.

Bro. E. I. Bordages, "SW" El Paso office, has been appointed correspondent for the Eastern Division.

Mail your remittances for dues to Bro. C. M. Armstrong, general chairman-secretary-treasurer, box 26, Vaughn, N. M., and you will receive proper credit, Bro. Rawlins' office notified promptly and will issue your cards. The remittances for insurance to the Mutual Benefit Department should be mailed direct to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo.

Rita, Whetstone, Bernardino, and Apache, closed.

C. M. ARMSTRONG, G. C.

#### Maine Central R. R., Div. No. 140.

*Members of Division 140:*

Bro. S. A. Lavallie, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 3, Brunswick, Maine, has consented to act as correspondent and will gladly welcome items to be inserted in THE TELEGRAPHER.

W. E. DURGIN, L. C.

March 4th the re-elected local chairmen, Bros. Hayes, McGooch, Durgin and Desmond, met at the Preble House, Portland, Maine, and elected the following General Committee: Bro. E. J. Hayes, General Chairman; W. S. McGooch, Vice-Chairman, and H. N. Bates, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. C. S. Eaton, "WN" Waterville, while moving was relieved by Bro. E. M. Beane, formerly on Cherokee siding box car job, abolished about two months ago.

Sister Mina Rhoerigg, on three days' vacation spent in Boston, was relieved by Bro. W. E. Files.

CERT. 248.

#### S. A. & A. P. R. R., Div No. 141.

Bros. Hepler, Meissell, Buckles and Little attended the meeting of the telegraphers and linemen in Houston March 20th and heard some interesting talks from Bro. Leisure of Division 72, Bro. Young of Gulf Coast lines and Bro. Brown, our first vice-president. Also had the pleasure of meeting several brothers of other lines.

A nice get-acquainted meeting was held in Yoakum Sunday, April 18th, with quite a number present. We should have more of these meetings and get personally acquainted with one another.

Bro. R. E. Buckles, "CO" and extra "DI," is relieved dispatcher on the S. A. U. & G.

regularly and Bro. Link is "CO" in "Q," Yoakum.

Bros. B. L. Hale, Meissell and Derr, formerly of "Q," Yoakum, are now full fledged agents, and Sister Roebuck is agent at Travis. Bro. Cook, Cuero, is agent at Satin; two latter new jobs.

Bro. B. R. Holchak returned from U. S. Army and displaced Bro. Cook at Cuero, and Bro. Wallace has returned from the navy and displaced Bro. King on the Corpus Christi job, who went to "Q." Yoakum.

Bro. Thompson, Clodine, off thirty days to be treated for rheumatism, relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Holchak. Bro. Outer is relieving Sister Cornett at Waring.

Sister Bertha E. Smith, Chesterville, is the third lady to join Division 141.

Jordan, Aransas Pass; Ramsay, "GO" San Antonio; Atkeisson, Flatonia, and Hesse, Skidmore (the last named has asked for blanks); Tuttle, Rosebud, invited several times, and who has had blanks furnished twice, all hold scheduled jobs and seniority rights and accepted the back pay. Don't lose a chance, brothers, to remind these men that they are letting the other fellow pay for their benefits and riding "DH" on their increases.

R. O. LITTLE.

#### Western Pacific R. R., Div. No. 153.

*Western Division—*

Bro. R. E. McElroy from the Eastern Division took Niles agency, vice Bro. Pullen to Pleasant Grove agency. Sister H. Dougherty, also from the Eastern Division, took third Belden, vice Bro. Burke to Sacramento.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, appointed terminal agent Gerlach, vice Bro. C. W. Jones, resigned. Bro. E. W. Waynick to second there, vice Birdsall to the waiting list. Bro. Chas. Duncan to third during absence Bro. Lyon.

Bro. Cecil Williams, of Shafter, Eastern Division, to W. P. circuit "BD," San Francisco, vice Bro. McDavid to second Stockton.

Bro. Aldrich, from Reno Junction agency, to third Keddie, vice Bro. Swindler to second there. Bro. Osborn to waiting list.

It is now Bro. O'Neill, agent Portola. Understand Mr. Thornhill, agent Hackstaff, will soon be with us. Only a few nons left.

Chief Barker, off two weeks in February, relieved by T. J. Gallagher of the S. P. Sacramento, who later relieved C. D. Jorz, third trick dispatcher, several nights.

Bro. C. E. Mayne, second Belden, is in hospital San Francisco suffering with a cancer, relieved by Mr. Hoene, a new man.

Remember, gentlemen, "No card, no favors."

AL, Cert. 122.

*Eastern Division—*

Bro. Burk, Alazon, is down with the "flu." Bro. and Sister McElroy transferred

from first and second Alazon to Western Division; former to Niles agency. Bro. Burke, third Alazon, has gone to San Francisco, relieved by O. W. Evans.

We have only two nons on this division.

Sister Ruiz and Bro. Burke were married recently. Congratulations.

Bro. Michelson, Elko, spent a few days in San Francisco owing to illness in his family, relieved by Bro. McElroy.

During washouts Bro. Michelson worked first trick dispatcher on West End, relieved by Bro. Mattingly, relieved by Bro. Evans.

Sister Fitzgerald, Renox, on thirty days' leave, is visiting the old folks.

Bro. Rea has returned from an extended leave, relieving Sister Springer on first Renox. Mrs. Shelton, second Knolls, has gone to Renox. Bro. Martin, cashier Elko freight house, going to Knolls.

Send your notes promptly to Bro. Jim Williamson, second McClure. Thanks to Bros. Martin and Evans for notes this month. If the other brothers and sisters will follow suit we can have a good write-up every month.

CERT. 146.

#### Rutland Ry., Div. No. 157.

Our committee met with the officials recently to arrange a schedule on the basis of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27. The question of Sunday and holiday pay is still open. The Board of Adjustment has decided that an assignment on Sunday entitles the employee to a minimum of eight hours, or if called or notified outside for Sunday work overtime rate and pay in accordance with that provision in Supplement 13.

S. H. Burt, Pittsford agency; W. C. Brady, Bangor third, and Adams, Ellensburg, are all nons. Go after them. Also the nons and delinquents on the North End. Give them no rest until they get an up-to-date card.

Bro. D. I. Cole, South Shaftsbury, a good loyal member, passed away recently and the boys all miss him. A beautiful floral emblem was presented by the members. The father, mother and sister have sent us a card of thanks for the kindly remembrance and our expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

Understand our back pay for October and November is in the hands of the paymaster and auditor and we should soon receive it.

DIV. COR. CERT. 154.

#### O. W. Ry. & N. Co., Div. No. 161.

##### Third Division—

Bro. Hume bumped on third Albina by General Chairman Mitchell, bumped Bro. Johnson, first Aberdeen, who replaced Sister Bush, Cosmopolis, who took several weeks' vacation.

Bro. Tylander, agent Saginaw, relieved a few days by Bro. Saillsbury.

It is now Sister Wieland, agent Cedarville, and Bro. Gillmore, agent Galvin, the latter having been out ten or fifteen years.

We have only one "non" on Gray's Harbor line. Brothers, line him up. He carried a card years before many of us were born, and should do so now, also see that the three or four "nons" line up. "No card, no favors."

CERT. 132.

#### K. C., M. & O. Ry., Div. No. 163. K. & O. Division—

Bro. Mack Lindley, Fairview, on a ten days' trip to Wichita, relieved by Schiska, who went to Clinton third on Mack's return.

Bro. Montague back to Lone Wolf, relieving Bro. Busey, who returned to Thomas, relieving Zinn, back to Blair as helper.

Drop me a note when there are any changes, as I can't find it all out by listening on the wire.

CERT. 147.

#### Northwestern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 165.

The meeting held March 25th in San Rafael was well attended, General Chairman Sanborn presided. About thirty members present. The proposed schedule was read by the chairman and with but few additions accepted by the members. Upon redrafting it will be handed to the Railroad management for acceptance. The usual "feed" was served and was enjoyed by all. Another meeting was held in Petaluma, Monday evening, April 21st, at 8 p. m.

Bro. and Sister Sallee, San Anselmo on a months' vacation, are visiting home folks in the East, relieved by Bros. Ford and McDonald, the latter a newcomer, who will be transferred to this division.

Bro. Matson to Ignacio third, succeeded on San Rafael third by Mr. Holton.

Am grateful for one item this month to the brothers and sisters at San Anselmo, and wish others would send me some notes, especially the towermen. Am still at Loleta. Bro. Bronson might gather up some items from the Northern Division and send them to me.

E. L. ELY, DIV. COR.

#### Chicago & Alton R. R., Div. No. 168. Southern Division—

Bro. J. L. DeVault is back at Union Station again after three weeks' illness with the influenza, Bro. Blackwell relieving Bro. Banks, freight depot, seriously ill with pneumonia, is convalescing.

Bro. L. E. Mason was off several days this month on account of the illness and death of his father. We all extend our sympathy.

Bro. W. C. Carpenter relieved Bro. Mason recently.

A copy of roster has been mailed to all

members in good standing. If you fail to receive one notify your local chairman.

Bro. J. K. Cox is back on third Sherman, vice Bro. Moriarity to extra list. Bro. C. Frazier has resumed Wann.

Bros. T. Riley and M. Myers visited their old friend, Bro. Cox, recently.

Bro. W. L. Horron, Atlanta, has moved into his new home.

Bros. Riley and Gentz were in St. Louis looking into division affairs recently.

Bro. L. Sloan, rank 72, and Bro. J. K. Cox, between ranks 237 and 238, also flag after name.

Bro. Endicott on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. D. Moriarty.

Bro. Henry Beseman, Manchester, is home on vacation.

Bro. C. M. Banks and wife spent a few days recently in Arrowsmith.

Knapp station closed, Bro. Blakeman to second Jerseyville.

Bro. W. W. Mehrhoff, formerly on third Murryville, has been sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation.

Bro. Robinson, second there, is on thirty-days' vacation.

Bro. Lakin's wife, of Berdan, recently operated on, is doing nicely.

Bro. S. F. Bartley and wife of Yoeman's, were recent Springfield visitors.

Bro. J. E. Sinclair, Yoeman's, has a new Ford.

CERT. 543.

#### **Central Vermont R. R., Div. No. 171.**

Bro. Mayo, just out of the army, took Italy first, and Bro. Bellows, second there.

Bro. Sullivan, Windsor, spent several days recently at his home in Ware, Mass. Bros. Sullivan and Flanagan, Windsor, have taken the first degree in the Knights of Columbus.

Boys, wake up, send me some news, and remember the slogan, "No card, no favors."

CERT. 151.

#### **Oregon Short Line R. R., Div. No. 172.**

##### **GENERAL NOTICE.**

At the suggestion of the various local chairmen, I have appointed Bro. C. W. Ott, Room 201, Union Station, Salt Lake City, general correspondent for the system. Local correspondents will please send their news items and notes to him not later than the 15th of each month, so they may be revised, consolidated and forwarded to St. Louis by the 20th.

This arrangement will insure a regular write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER and avoid duplication of items.

V. A. KEDNEY, General Chairman.

#### **"SA" Relay, Salt Lake City—**

Bro. Hewitt is now with Hutton & Co., brokers, relieved in "SA" by Bro. Schnell.

who recently returned from eight months' government service in Oregon.

Bro. Noel, recently with the D. R. G. and W. U. here, is now on extra list. He and wife just recovered from a serious case of the "flu."

Bro. Hansen has returned from a month's visit with his folks in Topeka, Kan.

"SA" office went "over the top" 100 per cent, on the Victory Loan. CERT. 136.

#### **Utah Division—**

Bro. P. C. Garrison, "D" Salt Lake, has returned from a visit to the old folks at Enfield, Ill.

Bro. B. A. Cober, just out of the army, called on us on his way back to work in California, on the Shasta Division. John Schanck, back from the army, in Bordeaux, France, is working in McEntee's office, Salt Lake.

Bro. A. O. Riley, second North Yard, is visiting in the East. Before leaving he secured the application of old Tom English, who has been on first North Yard thirty years.

Mrs. Lillian Lowry has not resigned at Downey, but the position has been bulletined.

Bro. J. R. Morton, in the service of the O. S. L. R. R. for twenty years, agent Logan, Utah, died there March 20th and was buried on the 23rd.

Sister Lillian Treverrow, third Cokeville, bid in first there.

Bro. A. H. Mickels, Blaser third, has returned to first at Bancroft.

Mrs. Haig is back on first Blaser, after spending the winter in California.

Keep after Balfe, first McCammon, and give him no rest until he makes good his promise to join.

CERT. 15.

#### **Idaho Division—**

Bro. Shade, American Falls, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Booth.

Sister McDonald, 1st Reverse, called to Wichita, Kans., owing to the serious illness of her sister, relieved by Bro. Galbraith, formerly with the O. W. R. & N. Sister Schoonover is on second there.

Bro. Escue, second Ontario, relieved a few days by Manning.

Bro. Roberts, Payette, was a recent Nampa visitor.

Bro. Wm. Scott to first Glenns Ferry, vice Warren to "CA" Pocatello.

Sister Victoria Kelts is relieving T. A. Alley on third Bliss on account of sickness.

Sister LeBaw, King Hill, has resigned and returned to her home in the East. Bro. T. P. Romans, agent Wendell, resigned, relieved by Bro. E. C. Crandall. R. E. Wing, agent Buhl, also resigned.

Bro. Blazier is relieving the agent at Diet-

rich, relieved on third Minidoka by Mrs. Blaizer, who will soon be up to date.

Bro. W. E. Hoover, Glenns Ferry, visiting his mother in Denver two weeks, relieved by R. C. Gooden.

Sister Mary Dillon relieved on third King Hill by Mr. Albin. She has been there about fifteen months and was relieved on account of being unable to handle the express and baggage.

Bro. Roberts to extra list, relieved at Riverside by Coorough, from Mountain Home.

T. D. North, Notus, goes to the new agency just opened at Melba.

Bro. Hixon, from Nyssa, bid in Fairfield.

Bro. F. T. Howard, chairman Relay Division, Pocatello, and bride (nee Sister Elaine Norris, of Owinza), are on their honeymoon trip to Texas. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful trip.

Sister Julia Thompson, who relieved Sister Norris at Owinza, called to Utah Division to relieve on second Tunnel, on account of sickness, was relieved by Sister Keltus, latter by Sister Elaine Howard.

It is now Bro. Martin at Bellevue; Bro. W. F. Escue, Ontario; Bro. M. H. Coon, Bliss; Bro. Bailey and Bro. and Sister Walker at Minidoka; Bro. Stringfield at Oakley; Bro. Atwood at Nampa; Bro. J. Brennan at Burley, and Bro. J. W. Labish at Weiser. The dues for May, \$6.00, pays to end of June, initiation fees included. The insurance you take is payable when the M. B. D. department at St. Louis advises you of your acceptance. Then you have two months from that date to pay assessment.

Bro. C. E. Kalk is now with the So. Pac. at Ogden, Utah.

R. E. LEFLER, Local Chairman.

#### *Montana Division—*

Bro. R. T. Drollinger recently returned from California, where he spent the winter, greatly improved in health.

Sister Kate Knuckey relieved Miss Francis Murphy at Ashton when she went to Melrose.

Bro. Harley Griffee relieved Sister Agnes Gilmer on first Lima, and Bro. Herrick, agent Monida, several days, the latter owing to illness.

Bro. Carney, Rigby, and Bro. Lattie, Shelley, relieved at Idaho Falls while regular man was on sick list.

It is now Bro. J. T. Tate, agent Thornton. Brothers, keep after the few nons on this division. We want to make it 100 per cent strong by July 1st.

T. B. KINGHORN, Local Chairman.

#### *C., T. H. & S. E. Ry., Div. No. 180.*

#### *Illinois Division—*

The meeting at Terre Haute, Ind., April

12th was well attended by our members and those from other roads. There is lots of good done at these meetings and they should be attended by all who can get there.

Bro. Joe Wright, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Pearce.

Bro. Cook, home from the army, to third Tallmadge, vice Bro. Southard to second "DA," vice Bro. Karn, relieving Bro. Pearce a few days and later Bro. Connor on vacation.

Bro. Toncor, off five days. Bro. Bailey, who also relieved Bro. Rice 30 days. Bro. J. R. Powell at "DX." Bro. Wintry relieved Bro. Reed at "CY." Bro. Meara, first "CY," relieved by Graves.

Remember, boys, if you have a card you are entitled to more favors.

Johannott closed, Sister Risler on 90 days' leave.

Regular meeting night, second Saturday night in each month at Terre Haute, Ind. Brothers, please try and come to these meetings.

"NY" closed, vice Bro. Johnson, relieving Bro. Page, second there, who relieved Bro. Blyth while his wife was sick.

P. A. MALONE, L. C.

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#### *Mo. & No. Ark. R. R., Div. No. 182.*

We expect to have our new schedule very soon now.

Bro. H. Luter returned from "overseas" service and relieved Bro. Coleman on account of sickness. We are glad to welcome him back home.

Bro. Fronaberg, More, has resigned.

All the members should be governed by the circulars mailed out by General Chairman Roy in regard to payment of overtime on express work.

Keep record of time worked on Sundays until we get a decision on those hours.

Bro. C. H. Dewey, Harrison, has been named as supervisory agent with jurisdiction over all station employes.

CERT. 61.

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#### *La. Ry. & Nav. Co., Div. No. 183.*

The committee who met Vice-president Coughlin and other L. R. & N. officials February 24th was turned down on request for increase in wages and contract, but the latter agreed to meet the Government, mediator, and a date was arranged for meeting the officials of the company with committee and mediator on March 17th. Bro. Teacle, resigning from the committee, Bro. L. J. Reynolds was elected to fill the vacancy.

We were very ably assisted by Bro. E. E. Delaplaine. The officials finally met our committee and signed up our schedule March 28th to take effect April 1st.

In order to properly carry on the work of the division it was necessary to levy a special assessment of seven dollars and fifty

cents (\$7.50) upon each member. May 20, 1919, is the last day of payment for this assessment, which is less than half of the increase in salary for one month granted by the new schedule, and we trust you will take this into consideration. Beginning July 1, 1919, our dues will be six dollars (\$6.00) semi-annually in advance.

On account of Bro. A. L. Broussard resigning as acting general chairman, Bro. E. E. Latil was elected to fill the vacancy, and Bro. L. J. Reynolds elected general secretary and treasurer. In the future all dues and other remittances should be made to him.

Bro. Latil left May 10 to attend the twelfth biennial session of the Grand Division at St. Louis and we are sure he will faithfully represent the interests of this division.

The committee are under many obligations to Bro. E. E. Delaplaine for his valuable advice and assistance during our negotiations.

L. J. REYNOLDS, G. S. & T.

#### **Spokane, Portland & Seattle Ry., Div. 184**

Brothers, if you will furnish items to the undersigned by the 18th of each month we will have a regular write-up hereafter.

The meeting held at Lyle, Wash., Sunday, April 20th, was not very well attended.

Our exclusive agents should not make the mistake of becoming delinquent because they were not listed in our first schedule. We hope to have them all represented soon.

Bro. G. W. Gains secured Culver agency, the first job to be bulletined on this district.

Bro. McKenzie relieved Sister Teague, second Lyle, and Bro. G. F. King relieved Bro. J. F. Penney, agent Kahlotus several weeks recently.

On Vancouver Division, Mrs. Berner, operator Lamont, and Mrs. Nedwed at Amber, have promised to join shortly.

J. W. BECKON, G. S. & T.

#### **Chattanooga O. R. T. Club.**

New members are being added at the business meeting of our club every Thursday night and monthly business meetings are held on the 22nd of each month for the local division.

Bro. Hanson, secretary and treasurer of Local Division 73, and wife are receiving many congratulations from their friends upon the arrival of their twins, a boy and a girl, born March 27th.

We were all very sorry to learn of the recent death of Bro. Clarke's daughter, their only child. The family have the sympathy

of all the members in their bereavement.  
W. HANSON, Secy.-Treas.

#### **Tri-Cities Telegraphers Club.**

The members of Divisions 23, 126 and 130 have organized under the above name and temporary officers elected. Meetings will be held each month in Odd Fellows Hall, Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, the first Sunday of each month. All brothers are urged to join; come out and make the meetings a success. Visiting brothers welcome.

C. E. BOARD, Secy.-Treas.

#### **Union O. R. T. Club.**

We have organized a club, known as the Union O. R. T. Club and want every man on the different roads running into Birmingham who carries an O. R. T. card to join. At our last meeting we initiated 29—5 L. & N., 1 A. G. S., 1 Frisco and the balance Southern.

We first organized the club at Parrish on the West End, but decided to move it to Birmingham, where all roads could be represented.

We have no trouble getting members when we explain to them what the club is going to do.

We are certainly glad to see the L. & N. boys taking an interest in this club and expect to help them all we can.

We meet the second Sunday of each month in the City Hall, Room "A." All agents and operators are cordially invited. Those that haven't a card please bring the money to get one. We will be glad to sign you up. That is part of our business.

Don't forget the open meeting second Sunday in June (Ladies' Day). Everybody invited to come and bring his wife or sweetheart or both.

Come to our next meeting and see what this club is for. It won't cost you anything to come if you don't care to join.

The purpose of this club is to organize some plan by which we can get the men together. One of our greatest mistakes is that we don't meet often enough. Come out and tell your troubles to your local chairman and see if you really have a grievance for him to handle. Thrash them out in these meetings and see if you really have a grievance. About half of the men claiming to have a grievance don't know what the contract calls for.

We are proud of the work Bro. L. K. Bowen, our new local chairman, is doing. It is a thankless job, help him all you possibly can.

CERT. 1355.

# GRAND DIVISION

## Mutual Benefit Department

**Assessment No. 143 is due January 1, 1919  
Time for payment expires February 28, 1919**

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS

On \$ 300.00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500.00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000.00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

### BENEFITS PAID IN APRIL.

Claim No.	Name	Cause.	Div. Cert.	Series.	Amt.
2835..I. Z. Carriere.....	Appendicitis .....	1..31596..A..	\$	300.00	
2836..H. L. Bettes.....	Influenza .....	16..52163..A..		300.00	
2837..T. D. Shanahan.....	Influenza .....	29..37853..A..		300.00	
2838..W. J. Marchand.....	Fracture of Skull.....	1..43199..A..		300.00	
2839..Wm. E. Banks.....	Pneumonia .....	61..54868..A..		300.00	
2840..L. E. Mullinix.....	Acute Indigestion.....	33..43349..A..		300.00	
2841..E. F. Stearn.....	Diabetes Mellitus.....	126..7234..B..		500.00	
2842..J. C. Colley.....	Influenza .....	40..10894..B..		500.00	
2843..J. J. Bushey.....	Influenza .....	7..26671..B..		500.00	
2844..Henry B. Beer.....	Endomyocarditis .....	53..13748..C..		1,000.00	
2845..Edwin Green.....	Influenza .....	24..53177..C..		1,000.00	
2846..Burr W. Booth.....	Influenza .....	33..13839..C..		1,000.00	
2847..Henry A. Stevens.....	Bronchial Asthma.....	130..36794..C..		1,000.00	
2848..Eben A. Boyle.....	Wounds received in action.	7..36005..C..		1,000.00	
2849..R. H. Bailey.....	Influenza .....	4..49084..C..		1,000.00	
2850..R. G. Daley.....	Influenza .....	Gnd..32053..C..		1,000.00	
2851..Otto O. Dappen.....	Influenza .....	126..52264..C..		1,000.00	
2852..W. C. Gough.....	Gunshot Wound.....	17..54847..C..		1,000.00	
2853..Samuel M. Stephens.....	Pneumonia .....	146..33877..C..		1,000.00	
2854..Luke J. Gavin.....	Infection of Bladder.....	34..47166..A..		300.00	
2855..Edwin S. Jennings.....	Influenza .....	49..37434..A..		300.00	
2857..Charles L. Link.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	13..47177..C..		1,000.00	
2858..Charles O. Jaynes.....	Nephritis .....	40..31129..A..		300.00	
2859..Samuel A. Moore.....	Tuberculosis .....	33..37189..C..		1,000.00	
2860..Kathryn I. Kirch.....	Influenza .....	54..51315..C..		1,000.00	
2861..John J. Minogue.....	Tuberculosis .....	68..46036..C..		1,000.00	
2862..Louis W. Crosson.....	Influenza .....	8..44041..C..		1,000.00	
2863..Eugene A. Lee.....	Myocarditis .....	93..9463..C..		1,000.00	
2864..Charles F. Garnett.....	Leukemia .....	58..36292..B..		500.00	
2865..James MacDonald.....	Influenza .....	7..35620..B..		500.00	
2866..Robert S. Ritchie.....	Influenza .....	7..30455..A..		300.00	
2867..L. E. Needham.....	Influenza .....	53..35339..A..		300.00	
2868..Mabel L. Stukenbraker...	Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	32..53345..A..		300.00	

\$22,100.00

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div. Amt. Cert. Brt.	Series. Fwd.	Amt.
2869..	William J. A. McCreight..	Influenza ,.....	7..	50622..A..	300.00
2870..	William P. Willson.....	Influenza .....	54..	43988..A..	300.00
2872..	Evan J. Crowder.....	Influenza .....	30..	52604..A..	300.00
2873..	James L. Smith.....	Tuberculosis of Lungs.....	72..	42441..A..	300.00
2874..	Charles Braun.....	Myocarditis .....	8..	33852..A..	300.00
2876..	Werner E. Kellner.....	Glandular Sarcoma.....	93..	32979..B..	500.00
2878..	Clark W. Foudray.....	Acute Nephritis.....	7..	37069..C..	1,000.00
2879..	Thomas R. Cochran.....	Influenza .....	166..	21035..C..	1,000.00
					\$22,100.00
					\$26,100.00*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

## Receipts.

Received on assessments to March 31, 1919.....	\$2,298,753.64
Received on assessments April, 1919.....	4,178.12
Interest, 1918.....	30,221.16
Total .....	\$2,333,152.92*

## Disbursements.

Death claims paid to March 31, 1919.....	\$1,790,327.47
Death claims paid in April.....	26,100.00
Assessments refunded account rejected applications.....	2,997.27
Assessments transferred to dues.....	391.39
Balance on hand credit Mortuary Fund, April 30, 1919.....	513,336.79
Total .....	\$2,333,152.92*

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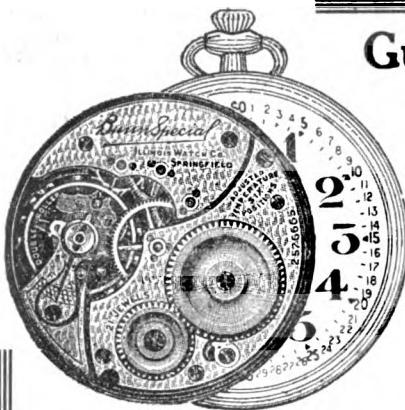
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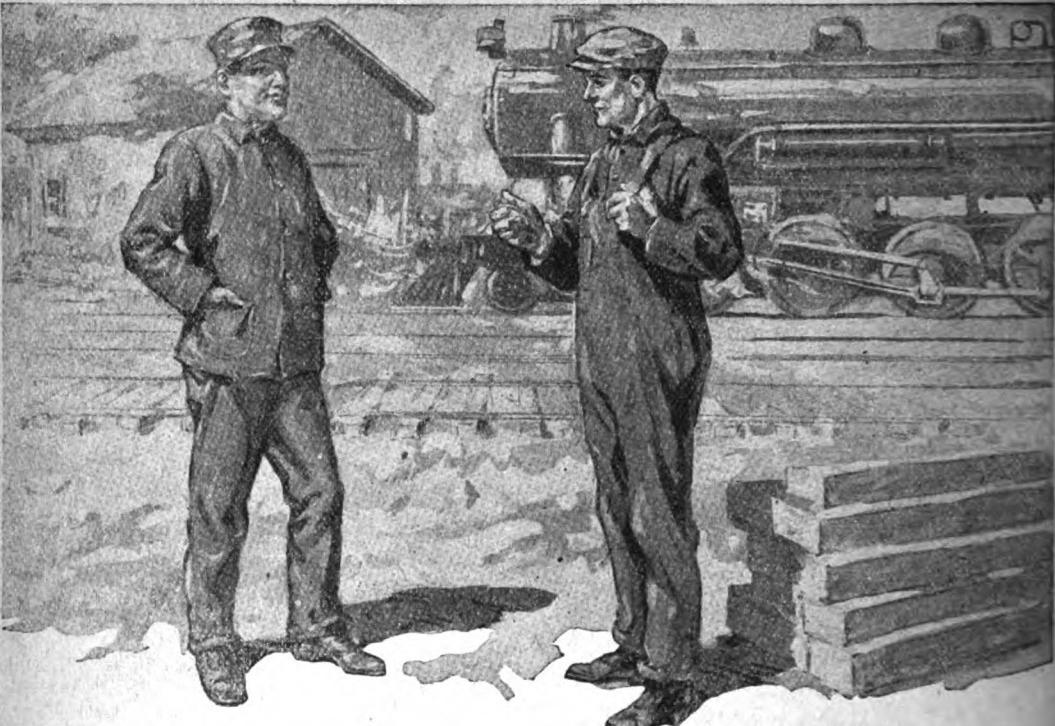
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# Men Wanted, to Stop Traffic Losses

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Transportation is the second largest and most important business in the country. More than two billion dollars annually are spent in freight rates, yet it has been estimated that eight out of every ten shippers are losing money because of the scarcity of trained traffic men.

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These are but a few instances of what is occurring

every day in the traffic industry. Tens of thousands of concerns, without realizing it, are losing fortunes every year because they do not know that there are countless classifications, special freight services and rate combinations which legally entitle them to rates that would amaze them if they but knew.

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There are about 50,000 large business corporations and about 400,000 smaller shippers which must be protected by competent traffic men. These concerns have freight expenses running from a few thousand dollars to many thousands of dollars monthly. Yet in the entire country there are only a few hundred men actually competent to save the money now being wasted through lack of efficiency in applying the Government Freight Rate System. It is estimated that over 100,000 more traffic experts are needed at once.

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men, offers to give men the training required to make them competent to handle the problems of most economical distribution. The training is given by mail and can be studied in spare time at home. Though the most complete and thorough training is given, the course is remarkably easy to master.

Through its Advisory Council, every member of the American Commerce Association receives the help of such men: T. Albee, traffic manager Corn Products Co.; Wm. Scott Cowle, freight agent Erie R. R.; Samuel G. Lutz, general traffic manager Chicago & Alton R. R.; Chas. E. Mayer, traffic manager Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation; T. T. Harkrader, traffic manager American Tobacco Co.; as well as nearly 200 others of equal prominence.

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The Course in Traffic Management is adjusted to beginners as well as to those already engaged in traffic work. The instruction has been endorsed by such men as Robt. H. Forbes, traffic manager Butler Bros., New York; J. F. Brown, manager transportation department, Chicago Board of Trade; H. G. Wilson, traffic manager of the Toledo Board of Trade; Mrs. S. Bassett, traffic commissioner Pittsburgh Commercial Club; W. H. DeWitt, Eastern traffic manager Western Electric Co., and hundreds of others equally prominent.

It is impossible to go into details in this limited space, but the association has published a remarkable book for free distribution which explains the instruction in detail and tells how anyone may quickly learn the cheapest rates in existence on all kinds of ship-

ments, the fastest methods of shipment, the best methods of protecting shipments from loss and damage, and how to organize and manage a traffic department for maximum results. The book also tells what hundreds of other men have accomplished as a result of the study.

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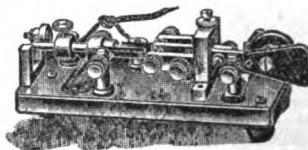
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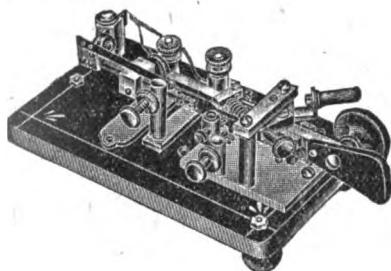
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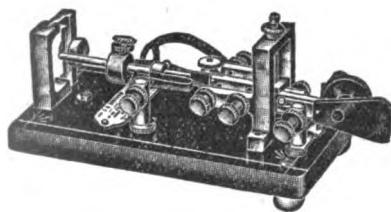
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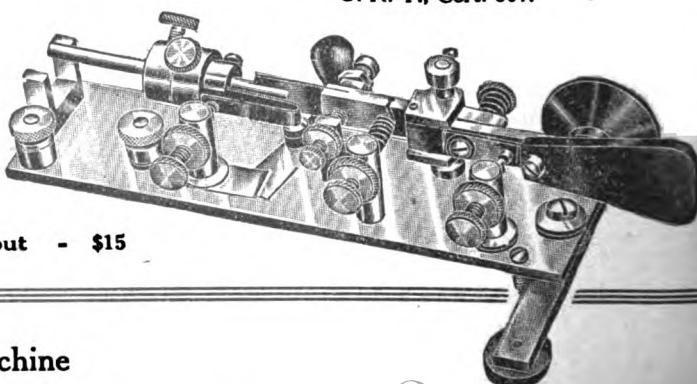
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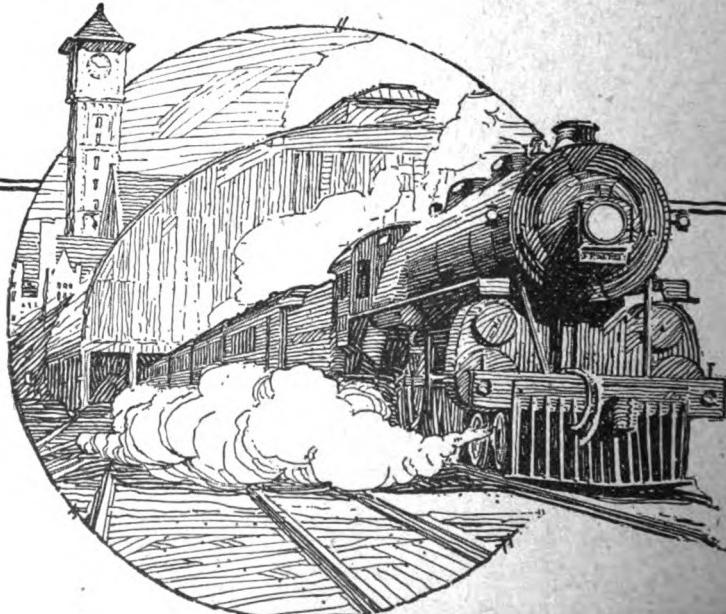
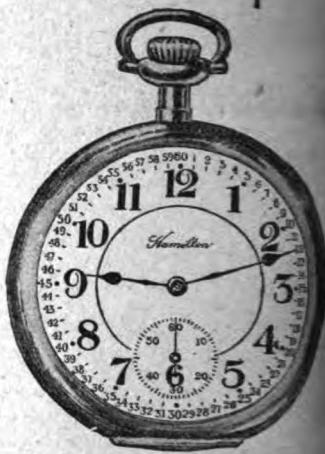
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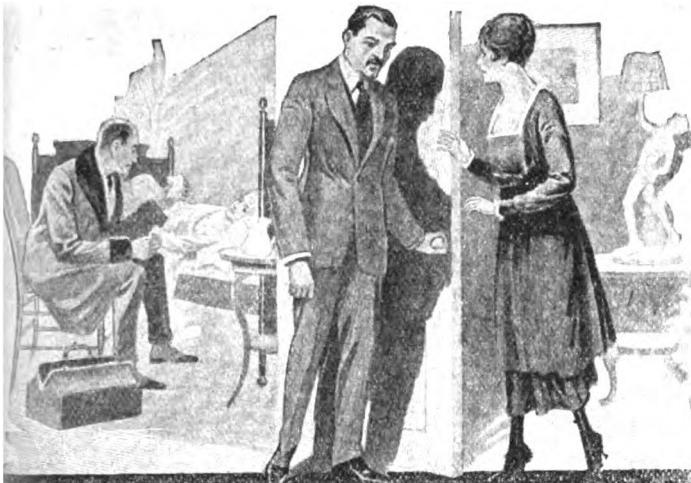
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### The Victims of Ignorance

The sacrifice of health and life among young men who have been left to their own devices, who have been obliged to learn the secret of life for themselves through bitter experience, is appalling.

The importance of the knowledge associated with the development and maintenance of virile manhood cannot be too strongly stated. Ignorance on this subject has been responsible for more human suffering, weakness and tragedy than all the wars of the world.

Thousands of young men who are lured into the arms of prostitutes would be decent and clean-minded if they understood, first of all, the dangers of "sowing wild oats." Temptations in life are hard enough for the young man to fight, even when he fully knows and appreciated the criminal folly and grave dangers. But they are much more easily victims to the scarlet lure if ignorant of the consequences of such youthful indiscretions.

### Do Not Blame Youth Too Harshly

Hosts of young men are practising immorality of the worst sort without realising the terrible penalties, the "harvest" of their "wild oats" sowing. During the last year of the war, practically one man out of every three who were sent to National Army Camps was infected with the "Black Plague."

Hundreds of thousands of homes are robbed of the blessings of children because of the indiscretions of young men who finally marry,

only to discover that their home is destined to be cold, lifeless and barren because they have permitted the rust and blight of sin to halt the growth of the family tree.

The numbers of innocent children who are today suffering from constitutional weaknesses, nervous and mental deficiencies, epilepsy, lunacy and unsightly deformities, the result of their father's infection by disease possibly contracted years before the child was born, is horrifying.

Most men do not realize the seriousness of these diseases. Some think of them as a great joke until they contract one of them. Others boast of it, thinking that it only shows what a delightful "devil of a fellow" a man is. They fail to consider, or else do not know, the horrible consequences. Innocent wives are affected and their lives and health blasted. Blindness in new-born babies is a common occurrence.

It is ignorance that makes young men foolishly eager, oftentimes, to take life's damning risk. Their parents have spoken not a word of warning on the subject of these awful maladies, which are infinitely more dangerous than consumption, typhoid fever and other "respectable" disorders. No plague has ever caused so much havoc and misery.

### Prevention Is the Thing

Prevention is the important thing. Let parents face these problems fairly and squarely, and much of the danger will disappear.

appear, much of the harm will be minimized. Knowledge is unquestionably safer than ignorance. If it should not save most of our young people, it would save most of them. Let parents realize that the failure to learn for themselves and to teach their children the facts of sex and hygiene is a crime of omission which is just as inexcusable (perhaps more so) than the sins of commission by young people who have been permitted to grow up in ignorance of the laws of life.

Bernard Macfadden, founder of the PHYSICAL CULTURE MAGAZINE, has given the world a new book entitled MANHOOD AND MARRIAGE, which contains in unclassified but unoffensive form the truth regarding sex problems. It is rich with information for fathers and sons. It presents these vital truths set forth in such a manner that even the most sensitive mind can find no objection to them.

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The father of every adolescent boy should read this book, MANHOOD AND MARRIAGE, and then give it to his son to read carefully and often. Fathers will find helpful chapters devoted to the marriage relation. Men will learn how to build power and virility.

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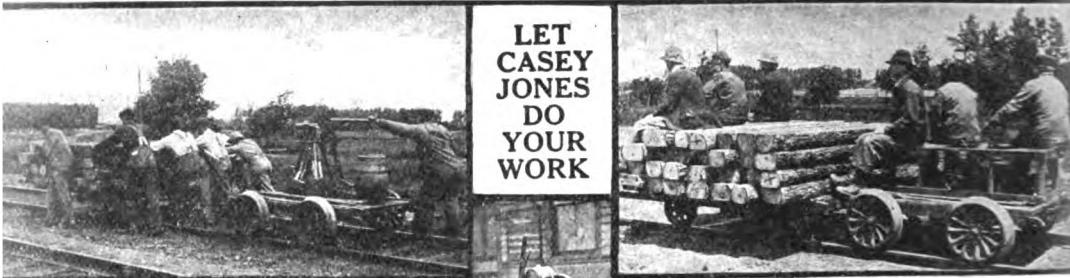
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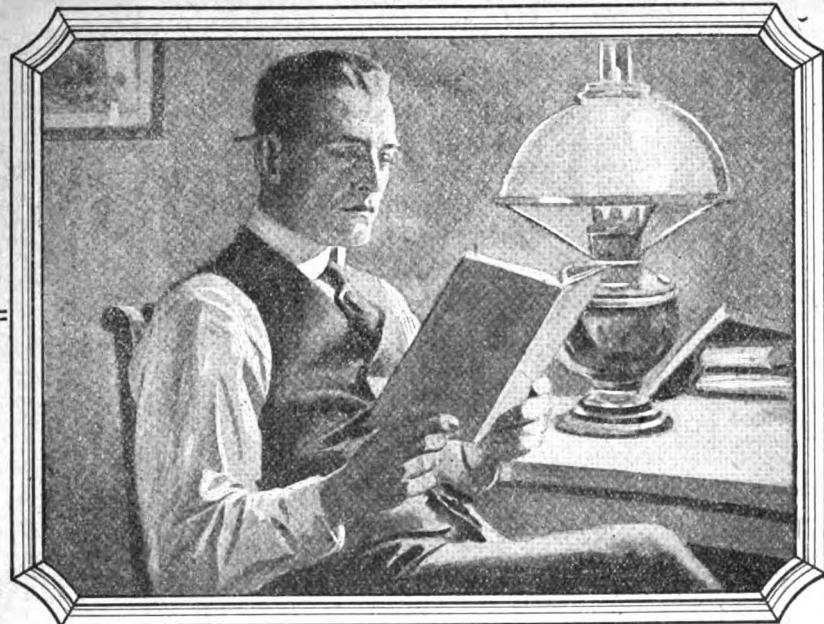
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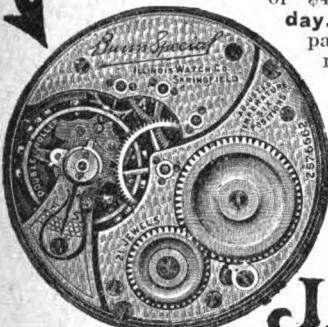
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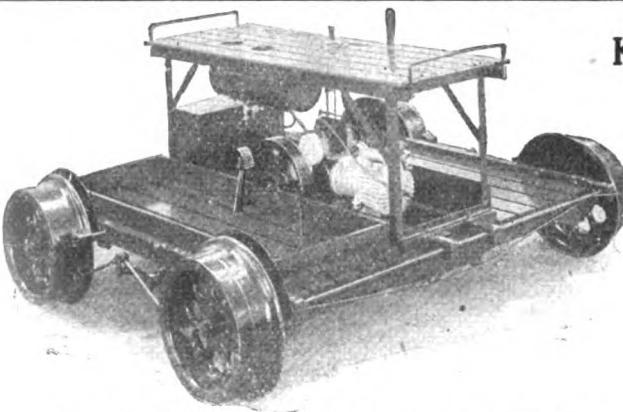
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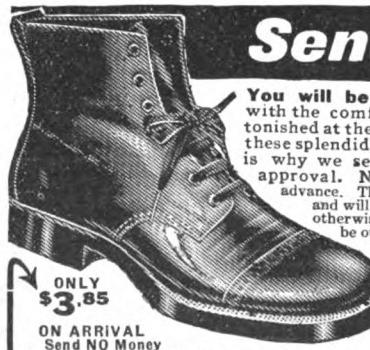
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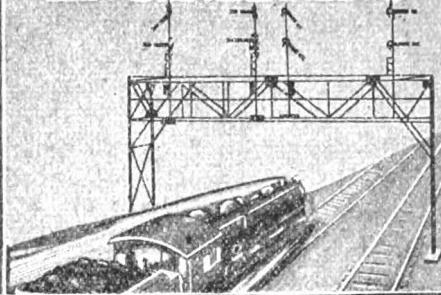
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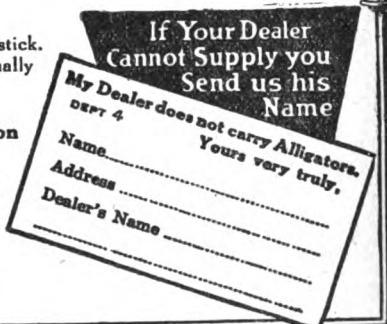
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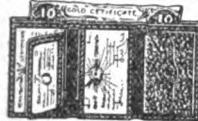
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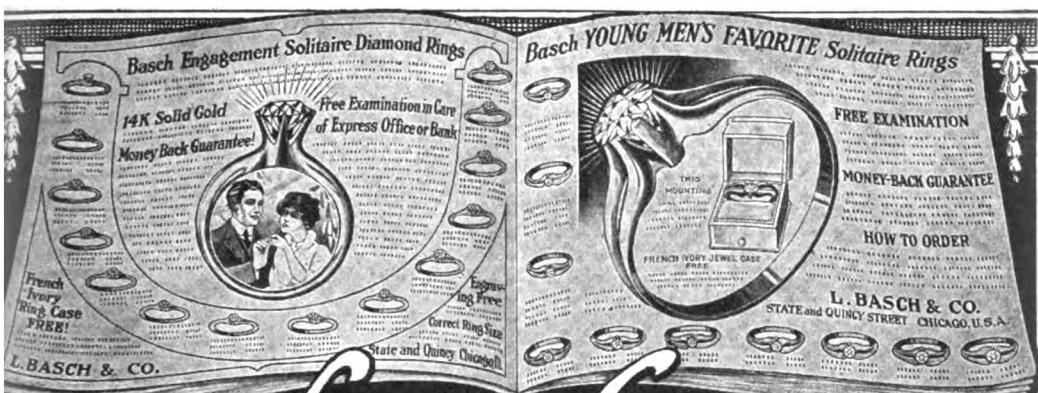
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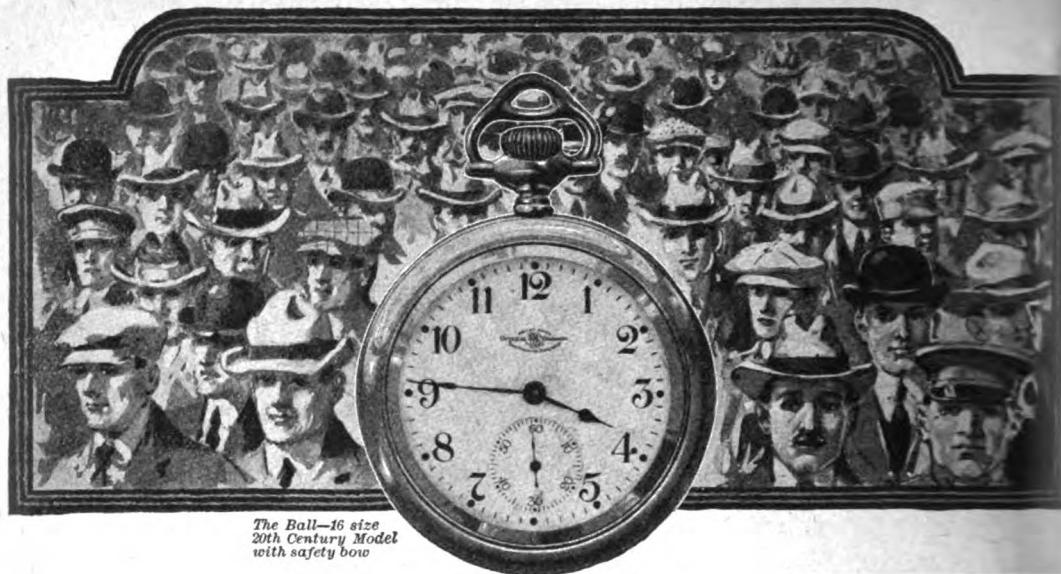
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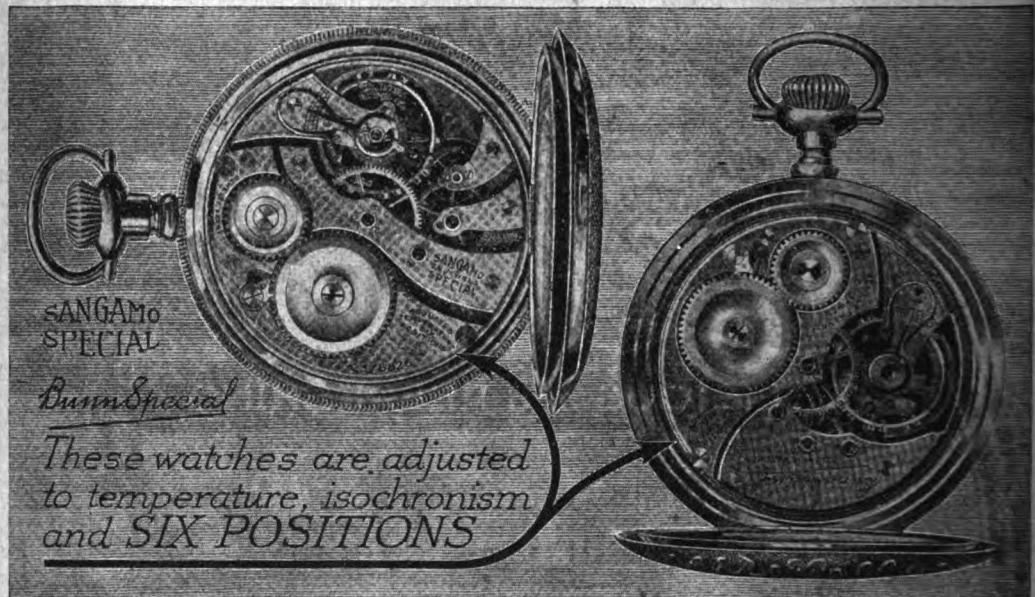
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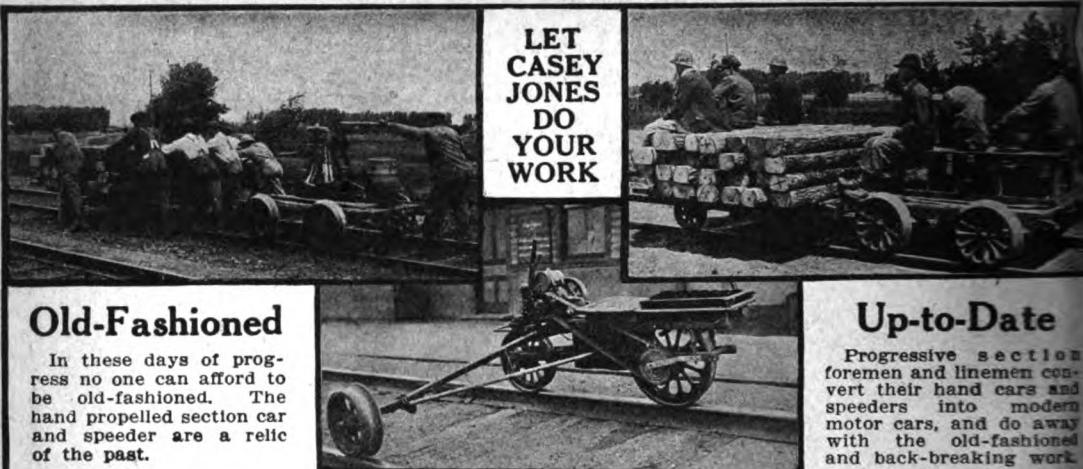
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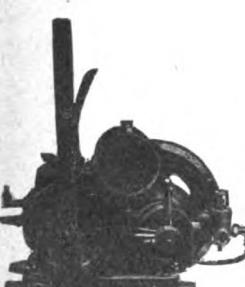
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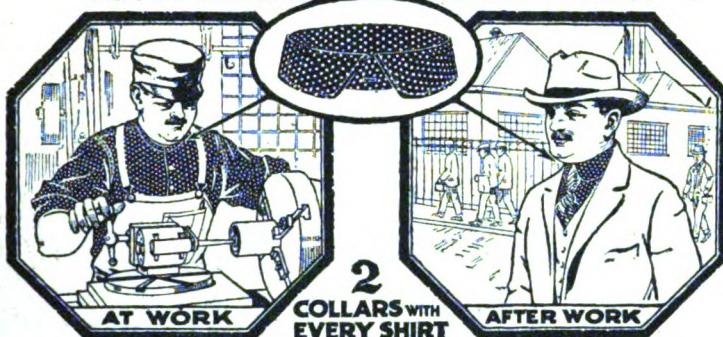
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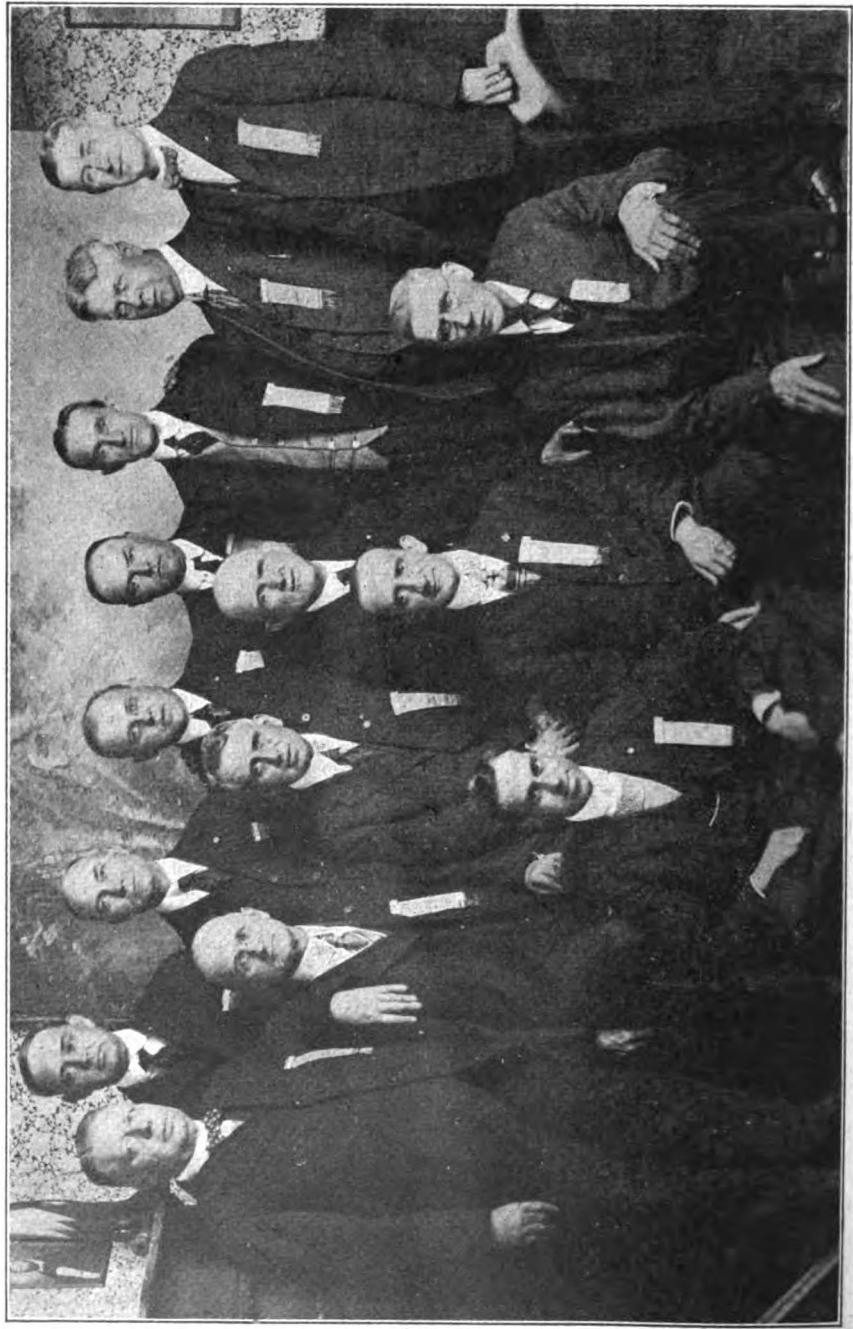


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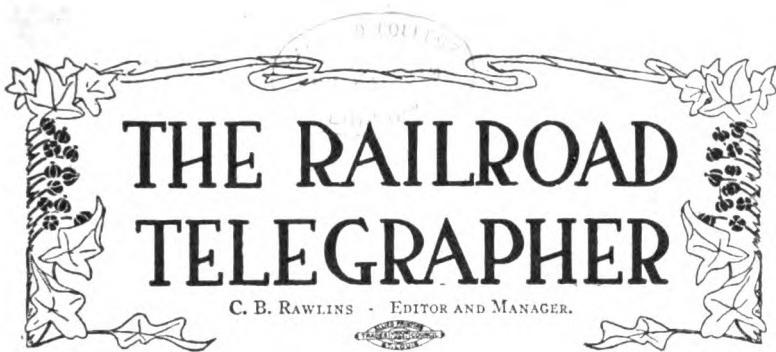


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## EDITORIAL

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### O. R. T. Birthday June 9, 1886-1919

Thirty-three years ago, twenty-five far-seeing and enthusiastic telegraphers met in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and laid the foundation for one of the most influential labor unions of the present day. Nearly all of these brothers have passed to the great unknown, all of them benefiting and experiencing some of the wonderful results the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has secured, as they planned on that eventful day, June 9th, 1886. They have watched with pride the organization grow from its infancy to manhood, ever reaching out and spreading its influence to ameliorate the working conditions and secure increased compensation for the railroad employees the Order represents. The Order has done yeoman's duty during the thirty-three years of its life, regardless of the fact that the discouraging vicissitudes have been many. Its members have constantly kept working industriously to accomplish the goal for which it was created, and we can rejoice today that we have approximately seventy-five thousand members, which is eighty-five per cent of all railroad employees who are eligible to membership. We can rejoice on its thirty-third birthday that we have the standard eight-hour day instead of the twenty-four-hour day. We can rejoice that we have an average wage of more than \$118 per month instead of an average wage of less than \$40.00 per month as in 1886. It has taken years for the Order to accomplish for its members these results, and it is deserving of the moral and financial support of every employe who is eligible to membership on the vast railroad systems of America and Canada.

The Organization still has a great task before it, in order to achieve the results for our craft which we hope ultimately to reach. A new President has now been elected to carry out the policies as outlined by our last Convention, and it is expected that each member will do his duty and assist in making President Manion's administration a harmonious and successful one. This can only be accomplished by all of the officers and members exerting themselves, by "getting together." Let harmony and good feeling prevail within our ranks, keeping intact the well organized, compact body of workers the Order represents on its thirty-third birthday.

## President H. B. Perham's Farewell Address to the Grand Division

**B**ROTHERS, I note that a good many are leaving, and I wish to say a few words to the delegates here assembled before more of them go. It is in the way of a farewell talk. I hope I may be excused for making personal allusions; there are many here who do not know the history of this movement, on account of their recent entry into the ranks, and I think that it is due them that they should learn something about it.

I want to say that I commenced active work in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in 1890 when I was employed on the Denver and Rio Grande as a relay telegrapher at Gunnison, Colo. At that time the subject that all railroad men were talking about was full time for dead-heading, and that affected the train and enginemen more than telegraphers, so I took the part of the men in discussions on the matter of full time for dead-heading and also the establishment of seniority rights which, up to that time had never been settled and for many years had been a moot question. The men who moved from railroad to railroad constantly seeking improved conditions did not like the seniority rights proposition because it prevented them from getting the job they wanted, the man qualified by years of experience on many different railroads wanted preferment over the "homesteader".

However, we made talks in behalf of seniority rights for the good of the railroad service and the men, and on account of those talks it was suggested that as the brotherhoods were going in for recognition and a schedule that I had better go along and make the argument before the officials.

I informed them that the telegraphers were getting organized and that we would endeavor to be with them. Along with H. K. Morley, E. M. Saunders and P. B. Gates we organized the telegraphers on the Denver and Rio Grande, linked them up with eight different organizations, and the result was a pretty fair organization on that railroad at that time. You will note that at that time, we were in favor of federation and co-operation, and that the first schedule made by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was that one, the Denver and Rio Grande, and that was signed on February 20th, 1892. There were only six organizations by the time we got ready on account of some objection being made to the car repairers and the track men, and they had been dropped out for some reasons that need not be set forth here. It has always been my object to organize the railroad employes into one big family,

but that is one of my dreams that did not come true. It may be unknown to you that in 1899 I was one of the Committee of four who prepared and drafted the Cedar Rapids plan of Federation, and I happen to have the minutes with me to verify my statement, but that particular one in 1899 was the one generally known as the Cedar Rapids plan of Federation, so you will observe that I was first elected General Chairman of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in 1891 and continued as their General Chairman for nearly six years. In 1897, at the May convention, I was quite unexpectedly elected Grand Secretary and Treasurer, but I was willing to sacrifice myself like so many other candidates have done, and I stayed Grand Secretary and Treasurer for four years, and was eventually elected President, at which time there were approximately fifty scheduled railroads in the United States and Canada and after eighteen years as your President I am glad, indeed, to report to you that we have 266 schedule railroads at the present time—all railroads have the eight-hour day established, no large roads and very few small railroads remain unscheduled. During this 18 years, the chief executives of the other railway labor organizations have changed many

times, but it looked like your President, like the brook in the story, "was going to go on forever." But a change came at this Convention, and I want to say to you that in laying down the load of my cares and troubles, which, I believe, are without a parallel, I am today as happy a man as there is in this organization. I did my duty and I tried to do right. I have made many mistakes, but the reason may be charitably said to be that I have done so much, that where a man does many things, he is bound to make mistakes. It reminds me of a story. During his last administration President Roosevelt received a visit from a minister of the gospel from New Hampshire, and he said "Mr. President, the people in my district think you have made mistakes." He said, "Parson, dear, the people in your district have not had an opportunity to know of one-half of the mistakes I have made." And so it is with the man who is on the square; he has to admit that he has made mistakes. This very organization can attribute all the progress it has made to the many mistakes that have been made. It is a matter of rectification. Consequently I feel good at the things that we have accomplished. I want to say to you that when I commenced this work, the average pay for a telegrapher was \$39.72 per month, and after all these years we have increased it to \$118.00 and some cents per month, which I think is a very good showing for you and the rest of the men. We have reduced the hours from "any old hour" to that of eight. We have rectified wrongs, and we have made the telegraph business more worth while than it ever was before, and in this work we have exceeded the original hopes of your President. Now that has been preparatory to this: Within the last twenty-four hours, there have been murmurs of chagrin and many evidences of disappointment. Naturally that would be the case when a change was made in the chief executive officer who has been with the organization from its infancy to the full growth of its manhood. I want to plead with you for the same support for Brother Manion that you have so nobly given me

in the past. Brothers, we have had our bickerings and our quarrels and sometimes we overstepped the bounds of true propriety. That is natural with red-blooded, live men. We must and did disagree with one another, but we should look at the progress made through it all and exercise forbearance one with the other. We ought not to go to bed with animosity in our minds, but remember that each is striving to do right as he sees it.

I was on the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor for ever nine years. It was a college course in liberalism. The eleven members who composed that body, I looked upon as the Big Brothers of humanity. They were or had been chief executive officers of labor organizations, trained to nicety in methods of expression and with a fine regard for the welfare of those least able to protect themselves. At their quarterly meetings the debates would at times get so warm that they mighty near reached the melting point—but no—it was light not heat they were after, and they got it.

The result was always in the line of progress, and always resulted in constructive work.

Members might part when the day's work was done, chafing at the collar at something unpleasant that might have been said, but reflection rubbed it out, and all met on a friendly basis for the next day's trials and tribulations. We shook hands all around, and we were brothers once again. That is what you want to do here; be brothers once again. When you leave this Convention, forget all of the unpleasant things. Get together to fight your battles. It is probable that the greatest struggle organized labor has ever seen is to confront you yet. Your work is not done. There must be unity, there must be harmony, especially among yourselves. Remember the agreement that I spoke of made on February 3rd, of this year among the brotherhoods of other organizations, "Fight together, shoulder to shoulder." Go ahead yourselves for the advantages you desire and that are known singularly to you.

Link yourselves together to maintain the advantages that are yours and gain others that you and I know have long been denied you. With these few words I want to say to you that it is the duty

of every member to get behind your Grand Officers. Forget all of the little animosities which have developed in the recent past and let us be friends and brothers now and forever.

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## Edward J. Manion, President

Was born in the City of Derby, Conn., July 21, 1872. He entered the service of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad as a telegrapher in 1893, and affiliated with The Order of Railroad Telegraphers in 1894, and immediately became an active worker in the Order.

He was elected General Chairman of that System in 1904, serving in that capacity



EDWARD J. MANION, PRESIDENT.

\*until 1913, when he was elected Fifth Vice-President. He was elected President at the Twelfth Biennial and Twenty-Second Regular Session of the Grand Division.

President Manion had a great deal of experience in handling negotiations for many committees during the six (6) years he served as Vice-President, although his regular assignment was on the Pacific Coast, including the Rocky Mountain States. He was selected as one of the arbitrators in the New York Central (East and West) and the N. Y. C. & St. L. case, which Board handed down the first decision conceding extra pay for Sunday work, for our craft on railroads, wholly within the United States. During 1917 he was selected as Counsel in the Rock Island Arbitration case which attracted attention throughout the telegraph world as the arbitrators conceded extra compensation for service performed on Sunday, and this decision was far reaching in its effect. His record as an officer is a commendable one, and his elevation to the presidency should assure continued success for the Order.

## Commercial Telegraph

The following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by our recent convention will no doubt be of much interest to the entire membership:

### RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the C. T. U. of A. and the O. R. T. are organizations closely related and affiliated, and

Whereas, It seems desirable for closer co-operation between the two bodies, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Committees be and is hereby instructed to name a committee of three, of which the President shall be chairman, to co-operate with the President of the C. T. U. of A. with a view of making a more effective working agreement between the two organizations, and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Division that every effort should be made to have men carry cards in the craft in which employed, and that in the event of either organization resorting to the last Court of Appeal, viz., the strike, the other will refuse to handle any business that properly belongs to the striking organization.



C. B. RAWLINS, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

## The Use of the Telephone

The following resolution pertaining to the use of the telephone was jointly adopted by the Grand Division Sessions of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and Order of Railway Conductors.

"Be it resolved (1). That the Grand Division in session goes on record as being unalterably opposed to conductors being required to accept orders over telephone or by telegraph, except in cases of dire emergency.

(2) And when such emergencies arise, that they may be subject to the provisions of the law governing the employment of telephone or telegraph operators as pertaining to the hours of service.

(3) The General Committees of this Organization are instructed by this

Grand Division in session, to refrain from formulating agreements with their respective compantes providing for compensation for such service.

(4) For the reason that such practice is in violation of all rules of safety, which is advocated by the railroads as a most important element entering into the service rendered to the public by the railroads, making it absolutely hazardous and unsafe for the employes and the public for many reasons, principally among these the multiplicity of duties and long hours of service imposed on trainmen, rendering the few that are competent, incompetent, for the reason as stated above.

The telephone question has given our members much concern during the past few years, and it is expected that the joint action taken by the two Conventions will bring material beneficial results on this important question.

## Government Ownership of Railroads

Like "Banquo's Ghost" the question of Government Ownership of the steel highways of the nation will not down, but gains momentum as the days pass. As every effect is the result of a cause, evidently the agitation for Public Ownership must have a cause, it is impossible to agitate a vacuum. Nearly all the Railroad labor organizations have already declared for Government Ownership, not with any sentimental or utopian view, but solely for economic reasons believing it would reduce friction between capital invested, and labor performed on our rail transportation system when they are run for social use instead of private profit and also remove the incentive to exploit labor for the purpose of increasing dividends on one hand, and inflate values for melon cutting on the other, and labor which creates all the values from building to operating would receive a greater return of the industrial values created. Many business concerns that might be called the "Shipping Interests" have advocated "Government Ownership" and also for economic reasons, view that Public Ownership of Railroads would be an asset in their private business. They argue that if the United States Postal System can carry their advertising matter, and business communications at a cost that eliminates a profit, why cannot the Govern-

ment carry our finished salable product on the same basis. Since the great war has carried the wave of public ownership in other countries far beyond Railroad interests the ardor of shippers for "Government Ownership of Railroads" has taken on quite a change fearing it may be the entering wedge of the socialization of all industry. There is hardly a question of doubt, but that Government Ownership of Railroads will be an issue before the people in some future National political campaign, much as the Railroad interest are endeavoring to forestall such a move. There was a time in the short past when the main argument against Public Ownership was "Decreased efficiency," but since the Transportation Systems fell down under the stress of war, this has taken a back seat. The principle "Bogy Man" now held up to scare the public is "Political influence." Political wires may find its way in, but if it can beat the political activity of private ownership then to use a slang phrase "It will have to go some."

Let me take the reader back to the time in memory of those past the half century mark when the stench of the "Credit Mobilier Scandal" filled the country, and its odors are still in the air, when private railroad promoters made the bribery of public officials the main

object, building of railroads became the incident. This private railroad scheme was played by the most respectable (?) and eminent representatives of Americanism. The following formula was used to build a great overland railroad from Omaha to the coast. First impress Congressmen that there is something in it for them, it's easy the public is not looking. Second, pass a "Land Grant Bill" giving free to the promoters millions of acres of the public domain along the proposed line. Third, have the Government subsidize the building of the Railroad to the sum of \$65,000 a mile, then form a sham contracting company among promoters and their friends to build the road for \$50,000 a mile, and last, turn it over to a real contracting company who did the work at an average of \$35,000 a mile, a nice rake-off in clean velvet of public funds of \$30,000 a mile, to say nothing of the ownership of the Railroad, and millions of acres of valuable land. Brothers, you wonder why you are poor. This little stunt would hardly ever come to light, but others desiring to build competing lines, and meeting opposition let the cat out of the bag. There is hardly a state in the Union where the weight of railroad power has not been felt in elections, many Railroad telegraphers have probably witnessed it themselves. The free expression of the electorate was often strangled by coercion of employes, bribery of legislators, political backing of executives, and contamination of courts, and still they cry out and try to stampede the public to beware of "Political influence" in Public Ownership. While some of the rough stuff in railroad politics has had to seek cover, it was not because they desired it, but because it was driven there. Public Ownership will at least have one redeeming feature over private own-

ership, it will be easy to trace political thimble rigging to its lair and find out who holds the button, rival political parties would see to that end of it.

Another scare head often used by even workers is "We would all wear a collar stamped U. S. A." This would be awful. As far as the railroad worker is concerned he has to wear a collar of some kind, his only choice is will it be Governmental or Corporate, and it is a mistaken idea that one is of the galling variety and the other the acme of comfort. We have been long enough in the game to have experience with the Corporate kind, and would welcome a change. The stamp of U. S. A. on the collar in an institution of destruction (Army) is considered a badge of honor. They would impress us that it is a badge of disgrace in an institution of construction. This bait won't catch many electoral fish. The question now uppermost in the minds of the people is: Shall the railroads go forward to Government Ownership, or back to private control under more rigid Government control? Since the administration of President Roosevelt the policy of Governmental supervision over railroad matters has increased. They are looked on more in the light of semi-public industries that is permitted to work under private ownership, and management. This is continually causing friction as the interest of the private cash register, and public service clash. A money making private industry cannot thrive under an honest public supervision. A hybrid never existed only in mythology, centaurs, and mermaids are only creations of imagination, and public control, and private management is bound to fail. Public control over revenues, and private responsibilities in service won't mix, there is no affinity. One or the other must predominate at the expense of the other. What shall it be, go forward to direct Government Ownership, or retrace to unrestricted private Ownership with no ethics, but "The public be damned," spawning a new crop of millionaires every year by using the Nation's arteries as Dice Boxes?

## SUNDAY COMPENSATION DECISION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

## UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Washington, D. C., April 25, 1919.

## INTERPRETATION No. 3 TO SUPPLEMENT No. 13 TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.

Question 1. Section (b) of Article I of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 provides that in determining the hourly basis for positions held by monthly paid employees, 306 days per year shall be divided into the yearly compensation; under this provision and the provisions of Articles II and V, at what rate shall the hours worked on Sundays and holidays be paid?

Decision. Time worked on Sundays and the following holidays: New Year's Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, shall be paid for at the pro rata hourly rate, when the entire number of hours constituting the regular week day assignment are worked.

## EXAMPLES.

Assumed regular assigned week day hours, 8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

*Notified or called:*

(a) 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.,.....	8 hours at 50c	\$4.00
Assumed regular assigned week day hours, 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., excluding meal hour.		

*Notified or called:*

(b) 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.,.....	9 hours
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## Computed:

Regular time .....	8 hours at 50c	\$4.00
Meal hour worked.....	1 hour at 75c	.75
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\$4.75

*Notified or called:*

(c) 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.,.....	10 hours
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## Computed:

Regular time .....	8 hours at 50c	\$4.00
Meal hour worked.....	1 hour at 75c	.75
Continuous time (overtime).....	1 hour at 75c	.75
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\$5.50

*Notified or called:*

(d) 7:30 A. M. to 6 P. M.,.....	10½ hours
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7:30 A. M. to 8 A. M., call minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	\$1.50
8 A. M. to 5 P. M. (excluding meal hour) .....	8 hours at 50c	4.00
Meal hour worked.....	1 hour at 75c	.75
5 P. M. to 6 P. M. continuous time (overtime)...	1 hour at 75c	.75

\$7.00

When notified or called to work on Sundays and on the above specified holidays, a less number of hours than constitute a day's work within the limits of the regular week day assignment, employee shall be paid a minimum allowance of two hours at overtime rate for two hours' work or less, and at the pro rata hourly rate after the second hour of duty. Time worked before or after the limits of the regular week day assignment shall be paid for in accordance with Sections (b) and (c), Article V, of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

## EXAMPLES.

Assumed starting time regular assigned week day hours, 8:00 A. M., excluding meal hour.

*Notified or called:*

(e) 8 A. M. to 10 A. M.,.....	2 hours
1 P. M. to 5 P. M.,.....	4 hours

## Computed:

8 A. M. Call, minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	\$1.50
1 P. M. Call, minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	1.50
Regular time .....	2 hours at 50c	1.00

\$4.00

*Notified or called:*

(f) 7 A. M. to 9 A. M.....	2 hours	
Computed:		
Call, minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	\$1.50
<i>Notified or called:</i>		
(g) 8 A. M. to 9 A. M.....	1 hour	
Computed:		
Call, minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	\$1.50
<i>Notified or called:</i>		
(h) 9 A. M. to 12 Noon.....	3 hours	
Computed:		
Call, minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	\$1.50
Regular time .....	1 hour at 50c	.50
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		\$2.00
<i>Notified or called:</i>		
(i) 3 P. M. to 6 P. M.....	3 hours	
Computed:		
Call, minimum allowance.....	2 hours at 75c	\$1.50
Overtime .....	1 hour at 75c	.75
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		\$2.25

Question 2. Shall the provisions of Articles II and V of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 annul rules of wage agreements in effect with the employees included in that supplement relating to (a), extra pay for Sunday work; (b), rules limiting the hours of work on Sundays and holidays to a less number of hours than constitute a day on the other days of the week?

Decision. Article IX of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 provides that: "agreements or practices, except as changed by this order, remain in effect."

and, therefore, the rules of wage agreements in effect with employees included in this supplement, which provides extra pay for Sunday work, in addition to monthly compensation, are annulled. Rules in wage agreements providing for notification on the preceding Saturday when employees are to be required to work on Sundays, shall remain in effect.

Rules in existing wage agreements providing for less than the regular week day assignment to constitute a day's work on Sundays and on holidays, shall be eliminated from such agreements. Sunday and holiday work will be paid for as provided in Supplement No. 13 and this interpretation.

Question 3. Should the "Relief Days" allowed under pay, be abolished under the provisions of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27?

Decision. The "Relief Days" that have been allowed with pay are the same as vacations that have been allowed without loss of pay, both of which are abolished by the provisions of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, effective January 1, 1919. Vacations and relief days earned or allowed by agreement or practice prior to January 1, 1919, will be paid for.

WALKER D. HINES,  
Director General of Railroads.

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**DECISION OF QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.**

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**UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.**

Washington, D. C., April 30, 1919.

**INTERPRETATION No. 4 TO SUPPLEMENT No. 13 TO GENERAL ORDER No. 27.**

**PREAMBLE.**

Articles shown herein refer to the Articles of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27.

## QUESTION 1.

Does Supplement No. 13 supersede General Order No. 27?

## DECISION.

Yes, but where General Order No. 27 established higher rates than Supplement No. 13, such higher rates shall be preserved.

## QUESTION 2.

Does Supplement No. 13 supersede Supplements Nos. 10 and 11?

## DECISION.

Yes.

## QUESTION 3.

Is it the intent that the preamble of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 be incorporated in its entirety into existing Telegraphers' agreements as the preamble of such agreements, or is it the intent that only such classes of employes as are already included in existing Telegraphers' agreements will be incorporated into preamble of revised agreements?

## DECISION.

The preamble of existing agreements shall be changed to include all the classes of employees specified in preamble and Article II of Supplement No. 13. Preamble of agreements that may be reached in the future on roads not having agreements with employees, shall have incorporated therein the preamble of Supplement No. 13, except as to effective date.

## QUESTION 4.

Do the words "for positions held by" in the preamble of Supplement No. 13 require that the terms of that supplement shall be applied to positions held by employees competent to perform telegraphing if their duties do not require the use of the telegraph or telephone instruments?

## DECISION.

No; unless the positions come under those specified in Article II, or are included in existing agreements, or those hereafter negotiated with the Railroad Telegraphers.

## QUESTION 5.

Do the following classes of employees come within the provisions of Supplement No. 13, and shall such positions be incorporated into existing agreements and into agreements which may be reached in the future on the several railroads?

(a) Freight agents and or ticket agents?

## DECISION.

Yes; subject to the provisions of Article IV.

(b) Assistant Agents?

## DECISION.

Yes; where included in existing agreements, or where they have charge of a station, take the place of, or perform the work of an agent.

(c) Agents who telephone messages to other offices or towers?

## DECISION.

Yes; subject to the provisions of Article IV.

(d) Ticket sellers whose positions are included in existing agreements or those hereafter negotiated with the Railroad Telegraphers?

## DECISION.

Yes.

(e) Employes whose duties require transmitting and or receiving messages, orders and or reports of record by telephone between various railroad offices in the same city or district in lieu of telegraph?

## DECISION.

Yes; the use of the telephone to transmit or receive messages, orders or reports of record in lieu of the telegraph carries to the position the provisions of Supplement No. 13.

(f) Clerk-Telegraphers, irrespective of whether they held seniority rights in the telegraph department prior to the issuance of Supplement No. 13?

## DECISION.

Yes.

(g) Operators of mechanical telegraph machines used for receiving and transmitting messages?

## DECISION.

Yes.

(h) Employes coming within the scope of Article II, who receive less than thirty (\$30) dollars per month?

## DECISION.

Yes; subject to the provisions of Article IV.

(i) Classes of employes specified in Article II that are not included in existing agreements?

## DECISION.

Yes; subject to the provisions of Article IV.

(j) Car distributors?

## DECISION.

Yes; where the position requires a knowledge of the duties of a telegrapher or telephone operator (synonymous terms), or where they are included in existing agreements.

(k) Chief operators, wire chiefs, copy operators or copyists and relief or extra agents?

## DECISION.

Yes.

(l) Train directors, towermen, levermen and staffmen who do not perform service as either telegraph or telephone operators?

## DECISION.

Yes.

## QUESTION 6.

What is the intent of the terms "towermen," "levermen"?

## DECISION.

The term "towerman" is synonymous with "levermen," and both are required to operate interlocked switches and, or signals by means of levers from a central point.

## QUESTION 7.

Do the provisions of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27 apply to employes whose primary duties are by the use of the telephone to operate a block governing the movement of trains, and who, in addition and incidental to such duties, handle one or more ground switches in yard limits, or where such positions are now included in agreements with the Railroad Telegraphers?

## DECISION.

Yes.

## ARTICLE I.

## QUESTION 8.

Where monthly rated employes were required to work 11, 12 or 13 hours per day, or the hours of service were indefinite, how shall the basic hourly rate be determined?

## DECISION.

Where the daily proportion of the monthly rate was as much for ten hours work as for 11, 12 or 13, and no overtime was allowed until after 11, 12 or 13 hours' service respectively, the daily hours will be regarded as ten, one-eighth of the wage of which will be the basic hourly rate.

## EXAMPLE.

Where 13 hours constitute a day's work and overtime paid thereafter, basic hourly rate will be determined as follows:

	Per month.
Rate January 1, 1918.....	\$ 100.00
Annual compensation .....	1200.00
Daily rate (1200.00 divided by 306).....	3.9215

For 11, 12 or 13 hours' work, the basic hourly rate shall be determined by dividing 3.9215 by 8, which equals 49.25c, to which shall be added 15c, making a total hourly rate of 64.25c.

## ARTICLE II.

## STATEMENT.

A number of questions have arisen as to the proper method of compensating employes for vacations, or any portion thereof accruing to employes, coming under the provisions of Supplement No. 13 to General Order No. 27, for the year 1918.

## QUESTION 9.

What is the proper method of disposing of the question of vacations with pay?

## DECISION.

In consideration of the additional increase of two cents per hour, vacations with pay for all employees coming under the provisions of Supplement No. 13, were discontinued as of January 1, 1919. If by agreement or practice, vacation with pay were allowed, or in lieu thereof the money equivalent was paid; if the earned vacation was not taken, the employees coming under the provisions of Supplement No. 13, who so earned a vacation during the year 1918 and did not get the time off and were not paid the money equivalent thereof, shall be paid the money equivalent therefor for that portion of the vacation not taken and accruing to them for the year 1918. The rate of pay established by General Order No. 27 will govern from January 1 to September 30, 1918, and from October 1 to December 31, 1918, at the rate of pay established by Supplement No. 13.

## QUESTION 10.

Where no vacation privileges have gone with certain positions and or on roads where no vacations with pay have been allowed, is the additional two cents provided by this order to be used in determining the new hourly rate?

## DECISION.

Yes; the addition of two cents applies to all positions, regardless of past practices respecting vacations.

## QUESTION 11.

May a ticket seller who is not included in agreements negotiated by the Telegraphers be used to handle ticket sales and meet trains after the employees specified in Article II have completed eight hours service?

## DECISION.

Yes; but such employees shall not be used to perform the work of the employees specified in Article II.

## ARTICLE III.

## ARTICLE IV.

## QUESTION 12.

Do the provisions of Supplement No. 13 apply to agent-telegraphers and agent-telephoneers who on January 1, 1918, prior to the application of General Order No. 27, received salaries in excess of thirty (\$30) dollars per month?

## DECISION.

Yes; subject to the provisions of Section (b), Article VIII. In case of disagreement, the exact points of such disagreement shall be reported to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions, through the Regional Director, for consideration and recommendation to the Director General.

## QUESTION 13.

Pending the final adjustment under Article IV, shall the rates and working conditions provided by General Order No. 27 for such position be continued?

## DECISION.

Yes.

## QUESTION 14.

Do the provisions of Supplement No. 13 apply to Supervisory Agents?

## DECISION.

No; except where they are now included in existing agreements.

## QUESTION 15.

How and by whom shall the wages of agents at small non-telegraphic stations not now in existing agreements be fixed?

## DECISION.

By conference and agreement between the Federal Manager on each railroad and a duly accredited committee of employees. In case of disagreement, proceed as provided for in last paragraph of Article IV.

## QUESTION 16.

What amount or kind of work is meant by "routine office work"?

## DECISION.

The amount of work shall not be taken into consideration; routine office work shall include any of the work regularly performed by the classes of employees specified in Article II. Supervising or signing bills, vouchers, reports, pay rolls or similar duties and individual or confidential correspondence personally performed by the supervisory officer, shall not be considered as routine office work.

## QUESTION 17.

Do the provisions of Supplement No. 13 apply to agents at small non-telegraph stations?

## DECISION.

Yes; where now in schedule agreements, otherwise such positions are subject to the provisions of Article IV.

## QUESTION 18.

How and by whom shall supervisory agents be determined?

## DECISION.

By conference and agreement between the Federal Manager on each railroad and a duly accredited committee of employees. In case of a disagreement, proceed as provided for in last paragraph of Article IV.

## ARTICLE V.

## QUESTION 19.

What is the intent of the term "notified or called to work outside of established hours," as to service on week days?

## DECISION.

If an employe is released from duty and is notified or called to and does report for duty, such employe shall be paid not less than the minimum provided for in section (c) Article V.

NOTE: The word "released" in this decision shall be construed to mean a bona fide release from duty and subsequent return to duty.

## QUESTION 20.

Where schedule now provides that in the payment for overtime thirty minutes or less is disregarded, and over thirty minutes and less than one hour computed as one hour, etc., are such provisions eliminated?

## DECISION.

Yes.

## QUESTION 21.

How shall an employe be paid when required, by proper authority, to work in places of another employe on another shift?

## DECISION.

The employes shall be paid in accordance with provisions of section (b), except as provided in section (c) of Article V.

## QUESTION 22.

If employees are assigned to work seven days per week and are notified on Saturday that they will not be needed on Sunday, must they be paid for Sunday?

## DECISION.

No.

## QUESTION 23.

Where an employe is assigned to a service period in excess of eight hours, may he be relieved before the expiration of the assigned period and be paid for actual hours worked in excess of eight?

## DECISION.

Yes; by the payment of any overtime worked under the provisions of Supplement No. 13.

## QUESTION 24.

Are rules of existing agreements providing that meal hour will be allowed between certain specified hours, superseded by provisions of Supplement No. 13?

## DECISION.

No; except where two or more shifts are worked.

## QUESTION 25.

At what rate shall meal hours be paid for when worked?

DECISION.

At the rate of time and one-half time.

## QUESTION 26.

Is it permissible to require an employe to take more than one meal hour during the tour of an assignment without pay therefor?

DECISION.

No; only one meal hour may be designated and deducted.

## QUESTION 27.

What is the intent of the term "two or more shifts" in section (a) Article V?

"Eight consecutive hours, exclusive of the meal hour, shall constitute a day's work, except that where two or more shifts are worked, eight consecutive hours with no allowance for meals shall constitute a day's work."

DECISION.

A shift is a tour of duty constituting a day's work for one or more employees performing the same class of work covered by Supplement No. 13, at the same station, who begin work and quit work at the same time, as illustrated by the following examples:

1. One telegrapher employed at a station worked from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., exclusive of the meal hour, constitutes one shift.
2. One telegrapher employed from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., exclusive of the meal hour, and one agent (non-telegraph position) employed from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m., exclusive of meal hour, at station, constitute one shift, except that this shall not be construed to extend the hours of telegraphers now having a day consisting of eight consecutive hours with no allowance for meals.
3. One telegrapher employed from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., exclusive of meal hour, one agent (non-telegraph position) employed from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., and one assistant agent (non-telegraph position), employed from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., at station, constitute one shift for the telegrapher and two shifts for the agent and assistant agent.
4. One agent-telegrapher employed from 6 a. m. to 2 p. m., and one telegrapher-clerk employed from 12 noon to 8 p. m. at a station constitute two shifts.
5. One agent-telegrapher employed from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., one telegrapher-clerk employed from 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, and one telegrapher employed from 12 midnight to 8 a. m., at a station, constitute three shifts.
6. One agent (non-telegraph position), employed from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m., exclusive of meal hour, one telegrapher-clerk employed from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., one telegrapher employed from 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, and one telegrapher employed from 12 midnight to 8 a. m., at a station, constitute one shift for the agent and three shifts for the telegraphers.

## 7. Telegraphers working at a station as follows:

- One from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
- One from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.
- One from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m.
- One from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m.
- One from 4 p. m. to midnight.
- One from 12 midnight to 8 a. m.

constitute six shifts.

## QUESTION 28.

Are employes covered by Supplement No. 13, Article II, guaranteed eight consecutive hours' pay, exclusive of the meal hour, at stations where one shift is worked, and eight consecutive hours' pay with no allowance for meals at stations where two or more shifts are worked?

DECISION.

Yes; exclusive of Sundays and seven holidays (see Interpretation No. 3 of Supplement No. 13).

## QUESTION 29.

In computing back pay due under Supplement No. 13, should it be figured on the actual hours worked, or on the schedule days?

## DECISION.

From October 1, 1918, employes will be paid the hourly rate established—straight time for eight hours per week day and overtime rates for overtime worked outside of eight hours; except that the employe will not be paid a minimum of eight hours if the employe laid off of his own accord any part of his regular eight-hour assignment.

## QUESTION 30.

How shall employes covered by Supplement No. 13 be paid, who heretofore ordinarily were allowed half holiday on Saturday, but who for any reason are required to work all of the eight hours or any part of the same in excess of five hours on Saturday ordinarily worked?

## DECISION.

Paid pro rata rates with a minimum of eight hours.

## QUESTION 31.

Is there anything in Article VI related to Article III where the agent or operator has been required to report at an early hour, and or to remain until a late hour to handle United States mail and Parcel Post, which would prevent the management making contract for handling the mail or assigning a messenger for that specific service, thereby reducing the elasped hours of the agent or operator?

## DECISION.

No.

## ARTICLE VII.

## QUESTION 32.

What is the intent of the term "transcript of evidence," as used in section (e) of Article VII?

## DECISION.

It is the intent that a copy of each statement recorded at an investigation be furnished the interested employe or his representative upon request.

## QUESTION 33.

What is understood by the term "duly accredited representatives?"

## DECISION.

The term is understood to mean:

1. Where no local committee is maintained or existing agreements do not provide for the method of procedure, the affected employe may select, not to exceed three employes to represent the employe and present the case to the highest local authority authorized to handle grievances.

2. Where a local committee is maintained, the local officials of the railroad authorized to handle grievances shall be notified as to the personnel of the local committee on all questions of grievance.

3. The General System Committee, a sub-committee thereof, and the General Chairman, shall be recognized as duly accredited representatives, and may participate in the handling of grievances with or without the local committeemen.

4. The Chief Executive Officer, or his duly accredited representatives shall, when occasion demands their attendance, be recognized as constituting a duly accredited committeeman.

5. Employes shall not be disciplined nor dismissed without investigation, but may be held out of service pending such investigation.

6. Supplements Nos. 13 and 21 do not supersede the regular and orderly methods of procedure that are established for handling grievances by the organizations represented on Board of Adjustment No. 3. The local and general committees, and the local and general officers of the railroads, shall be required to proceed upon the generally recognized lines, handle cases promptly, make adjustments where possible, and, where unable to settle, submit a joint statement as provided for in orders issued by the Director General.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## QUESTION 34.

Is it permissible where the application of Supplement No. 13 produces either unreasonably low or excessively high compensation for the matter to be brought to the attention of the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions by either the management or the employes or their representative, and if so, how shall such questions be submitted?

## DECISION.

Yes; see Section (b) Article VIII, and proceed in the manner prescribed by Supplements Nos. 6 or 6A to General Order No. 27, or any procedure subsequently adopted in lieu thereof.

## QUESTION 35.

Pending final adjustment of questions arising under Section (b) of Article VIII, may the rates and working conditions provided by General Order No. 27 for such positions be continued?

## DECISION.

No; the rates and working conditions prescribed by Supplement No. 13 will be applied until a readjustment has been effected.

## ARTICLE IX.

## QUESTION 36.

Shall the rates of pay and rules established by Supplement No. 13 be incorporated into existing agreements?

## DECISION.

Yes.

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## Government Control of Railroads

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1919.

UNITED STATES SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE  
COMMERCE.

The Committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock a. m., Senator Ellison D. Smith (chairman), presiding.

The Chairman: The committee will come to order. Mr. Garretson, you may proceed.

STATEMENT OF  
MR. A. B. GARRETSON  
(Resumed)

Mr. Garretson: Mr. Chairman, I desire to call your attention to this fact: I stated yesterday, in your absence, that I had concluded, so far as any independent statement that I desired to make was concerned; but certain members of the Committee desired my presence this morning for the purpose of addressing

queries to me, and, in response to that, I am here.

The Chairman: Very well. Those members of the Committee may proceed.

Senator Cummins: I believe I had indicated the purpose of asking a few questions. Mr. Garretson, you approach this problem from the standpoint, I assume, that it is the duty of any civilized commercial nation to furnish or provide these highways of commerce; that is, to furnish transportation to the people in order to enable them to live and do their business?

Mr. Garretson: I certainly do.

Senator Cummins: That is the standpoint?

Mr. Garretson: Yes. There is an ob-

gation that lies on every Government to provide by reasonable means access to the market, interchange of business, and interchange of persons.

Senator Cummins: So that the business of transportation is not a private business, in its very nature, is it?

Mr. Garretson: In no sense.

Senator Cummins: And it is just as much the obligation of the United States to provide an adequate, efficient system of transportation for the people as it is to provide policemen for their protection?

Mr. Garretson: Absolutely the same Governmental function underlies both.

Senator Cummins: Yes.

The Chairman: Would you apply that also to the merchant marine?

Mr. Garretson: Mr. Chairman, the question of the merchant marine or the question of interchange of traffic beyond our borders would apply exactly the same principle to the citizens of the world that I have stated as applying to the citizens of this country. A man has simply got to expand his thesis; lay it down as theoretic that the citizens of the world have a common interest, and you must, of necessity, apply exactly the same doctrine, that the Governments of the world are resting under that same obligation, as when you narrow it to the citizens of one country and lay it on the shoulders of that individual government. I would hold exactly the same view myself as applied to the merchant marine or any other system of marine interchange.

The Chairman: The only object of my question was that the citizens of this country, taking your first hypothesis as correct, being entitled to transportation overland, the transportation is not complete when it gets to the seaboard.

Mr. Garretson: It is not.

The Chairman: Therefore, your transportation system would be incomplete and would break down, if after it reached the port the Government had not furnished it with adequate facilities for reaching its ultimate destination?

Mr. Garretson: And my theory of obligation would also fall down, unless I recognized the universal right of all people to arrangements which would

make that which I hold applicable to one people, applicable to all. Bear in mind, that is going, to a certain extent, into the realm of theoretics, at the present day.

The Chairman: I was just applying my question to this country, to complete our system of transportation.

Senator Cummins: It would undoubtedly reach the merchant marine in time?

Mr. Garretson: It would.

Senator Cummins: But just now, let us think about the internal system of transportation. You have said, and I think no one will question the correctness of the conclusion, that it being an obligation on the part of the Government, that obligation involves furnishing the transportation of the facilities therefor at the lowest possible cost or without profit?

Mr. Garretson: Without profit.

Senator Cummins: The Government of the United States, at least heretofore, has believed apparently that it could discharge this duty or obligation through the instrumentality of private corporations more efficiently and with less cost than if it were to undertake the performance of the duty directly. Now, that is the theory upon which we proceed, is it not?

Mr. Garretson: It is.

Senator Cummins: It is not because the Government of the United States or of any state has doubted its obligation to do the thing, but it has chosen to create certain corporations and to give them the power of carrying on the transportation business; and you think we have come to a time now when we should reconsider the policy which has heretofore prevailed in the United States?

Mr. Garretson: I believe that the time has arrived when the Government should assume to itself or resume to itself certain powers and duties which it has heretofore delegated virtually to private corporations.

Senator Cummins: Well, it has delegated it directly by creating the corporations.

Mr. Garretson: That is true.

Senator Cummins: And, authorizing them to perform this service.

Mr. Garretson: By recognizing the right of them to do it as long as the Government itself did not perform the function.

Senator Cummins: Certainly. I believe no one claims that there is any vested right in the privilege of carrying on interstate transportation. There are obviously two principal items of cost in transportation, which I will take the liberty to mention. The first is the capital charge, under the system we now have, and I assume that in endeavoring to furnish transportation at the lowest cost, it is our duty to reduce the capital charge if we can do it without unfairness to any interest; that is true, is it not?

Mr. Garretson: It is.

Senator Cummins: There are two ways in which the capital charge can be reduced. The first is to limit the return to which capital shall be entitled by making that return certain. You recognize that a certainty of a return must have great influence upon the rate of the return?

Mr. Garretson: That is reflected every day in the market price of securities.

Senator Cummins: Now, no matter how you bring it about or which of the plans you adopt to bring it about, your idea is that the Government should make the return certain so that the people may have the benefit or advantage of the Government obligation or promise, is it not?

Mr. Garretson: It is. If the security is questionable, the rate of interest is high. If the security is undoubted, the rate of interest upon which money can be obtained is low; and it is the Government obligation to attach the security and receive for the people in return the low rate of payment.

Senator Cummins: Yes. No matter whether that object is attained through a guaranty, or whether it is attained through a direct Government obligation in the way of a bond, the same purpose is in view; namely, to secure a low rate of return if the return is made as certain as the Government promise can make it?

Mr. Garretson: Without approving or disapproving the method by which it is to be obtained, the abstract principle of procuring it I confirm.

Senator Cummins: You agree?

Mr. Garretson: Yes.

Senator Cummins: An important item in the cost of transportation is the expense of maintenance and operation. How would you deal with those expenses in order to get them as low as we can with fairness to the people generally?

Mr. Garretson: There one goes into a realm which is not as clearly defined as the other, because the question of return on capital has had the careful attention of the best minds of the world for fifty centuries. On the other hand, the question of the exploitation of labor has had maybe not altogether the attention of the best brains, but it has had the careful application of the predatory class for as long. It is only within the past lifetime that the question of the equity of wage has received the prominence that the other question has. The consequence is that it has not yet been determined in as definite degree what the equities of wage may be. There is the very greatest element that enters into the world problem today—what is the equitable portion which labor should receive from that which it creates? Bear in mind, I am compelled to express my meaning in what might be described as the shibboleth of the radical, for want of more commonly accepted terms. Whenever it has been once decided that there shall be an equitable distribution, then that problem will pass on to exactly the same plane that capital return now occupies; but until that is done, no man can lay down a hard and fast rule about that, as he can in the other case. He cannot divide it into two or three subsidiary questions and reason each one of them conclusively to a determination; but I would lay this down as the very ground work of my own belief: that labor is entitled to a far greater proportion of that which it produces than it has so far received.

The question as involved here is this: No less, under the present system, should be paid to labor than will per-

mit the laborer living in a way that is in accord with the present conceived standards that are fairly fixed in the average American mind. In other words, a man has a right who labors consistently, has the right to be able to live decently, not only with the necessities, but with a reasonable amount of the comforts of life; to educate his children; and the Republic itself cannot expect less of him than that he fit the children he has sired to be decent, reputable, intelligent citizens of the Republic. There is the only rule, from my standpoint, that can be consistently followed in fixing the standards of wage. The difficulty lies in this: to make myself clear I have got to go into this at a little length, Senator, for this reason: it involves the whole question of distribution of profit. Unless a system is devised that prevents the drifting into a few hands of the aggregate capital return of the world, in the way of profit on production, the standards which I have mentioned can never be attained, because it cannot be done by a simple increase of wages.

Senator Cummins: No. I will return in a moment to that problem, because it is the great problem of the world; it inheres in everything, not in railroads alone.

Mr. Garretson: No; it is wider than the bounds of any carrier, or of any industry.

Senator Cummins: But what I am interested in at the moment is this: Who will fix the wages or the compensation of employees? Are we about to change the whole railway system in that regard, as well as in the other? Who from your standpoint, ought to determine how much the railway employees shall receive?

Mr. Garretson: I would hold this—and it is one of the things that gave me bias in favor of the plan that was presented by Mr. Plumb. Profit sharing, when reduced to its legitimate basis, is an equitable division of the profit from an enterprise between all who were parties to it. There never has been a legitimate profit sharing plan, so far as I know; and I have been fairly conversant with the various profit sharing schemes

that have been advocated, introduced, or made effective in all the industrial concerns of the country that have adopted the idea; and, so far as I know, there has never been a profit sharing scheme introduced that embodied within itself any reasonable degree of actual profit sharing. There you have the principle that I have contended is absolutely necessary—and I have contended this for many years—of the limitation of profit. No system can ever solve the problem unless it goes to the heart of that very question, and it contains within itself the very idea of the limitations of profit. All codes, modern and ancient, contain laws governing the rate of interest that may be claimed for capital, and usury has always been a crime.

Now, if you apply the doctrine of consistency, why should a man be limited to 6 per cent as the return for capital, and be permitted to take that same money and invest it in a speculative enterprise and gain a return of 1,000 per cent? When that question is settled, the industrial unrest of the world will be settled, and it never will be until it is disposed of. Pope says that the proper study of mankind is man, and a greater truth was never given to the world. Right in that is involved this very question. Much as it may be doubted, there are a number of things I do not know (laughter), but I know men fairly well.

Senator Cummins: Mr. Garretson, I am going to come back to that, if I have time, in a few moments; but my question is, under the plan which you think should be adopted, who, or what authority should say or determine the wages or compensation which the men who work are to receive?

Mr. Garretson: I am going to try to answer that categorically, Senator—and in this I am departing from any plan that might be under consideration, and I am giving you an absolutely personal belief; I am cutting every other man aloof from endorsement or agreement or disagreement with this. The wage should be determined, if the Government assumes payment of that wage, by a tribunal fairly balanced, in which no one

interested element can dispose of that question. In other words, the tribunal must be, of necessity, composed in reasonable degree to prevent any one element from being able to fix its own compensation. No greater evil has grown up under the present private system than that of the corporation absolutely dominating the wages of all its servants. The organizations have wrested from them—I am just using the unvarnished term—a voice, or the right to exercise a voice in fixing the wage of the men that the organizations represent; but as to the whole official class, the determination of its wage has remained absolutely undisturbed with the corporations. It should not be so, any more than labor should be allowed alone to determine the wages of its men. Have I made that fairly clear?

Senator Cummins: I think you have approached it, but I will go a little farther with it. Under the present system the wages or compensation are fixed by, I assume, in a general way, the law of competition as it may be modified by what we have come to understand as collective bargaining, so that there is a little more of equality in the struggle. Now, if the Government operates these properties directly, the Government must determine how much the expenses shall be, and it must fix the wages, not only the wages of the men, but the prices at which supplies shall be purchased. You are not willing, are you, that some one man, representing the Government of the United States in an administrative capacity, shall be invested with the power to fix all the wages of the one million eight hundred thousand men who operate the railways?

Mr. Garretson: I am not.

Senator Cummins: And are you willing that if the Government operates the properties, that you, the men, shall be denied the privilege or right which you now exercise, of striking?

Mr. Garretson: I am not. I believe that that right should and of necessity must and absolutely will continue.

Senator Cummins: If, therefore, the Act of the Government in fixing wages is not satisfactory to the men employed, you believe in having this right or privi-

lege to take the same measure to bring about a higher rate of wages that you have heretofore exercised?

Mr. Garretson: Absolutely, yea.

Senator Cummins: In what manner do you differentiate between the general employes of the Government, as it is now constituted, and the new employes that would come in under Government operation of the railways?

Mr. Garretson: I do not differentiate, Senator.

Senator Cummins: You would then change the policy of the Government with regard to the right of employes to organize and exert their force collectively, instead of individually, in all branches of the service?

Mr. Garretson: I absolutely differ with that system, and I hold this: The relation between the Government as an employer and its employes should be exactly the relation that exists between any other employer and his employes, and the Government cannot consistently assert a right to limit the rights of citizenship of those men any more than any other employer can do it. I hold this; that the Government should approach the questions involved in that relationship in a different spirit to what they are approached by the ordinary employer; but as to the rights of men employed by the Government, they are absolutely the same as the rights of the men employed by John Smith.

Senator Cummins: Now, coming back to the question that you mentioned a moment ago, namely, the share which a faithful worker is entitled to withdraw from the enterprise in which he is engaged; do you believe in a minimum wage for employes of railways?

Mr. Garretson: I am afraid that I will have to be something of an iconoclast from the standpoint of many men. The minimum wage, while it may be an ameliorator of certain evils, is itself nothing but an effort to patch up a defective system. While that system remains, minimum wage is in many ways a desirable thing, but it is not the cure for the evil; it is only a palliator. May I make, right there, my reasons for that clear, Senator? The wage system in itself is faulty for this:

If you once assume that every man on this continent—we will apply it to this continent only, for the purposes of the argument—disregarding the remainder of the world—if you put every wage earner on this continent up to a minimum wage of \$25 a day, his condition would not be bettered one iota thereby. The price of the product from his industry would be immediately passed on to the consumer—and, therefore, chiefly to himself, because the laboring men of this country are the principal consumers—and the purchasing power of his \$25 would not be equal to his present wage of \$2 per day. I had some tables made up—and bear in mind I did not make them; professional economists made them—where we took the budget of a certain number of products entering into the daily consumption of the average laborer's home. I had that budget made up, properly weighted, to show what a family expended for that amount of those products in the year 1890, when the freight conductor's wage was \$3 per day. I sent out a questionnaire to 2500 of my men, who had been members of the organization prior to 1890, to arrive at as near as possible a fair estimate of house rents—an elusive element, you will bear in mind, in a budget of that kind—and I got answers from nearly 2,000 of them, giving their experience, and I even found, in some instances, men who had occupied the same property as a tenant during all those years. Then I applied the prices of 1912—or 1910, I have forgotten which now—to the same amount of the same commodities—and bear in mind, using the Bradstreet and Dun retail market reports—and with an added wage, amounting to \$4.18, the purchasing power, taking the same amount of the same commodities at the end of the month was \$11 less than when the man earned \$3 per day. Now, that is what would apply in the

case of a \$25 minimum wage basis, to every laboring man in the country. Here is what a wage increase does: the favored class of labor which is able to get it, gets it at the expense of those who are not organized and not able to get it. He does not get it at the expense of the employer at all; he is only able to throw a great amount of burden on the man who is unable to help himself, through want of association.

Senator LaFollette: In other words, wages had actually fallen from 1890 to 1912?

Mr. Garretson: They had, when considered on the basis of purchasing power. My attitude in 1916, as against the attitude of certain legislators, on the proposition of fixing wage by a wage fixing tribunal was that I maintained that if it was consistent for a wage fixing tribunal to determine wage, it must of necessity determine the price of the things for which the wage was expended.

Senator Cummins: That is obvious. I will now translate the wages, not in terms of money, but in terms of things that people must have.

Mr. Garretson: In terms of purchase, or ability to purchase?

Senator Cummins: Yes. You believe that every honest and faithful worker should receive, as compensation, as a minimum, enough to clothe himself and feed him and his family, and to train and educate his family to become good citizens and to be able to discharge all their obligations to society in an efficiency way?

Mr. Garretson: And, Senator, one of the things I think you have overlooked, that you probably would have included: to create a surplus that will afford him maintenance after the producing period has passed.

(To be continued.)



## CONVENTION NOTES

Don't forget your bathing suits—Savannah, 1921.

At one session six hundred and fifty-four delegates were present.

Richman, of 6-0, was busily occupied throughout the entire session.

Many of the old-timers, especially "Koppikus," of 5-3, were missing.

In extending the stenographers a rising vote of thanks, inquiry was made as to how it was going to be "split."

Ramsay, of the Grand, omitted and failed to adhere to his famous phrase, "Just one more word and I am done."

The election contests were "close" and it might be said that the closing days of the convention were nearly as "warm" as the returns.

Bode, of 4-1, excited much merriment in announcing that he would meet the members of his committee opposite "Beethoven."

The three lady delegates in attendance voted a straight ticket, some of the candidates having expressed a desire that all delegates be ladies.

Was Gorman, of 1-4-6, trying to mislead anyone in narrating the "trained nurse" story during the attack of influenza which he experienced last winter?

What became of the expressions so often perpetrated at the Seattle Convention, "The rest of it is in the trunk?" "The ship is rolling." Ask Mitchell, of 1-6-1.

At times a "standing" delegation congregated in the rear of the hall, which accounts for Dunnam of 1-2-6 in many instances having "lost" the recognition of the chair.

The contest on Grand Division location was quite spirited between Cleveland, Ohio, and Houston, Texas, and it was even money until Gorman, of 1-4-6, offered so many inducements in Savannah that nearly everyone "fell" for it.

President Perham displayed considerable versatility and also proved himself an adept in the theology in his able and ready response to the visitors of the Presbyterian General Assembly by relating his childhood teachings of the Scriptures.

## BRIEFS

L. M. Eddy, formerly General Chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway, was elected Fifth Vice-President.

One thousand three hundred and ninety-nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of May.

A hearty welcome greets our new President, E. J. Manion, and each and every one of our newly elected and incoming officers.

W. P. Hutchinson, a member of the Canadian Government Railways General Committee, was elected a member of the Board of Directors.

The new Vice-President's offices were created: J. W. Anderson, formerly General Chairman of the Queen and Crescent Route, was elected Sixth Vice-President. L. J. Ross, formerly General Chairman of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., was elected Seventh Vice-President.

The Order of Railroad Conductors has voted to make application for admission into the American Federation of Labor. Such a step had been under advisement for some time past, but had been deferred until the present convention. A. B. Garretson, chief executive of the conductors since 1906, has retired from that position.

The Senate Committee on Labor and Education has favored a bill which will extend vocational training to persons injured in industry. In supporting the bill, Dr. C. A. Prosser stated that there were 20,000 amputations a year in this country because of industrial accidents and that 1,000,000 are disabled by injury and disease.

The 1919 session of the Grand Division is now a matter of history. The farewell address of President Perham contains many words of encouragement and sound advice to all members of the Order, and with a full determination to make this organization one of the foremost in the railroad labor world, every member is expected to do his or her duty. The present officers are depending on your undivided loyalty and support.

The United States Revenue Department has ruled that the 10 per cent profit tax on establishments employing child labor will be collected, despite Federal Judge Boyd of North Carolina, who recently ruled that this act was unconstitutional.

The department says it has received no official information of the decision and will continue enforcing the law until the United States Supreme Court rules otherwise.

At the time this journal goes to press, the American Federation of Labor will hold its thirty-fifth annual convention in Atlantic City, N. J. There will be approximately 550 delegates in attendance. Those representing the Order of Railroad Telegraphers will be E. J. Manion, President; H. B. Perham, Past President; O. D. Gorman, General Chairman of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic; W. L. Braun, Assistant General Chairman of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe; and M. W. Atkins, Local Chairman of the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Refusal of Postmaster General Burleson to observe the postal eight hour law is inflicting hardships upon postoffice clerks and depriving former soldiers and sailors of an opportunity to get employment. The statement was made by Gil

bert E. Hyatt, president of the National Federation of Postal Employes in a speech in this city.

"In the city of Minneapolis," he said, "We have the spectacle of postoffice clerks being worked 10 and 11 hours a day while soldiers are begging quarters and dimes from passengers in front of the postoffice. Our appeals to Mr. Burleson to restore the eight-hour day in this and other offices, and thereby give the former military man a chance for a job, have been in vain."

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The amendment compensation laws of the state of New Jersey greatly improves the benefits that will accrue to injured workers of the state. Beginning July 4, the basis of compensation will be increased from 50 per cent to 66 2-3 per cent. The maximum of compensation has been increased from \$10 to \$12 weekly, and the minimum from \$5 to \$6 weekly.

From two weeks, the waiting period before compensation is effective, has been reduced to 10 days. Medical treatment is now offered for four weeks instead of two, and may be still further extended by the industrial board.

The industrial board has power also to attach a penalty of 5 per cent upon corporations who withhold payments. Some changes, in addition, have been made to the provisions for determining dependency and average wage.

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The United Mine Workers of America will appeal to the United States Supreme Court in the suit brought against the miners by the Coronado Coal Company, in which a decision has just been rendered by the United States Circuit Court affirming the decision of the United States District Court at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The original verdict against the miners in this suit was for damages of \$200,000, which, when trebled under the law, amounted to \$600,000.

Determination of the miners to appeal was announced by William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers, who is

in New York to attend a meeting of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, says:

"This decision affects the existence of every labor organization in America.

"The issue involved is so vital that a decision must be sought from the highest court to which we can appeal.

"Everything will be done that can be done to win this case."

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There is no immediate prospect for lower living costs, according to Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears Roebuck & Co. In a letter to Secretary of Labor Wilson, the Chicago merchant says:

"It is my belief that the range of prices for the necessities of life will average little, if any, lower than at the present time. Of course, there will be some exceptions, but I do not look for a sudden or violent reduction in the near future aside from those which have been artificially stimulated.

"There exists a tremendous demand in our own country for all kinds of commodities. This demand will not diminish materially until war-wrecked Europe re-establishes herself on a peace-time production basis. I fully agree with those who believe that the reconstruction is going to tax our efforts perhaps even harder than did the war, and that there is cause for rejoicing in these conditions, even though accompanied by high prices, for, after all, it is not a question so much of the price one has to pay as to what relation this price bears to one's own income."

On the same subject, Otto H. Kahn, New York banker, writes to Secretary of Labor Wilson his belief that prices will not be materially lowered for a number of years, if at all, and that for all practical purposes at least the war has brought a new level of prices, the existence of which must be recognized.

The New York banker quotes Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale University:

"Business men should face the facts. To talk reverently of 1913-1914 prices is to speak a dead language today."

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. Beaumier of Farnham, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. P. Woodring of Osceola Mills, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Fink of Wallacetown, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. Cannady of Buie, N. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. J. Shockley of Wilmington, Del., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Hugg of Milford, Del., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. C. Fischer of Thorp, Wash., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. B. Shisler of Cle Elum, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. B. Morgan of Dearing, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson of Division 17, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. M. Bowyer of Hageman, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. W. Schinzler of Bliss, Idaho, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Freeman of Exeter, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Funk of Sunnyside, Utah, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Otto F. Lemm of Butte, Mont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Taplin of Livingston, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. E. Robey of Chamber's Prairie, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Morse of Taconite, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. Parkinson of Napanee, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. C. Bedell of Newton Falls, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Crittenden of Pelham, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Shanks of Mitchellton, Sask., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Pergrem of Red House, Ky., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. Harry L. Wells of Div. 168 to Miss Letha Cotter.

Bro. J. R. Cureton of Div. 28 to Miss Anna M. McCrary.

Bro. A. H. Thompson of Div. 59 to Miss Lena Kackley.

Bro. L. Berthiaume of Div. 7 to Miss Bertha Audette.

Bro. James R. Thompson of Div. 13 to Miss Susie Craghead.

At Independence, Iowa, Bro. I. L. Hesner of Div. 96 to Miss Myrtle Whitney.

At Martinsburg, W. Va., Bro. W. J. McDonald of Div. 33 to Miss H. Virginia Hyde.

At Thorsby, Ala., Bro. R. D. Gibbons of Div. 58 to Miss Eila Scott.

At Dodge Center, Minn., Bro. A. Frank of Div. 76 to Miss A. Klampe.

Bro. N. H. Cush of Div. 88 to Miss Morgan.

At Elma, Iowa, Bro. D. G. Lynch of Div. 96 to Miss Rachel Cashman.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Felton, Del., Bro. W. S. Cubbage of Div. 17.

At Proctor, Minn., mother of Bro. J. F. Kenney of Div. 127.

At Duluth, Minn., son of Bro. N. R. Miller of Div. 127.

Bro. R. C. Leahy of Div. 54.

- At Simpson, Sask., Bro. A. E. Kirkpatrick of Div. 7.
- Father of Sister Laura Wood Samuelson of Div. 6.
- At Toledo, Ohio, Bro. H. G. Ridgeway of Div. 26.
- Bro. J. J. Fitzgerald of Div. 44.
- At Davenport, N. Y., Bro. Albert E. Millgate of Div. 20.
- Bro. P. J. Coan of Div. 33.
- Mother of Bro. C. R. Gillispie of Div. 54.
- Father-in-law of Bro. H. A. Long of Div. 54.
- At Bradford, R. I., Bro. J. F. Buck of Div. 35.
- Father of Bro. Joseph A. Blakely of Div. 76.
- At Salt Lake City, Utah, wife of Bro. R. A. Garrett of Div. 49.
- Wife of Bro. Harry E. Wilborn of Div. 126.
- Father-in-law of Bro. R. B. Boyington of Div. 76.
- Father of Bro. James Roy of Div. 182.
- Bro. F. E. Lowe of Div. 96.
- Bro. A. S. Prettyman of Div. 126.
- Father of Bros. F. M. and W. H. Turk of Div. 61.
- At Ancho, N. Mex., Sister J. B. Croft of Div. 126.
- Daughter of Bro. C. H. Price of Div. 126.
- Bro. H. R. Truax of Div. 130.
- Daughter of Bro. S. A. Thorne of Div. 70.
- Father of Bro. I. G. Seldon of Div. 70.
- At Millsap, Tex., father of Bro. O. G. Baxter of Div. 88.
- At Big Spring, Tex., mother of Bro. John W. Sharman of Div. 88.
- Bro. Henry Moore of Div. 130.
- At Hamilton, Ont., Bro. J. J. Skeith of Div. 155.
- At Bedington, W. Va., Bro. L. E. Glover of Div. 82.
- At Charleston, W. Va., Bro. H. W. Tiggert of Div. 118.
- Mother of Bro. S. L. Schultz of Div. 8.
- Mother of Bro. R. H. Myrtle of Div. 8.
- At Newtown, Mo., daughter of Bro. H. O. Hoover of Div. 23.
- At Pelham, Ga., daughter of Bro. F. A. Crittenden of Div. 15.
- At Mitchellton, Sask., daughter of Bro. F. J. Shanks of Div. 43.
- Bro. P. G. Hocter of Div. 40.
- Wife of Bro. K. H. Arrowsmith of Div. 161.
- Mother of Bro. Jerry Swart of Div. 161.
- At Millersburg, Ky., mother of Bro. J. W. Sheeler of Div. 58.
- Wife of Bro. O. E. Lane of Div. 33.
- Wife of Bro. C. K. Holverstott of Div. 33.
- The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.
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- WANTED.
- Any information regarding present address of my brother, Dell A. Baker, last heard of working as painter for C. B. & Q. R. R., out of Galesburg, Ill., in 1918. Probably working as fireman or brakeman on some railroad.
- Whereabouts of Fred R. Baker, last heard of working in Minneapolis, and I understand was staying at Pioneer Hotel about last of 1918. May be working in or around truck farms or harvest fields.
- Their mothers very anxious to hear from them. Any information will be appreciated.
- F. M. BAKER,  
Box 308, Electra, Tex.
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- Whereabouts of Opr. William Hudner, last heard from working for the P. F. W. & C. R. R. at Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- H. B. LEHMAN,  
907 Negley Place, Dayton, Ohio.
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- Present address of Frank Kepler, last heard from in U. S. Air Service Forces.
- C. F. KITTLE,  
Evansville, Miss.
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- Brothers J. A. Lukanitsch, formerly with Nor. Pac. Ry., Rathdrum, Idaho, and "Brun" Brunner, with O. W. R. N., Ripa

ria, Wash., in 1912. Kindly write undersigned. Important.

H. E. KEAS,  
421 3rd St., S. W.,  
Mason City, Iowa.

Present address of E. T. Moody, last heard from working for W. U. Tel. Co., Urbana, Ill.

Present address of J. B. McDavitt, last heard of working for Southern Ry., Johnson City, Tenn. "Mc., if you see this, write me."

H. D. WHITE,

409 Williams St., Toledo, Ohio.

Present location of Miss Joe A. Phillips, last heard from working for Frisco R. R., Frederick, Okla. "Joe, if you see this, write me." Operator "X,"

C. & S. R. R., Trinidad, Colo.

Present address of T. R. Schade, last heard from working for U. P. at North Platte, Neb. Any information will be appreciated by E. G. BRISSENDEN,  
Trinidad, Colo.

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# LADIES AUXILIARY

**OUR NEW RESPONSIBILITY.**  
(By Kate E. Carr, President.)

The peace of the world to be based on the covenant of free people is to be written into history—and that history will be written when the majority of our citizens, regardless of race, sex or class, have pledged themselves to work collectively and tirelessly for justice. Justice which will mean more liberty for the oppressed, greater opportunities for the unfortunate ones, and a deeper brotherhood for all humanity.

Yesterday, millions of men and women died so that the democratic purpose of life might be achieved. The whole world, by means of legislation and voluntary contribution, united in a common effort to render the victory right. Yesterday, democracy called to the nations to train their citizens to fight; today democracy calls to the nations to implore their citizens to think, to reason. Yesterday the people of every nation responded to that awful request; today let us be even more responsive in answering the call which can bring so much light and beauty to a despairing world.

The nations united to train and equip the soldier. All the resources of society were called into service to give him a fighting chance. Today the people must also unite so that all the resources of society may be called into service to train and equip the citizen to reason. Let us set free his powers of mind and spirit, for he is the defender of that democracy for which our brothers died. We are the builders of the new world to be founded in freedom, justice and self-government.

Valor and sacrifice were demanded of the soldier in the trenches. Valor and sacrifice were demanded of the citizen at home that the soldier might be kept at

his post. The work of the soldier is necessary. But just as necessary is the co-operation and work of the citizens at home.

Democracy did not ask for the work of one sex, or one class of workers. Recognizing the expedient necessity of collective efforts of both sexes and of classes of workmen, called for the assistance of all people, in order that the gigantic task of our emancipation from the reign of autocracy might be accomplished. Today we do not ask one sex or one class of workers to think and work for justice, but rather we call for the earnest efforts of all the people.

In other words, the work of our women is just as necessary in bringing about the democracy that is to be as were the tireless efforts of our men and women back of the firing lines in the world war. Women must strive as zealously for justice now as they did for making bandages yesterday. Whether she be a housewife or an industrial worker, she must share in the tremendous and perplexing problems of the hour equally with men.

The place of the woman may be in the home, but merely to stay in the home is not enough. She must care for the health and welfare, moral as well as physical, of her family. She is responsible for the cleanliness of her house, but today she must prepare to share in the responsibility of the cleanliness of the nation, the house, the state. Woman is held responsible for the wholesomeness of the food she feeds her family, for her children's health, and above all for their moral training. She is ruining this charge, however, if she does not cease dealing with that ever increasing army of effects, and aim of her time and energy at their causes.

In other words, she can clean her own rooms, care for her own plumbing,

refuse, but, if the building in which her family resides is unsanitary, the streets filthy, and the garbage allowed to accumulate, she cannot protect her children from illness and epidemics.

A woman may be an excellent cook, but if dealers are permitted to sell adulterated food, unclean milk, or to give one short weight or measure, she cannot provide wholesome or sufficient food for her family.

She can open the windows to give her children air, but if the air is laden with infection, disease will come to her children,

She can send her children out doors for exercise and recreation, but if the conditions of the streets and parks are immoral and degrading, she cannot shield them from these dangers.

Truly woman's work and responsibility has advanced beyond the threshold of her home. She must co-operate with her sisters in the larger housekeeping of her community. Consciously and unconsciously all women are awakening to this new and greater responsibility. The subject is discussed in the societies and clubs of every community. Yet they stop one discordant effect only to have it break out again in another form with even worse effects. For down at the base of all our evils, social and otherwise, there is one great cause which the large majority of women have not found; that is, the economic situation.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have long felt that they had nothing to accomplish as representatives of our organization. But listen to this plan. THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER enters one or two homes in every community throughout these two great nations. Each month we are going to use our space in THE TELEGRAPHER in dealing with some subject of common and vital interest to all women. We will discuss the subject from the standpoint of organized labor. In other words, we will show its relation to the economic situation. We will show our readers a sane and practical way of dealing with our present day perplexities and reform measures.

Hundreds of our readers have approved the plan. They have agreed to study the subject matter thoroughly and then deliver it to their clubs or societies in their respective communities. Thus they will lend a helping hand to organized labor in its battle with public opinion, stimulate interest in our parent organization, and be an active member and worker for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Can we count on your assistance?

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#### ON THE TRAINING OF A FATHER.

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By Dr. David Starr Jordan,  
Chancellor, Leland Stanford Junior  
University.

Fathers are quite as hard to train as boys, and from experience all along the line, I have come to the conclusion that fathers and boys alike will mostly go their own way, in the long run, getting "what is coming to them."

But it is in the power of the father to help a boy to realize his best instead of his worst tendencies and possibilities. To this end, a father should be sympathetic and patient, helping the development of whatever natural taste or genius a boy may have. Virtue is never negative and a boy is held from idleness or vice by giving him something better to work at. If a boy has a real love for some study or for some worthy line of work, encourage that. It marks the way out from temptation. A boy needs in his development sympathy rather than financial help. His ideals need strengthening, not his purse. To have money to burn will ruin all those who burn it. It is hard to raise a boy who is rich and knows that whatever he wants is his for the asking. He is likely to be content with what money can buy, and it cannot buy very much that is worth having. It can help in many things, but a mere aid is not the thing itself.

The father can promote the plain virtues of sobriety, honesty, tolerance, and kindness. The most effective way of teaching these virtues is for him to illustrate them in himself—to show how

righteousness looks when it is lived. Occasionally a father successfully proves his point by becoming the awful example. But that is not the best way, and right living can be most effectively taught, not by precept, but by practice. And remember always that right living is a positive thing. It is not secured by inhibitions. "Don't, don't, don't" never leads to anything worth while. Don't say to boys: "Keep off the grass. Keep out of the dirt. Keep away from the slums." Rather indicate places it is better to go to: "this way to citizenship; this way to science; to art, to a worthy profession."

It is worth while to remember that the boy is the germ of what the man is to be. You cannot change his nature much, but you can develop the best in him till it overshadows the worst. The life of a man at forty will be what was in his heart at twenty-one.

And a father may say to his boys something like this, which in one way or another I have said to thousands of boys in this and other countries:

"Your first duty in life is toward your afterself. So live that your afterself—the man you ought to be—may in his time be possible and actual.

"Far away in the years he is waiting his turn. His body, his brain, his soul, are in your boyish hands. He cannot help himself.

"What will you leave for him?

"Will it be a body unspoiled by lust or dissipation; a mind trained to think and act; a nervous system true as a dial in its response to the truth about you. Will you, Boy, let him come as a man among men in his time?

"Or will you throw away his inheritance before he has had the chance to touch it? Will you turn over to him a brain distorted, a mind diseased; a will untrained to action; a spinal cord grown through and through with the devil grass we call wild oats?

"Will you let him come, taking your place, gaining through your experience, happy in your friendships, hallowed through your joys, building on them his own?

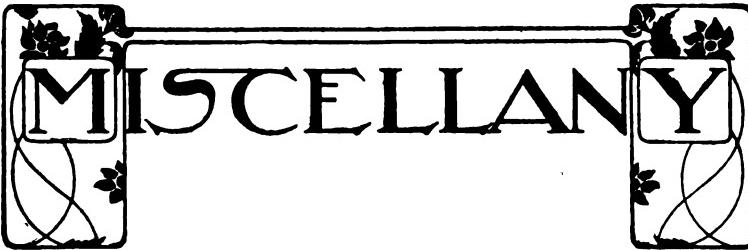
"Or will you fling it all away, decreeing, wanton-like, that the man you might have been shall never be?

"This is your problem in life—the problem vastly more important to you than any or all others. How will you meet it, as man or as a fool? It is your problem today and every day, and the hour of your choice is the crisis in your history."

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Help to reach all the parents of the country by cutting this out and passing it on to a friend.





# MISCELLANY

## MEETING OF THE FLYERS.

Marwin, from San Francisco, stepped from the Pullman to the platform of the small station where the eastbound flyer had drawn up to await the passing of the flyer going west. It was barely dawn. The dampness of the night was still upon the sweet prairie air, and he threw back his broad shoulders, breathing deeply—once, twice, thrice, before the headlight of the coming train appeared like a star upon the horizon. Then he walked rapidly back and forth, intent upon getting as many of the kinks out of his travel-stiffened legs as possible before his train continued on its flight to the East.

"Exercise without definite object," he told himself, quoting from something he had read while at school, "is worse than none at all. Ergo, have an object. I do. I walked down on one side of this train and back on the other, my object being to—er—walk down on one side and back on the other."

There were faces in the windows of the coaches, and he glanced up at them curiously, wondering what nature of beings they were that did not get out into the air and kick a bit when they had the chance. He reached the end of the train still wondering. Then his attention was attracted otherwise.

A young woman was sitting within the netting of the rear platform. She was sitting on a camp stool, and she was quite alone. Marwin grasped one of the platform irons and looked at her in bewildered astonishment for a full minute. She flushed to the roots of her hair, and her glance fell. Marwin spoke, lifting his hat.

"Good morning, Miss Dartlin," he said.

"Why, Mr. Marwin!" The young woman arose hastily from the camp stool, and held her hand towards him. "I

thought it looked like you, but it didn't seem possible. Where in the world did you drop from?"

"San Francisco," said Marwin, simply. He noted with some interest that the young woman's eyes were full of reproach, and that her manner was constrained. "I am on my way to New York," he added, after a short interval, "my first visit in three years."

"And I'm going to San Francisco," said the young woman. "How strange."

"How long are you expecting to stay?" asked Marwin.

"I don't really know. I had arranged to remain indefinitely, but circumstances may—in fact, are quite likely to—alter my plans materially. Are you to be in New York a great while?"

"It is impossible for me to say. I had hoped to transact my business in a very short time, but one can never tell until one finds out, you know. The person I was going to see may be—er—out of town or something, and I have registered a vow not to return without a definite statement from her—his own lips."

He looked at his watch and stepped to the side of the platform, glancing nervously towards the station.

"You see," he continued, "it is really a most important matter. I undertook the commission only under protest, because it is one involving several extremely delicate considerations, and I'm not good at such things. I am a natural blunderer. You know that well enough."

The young woman lowered her eyes again.

"Yes," said she, "I—I have known you to blunder."

Marwin climbed over the railing and seated himself upon the platform steps at her feet. It was an impulse characteristic of him, and the young woman smiled as if pleased.

"We won't talk business any more," said he. "Business is an abomination. I want you to tell me a little—just a little—about yourself. You are not—er—married yet?"

The young woman winced, but he did not notice it.

"Of course you aren't," he went on, "or you wouldn't be sitting out here at this time in the morning—alone. What have you been doing since that time hundreds of years ago, when you and I last met?"

"Nothing worth mentioning, I believe," replied the young woman. "I have laughed a little and wept a great deal. I have been sick, and have been restored to something which bears a close resemblance to my normal condition of health, although it is not really the same. I am taking this trip with a definite purpose; the doctor thought it might make me feel better."

"Did he recommend California?" asked Marwin, quickly.

"No, he merely recommended a change of air and scene. I chose California of my own accord."

"Why?" Marwin's tone was eager and his hand clutched the platform convulsively.

"Because—because I wished to see—California."

"Marion"—Marwin raised his eyes suddenly to hers, and there was a supplication in them—"tell me all about it. We may as well understand each other. We are to part in a little while. Perhaps we will not see each other again—ever!"

"About what?"

"About your tears. Why did you weep? You were not much given to weeping once upon a time. About your sickness. You used to be as the trees and the birds and the winds of the prairie. About your determination to visit California. Was it—was it because I was there?"

"Do you think it could be possible?" She spoke reprovingly, and Marwin bowed his head.

"No," he replied, gloomily, "it was ridiculously presumptuous in me to suggest it. I—I had hoped it might be so, that is all."

The young woman placed her hand lightly upon his shoulder, and he quivered at the touch.

"Russell," said she, "three years ago you honored me by a proposal of marriage. I deferred my answer for one week. I was in doubt regarding my own mind, but I had a good reason. And you did not come back for your answer. Why?"

"Why?" Marwin repeated the query as one dazed.

"Yes, why. I had a right to expect something better of you than I received. I waited for you, but you neither came nor sent word of explanation. There was but one inference to be taken, and that I took it. You changed your mind; I could forgive you for that, but it was cowardly not to let me know. It was cruel. It hurt me, Russell, more than I can tell."

"But your letter—"

"I wrote you no letter."

"I received a letter, Marion"—Marwin spoke slowly, after the manner of one who has been stunned—"written by you. It consisted of one line, and that line was: 'Russell, my answer is no; I cannot.' It was delivered to me by your maid. I did not think it necessary to see you after that. I thought you did not wish me to."

The young woman stood up excitedly, then seated herself. She was laughing, but there was a look of pain upon her face, and her eyes swam with tears.

"I understand it now," she said brokenly. "I see how it happened. My brother was in trouble. He and father had disagreed over the payment of certain debts, and he applied to me for money. I gave it to him—poor boy—until my allowance and patience were exhausted. He had sent an appeal for money on the day you received that letter. I wrote to him, saying that I could give no more. I put the message in an envelope, and told the girl to take it to Mr. Russell. You and he have the same name. The stupid creature took it to you. I never knew."

"Oh, my dear!"—Marwin grasped her hand and fondled it.

"After that," she continued, hurriedly,

I seemed to lose my strength. I was attacked one night on the street by a man—a huge, coarse brute, who threw his arms about me and stuffed a handkerchief into my mouth. I was not able to utter a cry, so suddenly did he come upon me. I was saved by sheer chance. A gentleman saw the wretch attack me, and rushed to the scene. He did not even take time to call for the police. He was very brave. He was not so large as my assailant, but he grappled him fearlessly, and—and was stabbed with a knife. I knew nothing after that. I fainted. When I returned to consciousness, I was in an ambulance rumbling toward home. The police knew nothing of a fight, they said, beyond the fact that the pavement was covered with blood. They seemed quite disgusted when they found I had not been murdered. I told them all I knew, and that ended it, so far as they were concerned; but so far as I was concerned—well, it was weeks before the doctor declared the danger of the fever passed."

She looked down into Marwin's upturned face tenderly, and something she saw there impelled her to lean forward and touch his forehead with her lips.

"Marion, dear," said Marwin, gently, "I would confess to you. During those days when you were waiting for me, I was following you like a dog. I wanted to be near you. I was near you that night."

"Then it was you who—"

In answer he pulled up his sleeve, disclosing a long red scar.

"It was a small price to pay for the opportunity of fighting for the girl I loved," he said. "I went away after that quite satisfied. I felt that it had been worth while, after all. I—"

There was the sound of escaping air beneath the Pullman, and the train began to move. Marwin stood up and made a move as if to jump to the ground. Then he turned to the young woman and put his arm around her.

"I think I'll go with you, dear," he said.

They stood thus, the morning sun bathing them in a radiance akin to that which they felt within them, as they

passed the eastbound train. Both were laughing like children.

"I say!" called Marwin, waving his hand at the engineer of the eastbound, "you were right, it was fate; tell the conductor that I proved it to be so!"

"I wonder what's the matter with that lunatic," said the engineer to the fireman. Then he clambered to his place, and the eastbound train went on its way.—By Charles S. Leonard in Express Gazette.

#### THE MYSTERIOUS RESTITUTION.

"In payment of a debt which you may not remember."

These words were typewritten on a plain sheet of paper. There was neither address nor signature, neither date nor place. The envelope bore my name in full, and I had found it with my morning's mail on the leaf of my desk.

My surprise was complete when the contents greeted my eyes with the agreeable green of the national currency. Many bank bills, tightly folded, were wrapped in the single sheet of paper which I have mentioned. The total sum was \$969.

I will not attempt to describe the perplexity into which I was thrown by this mysterious communication.

After cudgeling my brain for some hours I reached the very annoying conclusion that this money must have been sent to me by a Mrs. Colvin, whom I had come to know when I lived at my grandfather's house in Montclair.

After the sudden death of her husband I was assisting her in settling the estate and in so doing spent some of my own money, which fact I studiously concealed. I was a suitor for the hand of Mrs. Colvin's daughter at that time and had a faint hope, which was speedily quenched, though not my love, alas!

I would rather that almost anything else had happened than that Mrs. Colvin should have discovered her debt to me. Unfortunately she had considerably overpaid me, yet the money must have come from her, for there was no other explanation. It remained, then, for me to go to

Mrs. Colvin, whom I had not seen in more than a year, and render her a true account, returning the balance now due her.

With this purpose I went to Montclair in the afternoon of the following day. I walked slowly and went out of my way to pass my grandfather's house, unattended since his death, and there I paused some minutes, looking up at the shuttered windows and recalling the tragedy which had cut him off in what he used cheerily to call "the prime of old age." We found him dead upon the floor of his chamber one morning, and his hands were clinched tightly upon the collar and sleeve of a rough coat of dark cloth. This garment was a burglar's. My grandfather had discovered the man in his room, had sprung from his bed to grapple with the thief, and had died of his own too violent exertions, for his heart had been weakened by a recent serious illness. We discovered that the burglar had entered by a window of my room and, after relieving me of a considerable sum of money, had passed to my grandfather's apartment, where the silent, swift, and fatal struggle had occurred and whence the intruder, stripped of his coat, had escaped into the night.

Mrs. Colvin's house, when I came to it, looked cheery and homelike in comparison with the great empty mansion that I had just left. A servant answered my summons, and greeted me with surprise and volatile joy.

"There's nobody at home," said she, after paying her respects to me. "But Mrs. Colvin will be back soon. Miss Amy and Mr. Durland have gone to the ball game."

Mr. Durland was a young man who, upon my recommendation, had been taken as a boarder by Mrs. Colvin shortly after her husband's death, for it seemed advisable for her to increase her income in this way. He was a writer and had made some successes of late, as I happened to know, but it had been nearly two years since I had seen him.

"Mr. Durland is still here?" said I.  
"Indeed, he is, for good and all," the

woman answered. "Didn't you know that Miss Amy was engaged to him?"

I shook my head.

"Yes," she said. "They're to be married next month. He's getting along fine now. He's writing plays."

"Plays?" I repeated, scarce knowing that I spoke.

She came to my side and pointed through an open window.

"He writes 'em in there," said she. "There's his table and his typewriter."

"Do you suppose," said I, "that Mr. Durland would object to my using his typewriter for about two minutes, while I'm waiting? I would like to write a little note."

She made haste to show me into the author's study, and presently I had written upon a sheet of heavy typewriter paper the words, "In payment of the debt which you may not remember."

The result was even more conclusive than I had hoped. The irregularities that had appeared in the original were faithfully reproduced in my copy. Beyond a doubt the line accompanying the money which had been sent to me had been written with this instrument. I returned to the veranda, and presently Mrs. Colvin came. She greeted me with sincere good will and without a trace of embarrassment.

"Mrs. Colvin," said I, "there is a small matter of business between us. I have recently been led to review the old accounts, and I find that there has been an error. I owe you something like a hundred dollars."

She regarded me shrewdly, with an interest which I would venture to call affectionate.

"How did you learn that I was pressed for money?" she asked, and then, after a pause: "But you needn't tell me. It is very kind of you to offer me this help, and I do need it. I had to make an unexpected payment—"

"And by a singular coincidence," I interrupted, "I received an unexpected payment. The sum was \$969."

"And you don't know who sent it?" she said. "How odd! This seems like some romantic restitution. Have you ever been

robbed? Why, yes, surely—when you lived here. How much was it that was taken?"

"Eight hundred and fifty dollars," I replied.

"And this sum?"

"Was \$969."

There was a moment's silence. Then she said, hesitating: "Could—could there be interest, perhaps?"

Mental arithmetic has been my forte since childhood, but this was the quickest calculation that I ever made: Eight hundred and fifty dollars, with 6 per cent interest for twenty-eight months, 114 times 850 equals 969. I saw it in a flash, and it fairly stunned me.

Sydney Durland, accepted suitor of the woman I loved, had striven to ease his conscience on the eve of marriage by making this restitution, and in so doing he had put his liberty and perhaps his life into my hands.

"Well," said Mrs. Colvin, smiling, "what do you think of my explanation?"

I made jest of it and turned her mind away.

Mrs. Colvin insisted that I should stay to dinner, and as it had now become necessary that I should see Durland I accepted the invitation. So we passed to indifferent topics of conversation and of Amy's approaching marriage, and I heard much praise of Durland.

"He has changed so much!" said she. "I confess that when he first came here and I began to know him I was almost afraid of him, he had such despondent and desperate views of life. But he is a different man now."

Some matter of the household demanded Mrs. Colvin's attention, and I was left alone with harrowing thoughts. I am a narrow man in my judgment of character and have small faith in reformation. I saw Amy Colvin about to marry a thief and housebreaker, a man of weak principle and criminal tendencies.

I was aroused from this black reverie by the sound of Amy's voice, and, looking through the vine-covered trellis, I saw her at the gate with Durland. He entered alone, and she went on, doubtless upon some errand to a neighbor's house.

I saw how this momentary parting tugged at their hearts. I read the love in her eyes, and my whole being became one agony of bitterness and loss.

Durland came up the walk, his head turned over his shoulder, his eyes following her, as a heedless child runs upon danger in the delight of play. He tripped up the steps, and the next instant looked up into my face. Not only did the blood ebb away from his cheeks, but the bronze of the sun seemed to be washed out of them. He put his hand to his heart, and his lips opened.

He assumed instantly that I had traced his money back to him and had discovered his offense.

"Durland," said I, "the truth! I demand it."

He ascended the steps unsteadily and staggered into the house, beckoning me to follow him, but when he had reached his room I saw that he had regained command of himself. Facing me and speaking in a firm tone, he said:

"This is my story: I never had any money. When I was in college I got into debt, and—and I stayed in debt. I never owned as much as \$1,000 nor ever saw a day when I was not driven by some obligation and harassed so that I could not put my mind on my work. Worry killed my earnings. Do you understand that? I suppose not.

"In February, two years and four months ago, shortly after I came here to live, my affairs were at their worst. I was menaced by all sorts of petty dis-honor and disgrace. I could not work or sleep or think. My mind seemed to burst like a soap bubble whenever I tried to hold it upon any problem of my daily life, even the most simple.

"Now, if a man can't think, he can't go on living. He'd better use his last rational moment to get out of the game. That's the way it looked to me. I sat in this room one night in the dark, and I had not mental concentration enough to take off my clothes and go to bed. I took a revolver out of my trunk and loaded it, and then didn't know what to do with it. My machinery had run down.

"I opened that window and sat there

in a freezing draft an hour or more, I guess. By and by I saw a man coming along the street in his shirt sleeves, and it gave me a notion that I was cold, but I hadn't sense enough to move away from the window. So I sat there and was vaguely surprised to see the man enter the yard and come up on the veranda. Presently he got in through the window, not seeing me, for I had drawn back behind the curtain.

"He walked to the middle of the room, and there was a suit of my clothes lying over a chair. He was about to put on the coat when I saw him stoop and feel of a knee of his trousers, which was all torn open. Then I saw him take his waistcoat and trousers off and lay his hands again upon my clothes.

"At that moment I stepped forward from behind the curtain and out of the dark shadow, and I pointed my revolver at the man. 'Hands up!' said I, merely mechanically. It was just a memory of old stories. I didn't really care whether he put up his hands or not.

"He gave a cry like an explosive moan, if you can fancy one, and made a dive for the window. I didn't try to stop him; I stood stock still, wondering. It may have been four or five minutes that I stood there before the humor of the situation dawned on me. A burglar had entered my room and had got away with nothing, not even his own trousers. I laughed, and it did me good.

"Presently I lighted the gas and examined my plunder. In the waistcoat were a gunmetal watch and a half dollar. In the trousers were some small tools of the burglar's trade, two handkerchiefs, a little vial of chloroform, and \$850 in bills.

"So far as I remember, I sat and stared

at that money all the rest of the night until there came the usual knock upon my door at 7 o'clock to wake me up. I arose and locked the burglar's clothes in my trunk, but the money I put into my pocket. I had a cup of coffee, took the 8 o'clock train for the city, spent about \$600 in squaring up my debts and came back here in the afternoon. Then I heard of the affair at your house and realized the position in which I stood.

"It seemed to me, in my muddled state of mind, that the real burglar must be caught, and that I could then come forward safely and tell my story. The days went by; the man was never found. He must have stolen some clothes from another house and escaped safely from this town. By the time that this dawned upon me I had lost my opportunity, or so it seemed to me. At any rate, I dared not—I dared not tell my story.

"There, Marshall; there's the truth. That money was the making of me; absolutely my salvation and the foundation of my career. But I stole it—stole it from a thief. And now—"

A tap at the door. We exchanged a glance; then Durland called, "Come in!"

It was Amy, and she gave a little cry of surprise at the sight of me.

"I have interrupted you," said she, after a friendly greeting, for no doubt we showed the effects of a strained interview.

"Not in the least," said I. "We have discussed a bit of business and have come to a most satisfactory understanding. So there's an end of care, and with an easy mind I turned toward the brighter side of life. Congratulations and best wishes."

And for a moment we three stood with clasped hands.—By Howard Fielding in *Locomotive Engineers' Journal*.

# POETICAL

## June.

When I'm thinking roses  
In my heart 'tis June,  
Shadows flee the sunshine,  
All the world's in tune.  
Rose-thoughts bring the solstice  
Of each sunlit year,  
When I'm thinking roses  
Happiness is here.  
  
When I'm living roses  
Golden glows the way  
Leading into service,  
Stronger day by day.  
Rose-thoughts know the secret  
Of my inner shrine,  
When I'm living roses  
Flower o' love is mine.

GERTRUDE RUGG FIELD.

## Myself and Me.

I'm the best pal that I ever had;  
I like to be with me.  
I like to sit and tell myself  
Things confidentially.  
  
I often sit and ask me  
If I shouldn't or I should,  
And I find that my advice to me  
Is always pretty good.  
  
I never got acquainted with myself  
Till here of late.  
And I find myself a bully chum—  
I treat me simply great.  
  
I talk with me and walk with me,  
And show me right and wrong;  
I never knew how well myself  
And me could get along.  
  
I never try to cheat me,  
I am as truthful as can be.  
No matter what may come or go,  
I'm on the square with me.  
  
It's great to know yourself and have  
A pal that's all your own,  
To be such company for yourself;  
You're never left alone.  
  
You'll try to dodge the masses,  
And you'll find a crowd's a joke,  
If you only treat yourself as well  
As you treat other folk.  
  
I've made a study of myself,  
Compared me with the lot,  
And I have finally concluded  
I'm the best friend I've got.  
  
Just get together with yourself  
And trust yourself with you,  
And you'll be surprised how well yourself  
Will like you if you do.

## The Higher Faith.

He sends no burdens we may not endure,  
And after labor there is sweet release;  
The midnight billows we may sail secure,  
Certain of refuge and a port of peace.

For comfort call to "Him who sitting in  
The circle of the heaven" heard the cry  
Of those weak voices all over the din,  
And fed the ravens. He is ever nigh.

And when the shadows gather like a pall,  
The more implicitly we trust in the Lord;  
When perils threaten us, we should recall  
Our part is to obey; God's to reward.

"Commit thy ways unto the Lord," and thou  
Triumphant into port shall ride at last,  
Sweet comfort in thy heart and on thy brow  
The sunshine speaking of the tempest past.

ALONZO RICE.

## Leave Them Outside.

Don't bring them into the lodge room,  
Anger and spite and pride;  
Drop at the gate of the temple  
The strife of the world outside.  
Forget all your cares and trials,  
Forget every selfish sorrow,  
And remember the cause you met for,  
And haste ye the glad tomorrow.

Drop at the gate of the temple  
Envy and spite and gloom;  
Don't bring the personal quarrels  
And discord into the room.  
Forget the slight of a sister,  
Forget the wrongs of a brother,  
And remember the new commandment  
That ye love one another.

Bring your hearts into the lodge room  
But leave yourself outside—  
That is, your personal feelings,  
Ambition, vanity, pride.  
Center each thought and power  
On the cause for which you assemble;  
Fetter the demon Discord  
And make ye the monster tremble.

Ay, to fetter and chain him  
And cast him under your feet,  
That is the end we aim at,  
The object for which we meet.  
Then don't bring into the lodge room  
Envoy or strife or pride,  
Or aught that will mar our union,  
But leave them all outside.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

# FACETIOUS

## In the Dining Car.

"Waiter, bring me all the food I can get for \$2."

"You said a mouthful, boss."

## Interested.

"This typewriter, as you perceive, has many keys."

"Show me the key to success," said the prospective purchaser, eagerly.

## The One Exception.

Mrs. Flubdub—You have never done anything really clever in your whole life.

Mr. Flubdub—You seem to forget, my dear, that I married you.

## Why, of Course.

Curious One.—And did it not get on your nerves terribly when a Hun plane started up in pursuit?

Aviator—Yeh; made me soar.—*Widow.*

## A Little Spot.

Photographer—I'm very sorry, madam, but it is rather too late to photograph your little boy this evening. There is not sufficient light.

Mamma—Surely there is enough light for a little child like him.—*Pearson's.*

## Appropriate Reading.

"Our butcher's boy wants to improve his reading and asked me to suggest some suitable authors to him. Whom would you suggest?"

"I'd tell him to begin with Hogg, Lamb and Bacon."—*Washington Star.*

## Added Years.

Wife—Tomorrow will be my twenty-sixth birthday.

Hubby—Why, a year ago, just before our wedding, you told be you were 22.

Wife—Yes, but we women age rapidly after marriage.—*Boston Transcript.*

## Willing to Suffer.

If you had a million dollars it would

worry you to death, said the seedy philosopher.

That's the kind of trouble I'm looking for, replied the mercenary man.—*Birmingham Age-Herald.*

## Fodder.

Parliamentary Candidate—We must grow more wheat and—

Heckler in Crowd—Yes, but what about hay?

Candidate—I'm discussing human food now, but I'll come to your specialty in a moment.—*London Opinion.*

## Paying the Penalty.

Mabel—You know very well that you had to ask me three times before I would consent to be your wife.

He—Yes, I know, and that only goes to show that it is sometimes possible to be too persistent.—*Stray Stories.*

## How They Managed.

Willis—Our Sunday dinner costs us a dollar for five of us. That's economy, isn't it?

Gillis—I've got you beaten. Ours costs 35 cents for seven of us.

Willis—How do you manage it?

Gillis—We take the trolley out to my mother-in-law's.

## Might Lose His Job.

Edith—When it comes to love, I wouldn't give a thought to how much a man is making.

Maud—Neither would I, dear. What would primarily interest me would be how much he had already made. There's no use of taking chances.—*Boston Transcript.*

## He Got Off Another.

"I understand you get off some very good things occasionally," said the sweet young thing at the swell reception.

"Well, they say I do," replied the man with the monocle.

"But it takes you considerable time to do it."

"You mean I am verbose?"

"Not exactly that; but you've been standing on the train of my dress for ten minutes."—Yonkers *Statesman*.

#### Not His Fault.

A metropolitan matron once ventured to ask James Lane Allen: "Are you a bachelor from choice."

"Yes," came the answer promptly.

"But isn't that—er—rather ungracious and ungallant?" protested she.

The novelist smiled. "You must ask the ladies," he suggested gently, "It was their choice, not mine."—Rehoboth *Sunday Herald*.

#### Not Much.

"Does the Missus' economy make much difference to you?" asked the new servant.

"She says we've got to be saving, so we're to 'ave margarine with meals in the kitchen," replied the old cook.

"Doesn't she have it, then?"

"Not her. She says as 'ow it doesn't suit her digestion. But there ain't nothin' wrong with her digestion. We know that, for we often sends 'er up margarine and 'ave butter ourselves."—Detroit *Free Press*.

#### Good War Worker.

Miss Elsie DeWolfe has been one of the best Red Cross and Liberty bond advocates in New York.

At the Colony Club one day a lady came up to Miss DeWolfe and said:

"So sorry my engagements prevent me from attending your Red Cross benefit! However, I'll be with you in spirit."

"Delightful," said Miss DeWolfe. "And where would you like your spirit to sit? In a nice \$100 box, or in one of our orchestra seats at only \$8."

#### Degrees of Exposure.

"With me," said the tall man, "life is just one exposure after another."

"What is your business?"

"I'm a photographer."

"Well, life is just one exposure after another with me, too."

"Is that so? What line are you in?"

"I'm in the United States Senate."

"Gentlemen," remarked a third man, "with me also life is just one exposure after another."

"So? And what do you do?"

"I design party gowns."—Detroit *News*.

#### A Worse Loss.

Bursting shrapnel got Tommy in the leg. He was taken to the base hospital and a hasty amputation was performed. When he came to he was in the surgical ward with a sympathetic doughboy on a cot to his right.

"Say, bo, I'm sorry you've lost your leg," said the doughboy.

"Larst me leg, me eye!" retorted Tommy, still a bit fuddled from the ether, and feeling for the absent member. "What ar've they done with it?"

"Oh, probably thrown it out in the field somewhere," answered the American. "What's the difference?"

"Wot's the difference? Hell!" came from Tommy, ringing his bell feebly. "Nurse, go out in the field and find me leg for me, will yer? There's four shillings tuppence in the stocking."

#### Made in Germany.

Dr. Arthur Davis, who used to be the kaiser's dentist, is authority for the statement that the crown prince is the most egotistical person he ever met. As an instance of his conceit the dentist recounts an occurrence in one of the palatial dugouts at the front where captured champagne had been flowing freely for some time.

"Your highness," finally asked a young officer, "who is the greatest of all German generals?"

"I am," promptly retorted the crown prince.

"True, of course," said the brother officer, "but how could you really prove it?"

"I don't have to," retorted the crown prince. "I merely say it, and it is so!"

—Minneapolis *Tribune*.

# Our Correspondents



## LOOKING BACKWARD—AND FORWARD.

For years some few far-seeing members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, recognizing the ever-changing events in the world of labor and the necessity of preparation for them, had advocated consolidation of the Order into one co-ordinate whole, realizing that by this means only would the Order maintain its strength to the full in meeting the demands of the times and as a bulwark against the aggressions of employing interests. Occasionally articles have appeared in the columns of the "Telegrapher" giving the views and suggestions of the writers as to the merits of such consolidation; articles which were replete with much fact and logical argument; but these suggestions, while apparently meeting with the approval of a majority of the membership, were never tried out. The ideas perished in the discussion stage in journal and convention and the organization pursued its policies as of old with never a thought as to what the future would bring. These are the salient facts as many readers of the journal will be able to recall. But the stage was not yet fully set for the change. The grip of rapidly multiplying economic conditions had as yet not set its seal upon the transportation lines of the country and we, therefore, went our merry way and the measure was shelved.

Then came the world war and later our country's entrance into the titanic struggle. Event crowded upon event. Congestion of traffic and other difficulties early in the war brought about co-operation of railroads under private management. This proved inadequate to meet the nation's war needs and we then witnessed the taking over of the transportation lines of the country and their control and operation by the Government.

It was now not this line nor that line, but a United States Administration of Railroads under centralized control, presided over by a director general whose authority bordered on the absolute. Necessity had begun to extend her reach. Next came the timely recognition by the Government of the need for an upward revision in the wages of railroad labor. War industries and many other outside businesses were offering emoluments much higher and more desirable than were to be found in railroad employment. As a result, the industry began to lose great numbers of workers who sought the better wages and conditions. Among these workers were both those of experience and those unskilled, and upon investigation it was found that the labor turnover in the transportation field was approaching serious proportions. Something had to be done or transportation would be disorganized. Necessity was now tightening her grip. The next eventualities were the appointment of the Railroad Wage Commission, its hearings and recommendations and the Director General's Order No. 27, bringing about increases in the wages of railroad workers. The Telegraphers were the first to present their case before the commission, but the increases, while generally acceptable, in many cases were found to be unequal in application and produced much dissatisfaction and not without reason. Recognition of this condition by the Railroad Administration brought about the establishment of the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions before which the Telegraphers, among the other unions in the industry, then presented their case for further adjustments, the recent supplements to General Order No. 27 being the result. These supplements, while apparently a step in the right direction, were the cause of great disappointment among the member-

ship for reasons unnecessary to go into here as all should be familiar with the supplements, their application and very evident shortcomings.

Now, in all its negotiations and arguments before the Administration, has the Order preceeded as system by system, loosely co-operating? Not at all, but as a solid O. R. T. Consolidation in fact, but without specific constitutional provision. And under the circumstances, this is well and as it should be. For necessity accomplished what argument and discussion had not been able to do. In this article it is my wish to cast reflection upon no one. I do not impugn the motives nor the sincerity of our leaders in the past. It is my belief they have always in the main acted according to the best light obtainable at the time. Their effort should at all times have the backing of the entire membership, but such effort has been seriously handicapped in many ways owing to several glaring defects, not only in our proceedings with the private railroad corporations in the past, but also with the Railroad Administration in our appearance before it. In my opinion, the structure of the organization as a whole needs radical change to achieve the best results.

In the foregoing lines I have treated mostly of the general; I will now come down to the particular, and in delineating the facts as they have eventuated, I wish to draw a few conclusions and offer some suggestions which I believe are to the point and, if adopted, will be conducive to the best interest of the Order. For instance; take the peculiar and difficult position in which President Perham has found himself in the recent appeal before the administration. Misrepresentations by unknown parties and the many defects in our procedure came very near to making laughing stock of our case there. Do not take my word for it, but read the transcript of the proceedings closely. What a spectacle! Distinctly understand, I raise no question of individual sincerity or honesty of purpose here, but of method only. The fault rests with the entire membership and not with any particular individual, and I believe a

careful consideration of my arguments here will show this plainly. Matters that should have been fully threshed out in a general chairmen's meeting; then put into a brief taking up mooted questions, point by point, with our reasons against acceptance.

Remember, that in treating with these Government boards, even as we formerly did with the private corporations, we are tilting lances with legal minds, highly trained in logical reasoning and the art of controversy, ready to seize upon every opening, every defect in our procedure and arguments. Let us first know thoroughly what we want and then vigorously go after it. It should be our aim to get down to "brass tacks," eliminating all non-essential matter while endeavoring to adequately cover all points of friction which may arise. Right here is where the services of competent legal counsel are of vital necessity. Of course, all questions can not be anticipated, but such procedure will furnish a working basis absolutely necessary for unhampered action on our part. Let us hope this lesson will not be lost, but will be profited by in the future. But to return to consolidation; as necessity has shown us its feasibility, why not make it constitutional? For it will be needed in the future even more so than now. The present structure of our organization is obviously too loosely fitted together to enable us to make full use of our economic power. The trend of events, not only in the field of labor, but everywhere, is toward unity and concentration of effort, and not toward separation. Let it not be said that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers lacks the foresight necessary to profit by this fact.

In the years that have gone, many excellent ideas brought up for discussion in the "Telegrapher" and sometimes in convention, have been allowed to die for want of proper knowledge and understanding on the part of the membership. The large majority had no opportunities to voice their opinions; their wishes had little or nothing to do with the shaping of policy, nothing to do with matters that concerned them most. This would not be

the case had we the initiative, referendum and recall. It is the opinion of many that the organization should be made more responsive to the membership. I understand several of the other unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. have such constitutional provision. Why not the O. R. T.? This one measure adopted by the Order would strengthen the morale of the membership to a far greater degree than any other single measure I can at present bring to mind. Take the dissatisfaction evidenced over the recent wage awards. Had we the above provision in our constitution the President could say: "Gentlemen, there are the facts." And after a referendum the membership would say to the President, "Here are our wishes in the matter—do thus and so." And there would be no back-fire, no misunderstandings. Let this be considered.

In conclusion, permit me to elucidate one more point. Many brother telegraphers are of the opinion that the official publication, "The Railroad Telegrapher," should not continue to be the conservative organ it has been in the past. Things are daily happening in the economic field which are of vital importance to labor—things upon the amicable adjustment of which the very life and safety of labor depend. Do we often see these matters discussed in the journal? We do not—and if discussed at all, they receive but meager attention. Such discussion in the journal, treating upon the different phases of these matters so very vital to labor, would achieve an understanding and enlightenment among the membership at large which the Order would do well to cultivate. For we must build for the future, and if we do not heed it now, necessity will ultimately make us see—and perhaps it may be like the lightning flash—when it is too late! Are there any who think we can go along in the same old exclusive way—in that hit-or-miss fashion of the past? If there be, let them brush the cobwebs from their eyes and look upon the world about them. Flint-lock methods in a rapid-fire gun era are conducive of neither harmony nor progress. Old ideas are crashing to

earth, making way for the new, and not to keep ourselves well informed of these epochal changes, with earnest endeavor to meet the resultant new conditions, would be the height of folly. Let us give the questions here outlined sincere consideration both before and at the next convention, so that ways and means may be found to place the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in its proper position—the vanguard of progressive unionism.

By H. E. KEAS,  
Cert. 248, Div. 96.

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#### WHY RAILROAD EMPLOYES FAVOR GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

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Since the Director General of the railroads told the railroad employes they "no longer served a corporation, but are now Government employes," and as "long as they stuck to their jobs he would not let them be kicked around"—they feel free to discuss matters pertaining to their welfare, in moderation and with facts, compare the present with the past and fondly look forward to the future.

As faith and reason teaches there is no contradiction between the divine decree of labor and the primal blessing given to mankind and that justice is compatible with every stage of industrial progress. They feel, with Government control of railroads, this is a momentous period with favorable circumstances awaiting them.

Railroad labor organizations have made up their minds that certain reforms shall become law, and they believe they are entitled to a voice in promulgating and carrying out reforms to be committed to constitutional methods and made effective. The violent struggle with Germany for democracy's triumph cost a deluge of blood, and after the subsiding of enthusiasm that followed our victory, the railroad employes began to think seriously, and as they lapsed into silent thought they wondered whether or not the new order that has risen from Government control of railroads is to be permanent, or rather, will the railroads be returned to the old piratic and autocratic rule of corporate domination with pre-war conditions? He would indeed be a wizard

who could correctly chart, or with certainty predict the course of this event with all of the attendant confusion and varied opinion. And, too, he would be a seer who could furnish a correct indication of the course Congress will map out in its final settlement of this question, a problem which has unfolded into a national scope. Upon that decision the destiny and fate of the railroad employees seem now to hang, while their minds, too, are suspended high with anxious suspense. There are objections from the shipping public against the continuation of the present method of Government control of railroads as a permanent solution of the problem, and think it should be improved.

Corporate advocates allege too many evils as the result of Government control of railroads. Railroad employees want Government control on some basis. A policy to be permanent must satisfy more than the desire of the subordinate railroad employees to prove satisfactory to all interested, and as "Government ownership of railroads" is the only policy that can reconcile all conflicting interests, let us hope this will be the final solution when Congress renders its decision.

The railroad employees have been loyal and patriotic and they realize, too, that they have just passed through an exciting period which called for deeds; it has been a time, too, for rearing ideals, and all who have caught the "spirit of the new era" must now strive to attain this supreme solution. They should work with ardor and unremitting zeal, and with the thought uppermost in their minds for human rights, and the privilege of American citizenship.

The world war brought a new era, one with changed conditions, and as I write these lines, President Wilson is in France presiding at a peace conference, endeavoring to draft a covenant consisting of a league of nations to prevent future wars and preserve civilization, with the uninterrupted enjoyment of human rights; so let us pray God will crown his efforts with success.

Do not doubt for one moment, if the railroads are turned back with the old

pre-war conditions, how the railroad employees will fare, as compared with their treatment under Government control of railroads.

It is natural to presume old ideas and methods will be revived and the same means would be employed by which all former objects were attained, and rational men firmly believe such an attitude at this period would be fertile soil for Bolshevism, and Congress should view it from this angle. With the continuation of Government control of this industrial domain, evils that have afflicted our American arteries of commerce will in time be remedied. The course of "Neoptism and discrimination shall disappear to give free circulation to the warm and vivifying currents of confidence, then worth will be recognized, and merit will get its reward. There will be no "nigger in the woodpile" to foment an "atmosphere of suspicion and distrust." In time, Government control of railroads would mean the passing forever of railroad strikes to give place to lawful arbitration for settlement of disputes. Every son of Father Time, and child of Mother Experience, knows that "engaging in a strike is like going to war," and men who use this weapon should realize how doubtful it is, its danger, its cost, and the suffering when followed by defeat. As the old woman said of her husband's cooking, "costs more than it comes to." Representatives on either side who are not honest, without proper intelligence, and who do not possess a sense of responsibility, are not fit to be trusted, as the reckless and irresponsible abuse of power is dangerous and costly. Any man with congested brains, an unalterable belief in his superiority of judgment, and who grows purple in the face over suggestions, is not fit to boss the job, as defeat always follows trouble with this brand of leadership. On both sides, bad leaders who are ill tempered, have been the source of needless trouble.

To involve great numbers of employees in an ill-advised strike for a trivial cause, or without an industrial or economic reason by bad leadership, is as foolish as the hunter who throws his powder horn

into a bonfire to scare the bear with the volume of flame. A hot-headed, reckless, bigoted or mulish labor leader who does not know how to give and take, or rather, make reasonable concessions with a view to a fair compromise, is not fit to be on the job and should be fired.

The railroad manager who is arrogant, dominating, autocratic, intolerant and insulting toward subordinates, and refuses to conciliate or compromise, is not capable to represent investments, and the directors should get rid of him. There have been times when labor leaders, too, like the representatives of capital, have become drunk with power and have pushed their claims and demands beyond the limit of reason and justice, which could never be justified—even in securing better conditions for ill-treated labor.

Government control of railroads will maintain a tribunal for the adjustment of grievances to which the employes can always appeal for redress when they fail to get justice. Government control of railroads has already done much to relieve the industrial oppression in this sphere by stripping many despotic men of the old regime of their boasted rights; rapacious men whose ambitions were to hold their subordinates completely at the mercy of their preconceived and selfish notions. Government control of railroads has unshackled the subordinate railroad employes, restored their precious liberties, and they appreciate with sincere gratitude the change which gives becoming recognition to their manhood and citizenship, with the scales of humanity balanced in favor of justice.

It is no exaggeration to say Government control of railroads is doing lots to alleviate the former strained relations between officials and employes; except in the bosom of those tyrants where Godlessness and the thirst for "privilege and power," with an evil spirit for revenge, lies smouldering like coals in ashes deep, awaiting to be fanned into a flame by the breeze of opportunity. As regards such men, we need only inquire: Who are they, what are they, from whence did they spring, and what else could we expect? To bolster this contention, it is

only necessary to recite a few examples of aggregated wealth. The president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testifying before the Industrial Commission in 1900, was asked if he considered it ethically justifiable to make consumers pay dividends on an overcapitalization of \$25,000,000, and he did not scruple to make the blunt reply: "I do not care two cents for your ethics; I think it is fair to get out of the consumer all we can consistent with a business proposition." J. P. Morgan was asked before witnesses whether he thought that "ten dollars a week was enough for a longshoreman," and he is quoted as making this reply: "I believe it is, if that is all he could get and took it." A group of railroad magnates once met to discuss a financial scheme. When the spokesman outlined the proposition one of his colleagues remonstrated by saying: "That won't do, the American people will not stand for it." Like a flash came this reply: "To hell with the American people! Give me money enough and I can hire one-half of the American people to shoot down the other half."

What means would not such men employ to attain their objects? Such men proceed upon the principle of brow-beating, bulldozing, threatening, coercion and frightening employes into subjection through their lieutenants who have the physical control of their property, the railroads. And to carry out this "policy," some railroad managers did not scruple to inaugurate a systematic secret service that would have put the German spies to blush. It has been openly charged that on "some large systems every department was infested with spies, employes were either bribed with special indulgences or given private vouchers for pay in addition to their regular wages to attend lodge meetings and report all proceedings and discussion with the name of their comrades." It is currently afloat on those systems "that it was a custom, or rather, a practice, to give division superintendents a monthly allowance to be devoted to the local spy service within their jurisdiction." If these are facts that can be substantiated with investigation, let us

hope Government control of railroads will put a stop to such diabolical methods with the exposure of officials and their treacherous tools, as no distinction can be drawn between the man who gives a bribe and the scoundrel who takes it. The purchase of Liberty bonds or war savings stamps can not be accepted as an indication of patriotism with men of this stamp, but to be regarded only as a ruse to conceal their real characters. It is said those systems availed themselves of the assistance of fanatical thugs; they employed such characters as blackmailers, ex-convicts and jailbirds with criminal records as spies and investigators in every department, and bribed employees themselves to support any iniquitous measure. Spies who would crawl through sewers and strain cesspools to collect vile evidence of infamy to convict a victim, innocent or guilty, and who every decent man loathes and every honest employer despises. Pure water will not flow from a foul fountain. We boast about America being "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Would not such a brood of vipers make it "the land of the freak and the home of the knave"?

I clip the following from a morning newspaper wherein the United States Attorney General gives expression to his sentiments in declining the proffered service of a spy system. The Attorney General is quoted, in part, as follows:

"Espionage conducted by private individuals or organizations is entirely at variance with our theories of Government and its operation in any community constitutes a grave menace to that feeling of public confidence which is the chief force making for the maintenance of good order."

Discussing the spy system further, he said:

"It has been the traditional policy of this department, however, grounded on sound reasons, not to confer its sanction upon, nor to establish with them any relations."

That is Americanism! That is democracy, and that is the principle upon which our sons went to battle with Germany.

Each loyal railroad employe feels that in time Government control of railroads, with its American policy, will iron out all of the existing inequalities it heired from corporate control. They believe, to give the railroads back with pre-war conditions would mean unrighteous and intolerable oppression which would foment the spirit of Bolshevism, as smaller things have brought on revolution.

Would it not, in deed, be the fatalistic cause for oppression, the fruitful occasion for wrong and evils, the source for capitalistic greed and tyranny? We believe Congress will not make any fatal blunder, because the policy of Government control of railroads is founded upon the universal brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, and the safe-guarding of the rights of the employes, give us extended Government control or Government ownership.

"For still, the new transcends the old,  
In signs and tokens manifold,  
Slaves rise up now, the olive waves,  
With roots deep set in battle graves."

W. T. McATEE,  
526 W. Oak St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

#### WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

It would be time wasted to attempt to reduce wage scales while the present high cost of living continues.

Surely the advance in wages which we wish to secure must be an advance in real wages. An advance which involves a corresponding advance in the cost of living can serve no useful purpose.

A substantial increase in wages involves an increased production and an increased efficiency which can only be guaranteed by the whole-hearted efforts of employers and workers alike, and this is only obtainable by giving labor a real share in controlling working conditions.

I wish to submit a few proposals which I sincerely think would bring peace between capital and labor, bringing harmony to the world at large.

**First:** Set up a trade board for every industry whose duty it would be to fix a minimum wage which will enable a man to marry and maintain a family of ordinary size in a state of physical efficiency, with a margin for recreation.

For the woman worker a minimum wage, sufficient to maintain health and respectability, also with a margin for recreation.

**Second:** Give the workers a share in control of industry.

**Third:** Have the wage board devise a scheme whereby they can have the facts regarding profits made by their industry, and when capital has been paid the minimum amount for supplies for necessary development of the industry, let the remainder of the profits be shared in an agreed proportion between capital and labor. This would give both a great goal to work for, consequently better service.

**Fourth:** Have Congress pass an act making 48 hours the maximum working week; which would demand more men, consequently less unemployment.

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#### CHANGE THE NEWS.

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There seems to be need of a radical change in material submitted by Division

Correspondents for monthly write-ups. This conclusion has been arrived at by myself, after sifting down the many notes from a standpoint of general interest. Discussion in these columns might develop interesting opinion on this subject with other ideas for making the magazine more commonly read, instructive and progressive.

In looking over an issue of the journal from the standpoint of a critic, I do not intend criticizing the good effort being made, but to instruct the writers in a manner that will make them capable of producing finer journalistic art, through our finding out what others think of our work.

For instance, small changes occur monthly in office forces that are of no interest except to those adjacent and able to know of the events ten minutes afterwards by reason of wire communication. Instead of these notes, if the writers could learn to submit interesting editorials presenting local situations only of interest throughout the country, the variety of contributors and ideas would be something beyond any other magazine. It would be an honorable achievement in favor of the labor movement.

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# FRATERNAL

## NOTICE

All items for this department must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before the 25th day of the month in order to insure their insertion in the following issue.

### St. Louis, Mo., Div. No. 2.

#### "Clover Leaf Route"—

General Chairman Walters, while representing us at the St. Louis convention, was relieved on third Russiaville by Sister Boche.

Bro. Paulson, second Kokomo, has moved his family there from Montpelier.

Bro. Ballard bid in Grelton agency, succeeded at Greentown by Bro. De Long.

Bro. John L. Ruffy of Company E, 12th Engineers, "Ry." A. E. F., who volunteered for overseas duty, returned to his father's home at 901 South Washington street, Kokomo, Ind., the morning of May 17th, having been in France twenty-three months. He is looking and feeling fine. He will return to his old position in a few days as operator for the Wabash Railway in Chicago. He still holds his up-to-date card in Division 26. Cert. 299 says he is glad to be back. The old U. S. A. is good enough for him.

Bro. McMasters, agent Swayzee, was relieved by Extra Alexander three days while visiting his brother Paul, agent Venedocia, who has just taken a partner for life. Congratulations and good wishes to the happy pair.

Bro. Highland, agent Milanta, visiting his parents at New Douglass a few days, was relieved by Bro. Jas. L. Fisher, bumped from Trillia by returning soldier.

Come on, boys; furnish us with a few more items for the journal. CERT. 215.

Bro. Robins, Canga, relieved by Bro. C. A. Leitch, spent several days in St. Louis recently, sightseeing. He now has a new car and is the most popular man around town. Bro. Thompson, first Ridge Farm, was also relieved by Bro. Leitch while visiting his folks in Flat Rock. Later Bro. Leitch went to Madison extra. "Daddy," from third there, is now on third Waterville where the lake breeze can fan him while he sleeps.

Bro. Thomas relieved Bro. Warren at New Douglas when he took Panama agency.

Bro. A. E. Mills, an "old timer" on the "Clover Leaf," has returned and relieved Bro. Livesey at Sorento while he attended the St. Louis convention as a delegate. CERT. 249.

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### Providence, R. I., Div. No. 35.

#### N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.—New London Div.—

It is with extreme regret that I chronicle the death of Bro. J. F. Buck, towerman at

Bradford, R. I., May 13th. He was a general favorite and will be greatly missed. The burial took place at East Providence on May 16th. Flowers were sent by "the boys." He is survived by the wife and one son, Bro. M. W. Buck, stationed at Wilkinson, Mass., on the Worcester Division. Profound sympathy is extended to both.

The "System Division" balloted for by the telegraphers of the New Haven Road resulted as follows: 27 defective ballots, 520 in favor of and 250 opposing. There has been an insistent demand for the system division by many of the boys.

Local Chairman Bowler presented Division No. 35 with a very welcome bunch of twenty-five applications for membership from the New London Division the night of May 17th, doing even better than last month. All were balloted for and accepted. We are now practically solid for the first time in many years as the result of his efforts and the awakened spirit of the boys and girls all over the division and there are very few non-members to canvass. Bro. Bowler can't pull off such a stunt again for a long time. What a difference in three short months, since February 9th. Bro. Bowler began his campaign for members March 4th, when the division membership was way "down." Now, even including agents at non-telegraph stations covered by our schedule, there are only three apparently not favorably inclined.

Bro. Bowler wishes to thank all for the friendly spirit in which he has been received "along the line" and the assistance rendered him during the campaign; but we'll swing that thanking business around the other way. The membership thanks him from the bottom of their hearts, first, for accepting the office against his own personal wishes, and secondly, for working as he has for our benefit. Last, but not least, we should show our appreciation of the entire local committee, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

The engineers tell me that those new "U. S." or 33 hundred engines are the finest thing in the locomotive line that this road has ever tried.

Now boys, after having written something for THE TELEGRAPHER, as I promised, I hope you will help me to keep the New London Division before its readers by sending me

news items from your part of the line, up to the 17th day of each month.

H. F. THOMAS, Stonington, Conn.

#### New Rochelle, N. Y., Div. No. 37.

Our regular meeting, held in New Rochelle Friday night, April 11th, was not very well attended.

Those who never attend meetings some day may find conditions somewhat changed, and not to their best interests, and they will have no one to blame but themselves for not giving their personal attention as to how and at what place they will sell their labor and not leave this most important matter to others.

Brother Tiffney presided at the meeting, very ably assisted by Bros. Simmons, Donnella, McMahon, and Seaman in their respective chairs.

Changing from a Local to a System Division was discussed at length and it was decided that the interests of the New Haven Telegraphers road could best be served under the present local Division plan.

Among those who discussed the question were Brothers Roamer, Buckley, Dooley, Donnella and McMahon.

Brother Roamer, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, made a splendid report of progress in regard to the coming year book which was received and adopted, and the Board granted full power to act in all matters pertaining to this year book without submitting further report to the Division until they are ready to submit their final report.

Brother Johnnie English, of Branchville, is enjoying a vacation. Relieved by Brother Wooley.

Jim Donahue, first Hy, Harlem River, on sick list, relieved by Brother Dan McDonald.

Brothers T. A. Nolan and P. J. McFadden, of the A. E. F., expect to soon return to duty, the former at Rye, N. Y., and the latter at Mt. Vernon.

Brother Royak, of Southport, relieved by Brother Von Geisen a few days on account of sickness, and Brother Martin is relieving Brother Wood, of Rye Tower, who has been ill for some time and does not improve as fast as his many friends would wish.

Bro. H. J. Kirby went to second Harlem River while Brother Dick Canfield relieved car distributor, Brother Harry Morris, who relieved the train dispatchers on their vacations in May, two days each regular and one day reviewing the road. Brother M. M. Steed is relieving Brother Monley at Westchester, Brother Monley covering Harlem River relief dispatcher's job.

Brother T. O. Tiger was relieved on third Md. Stamford while at the St. Louis convention by Brother P. J. Brophy.

Brother Jim Donovan, Fayville, has returned from the A. E. F. "overseas," and will

take his old job as delay clerk at Harlem River when mustered out of the service.

Brother Wandpug, "Hy" Harlem River, has gone to work for a broker.

Branch Dispatcher Brother Jack Quinn on vacation two weeks, was relieved by Brother Harry Morris.

Chief Dispatcher Raser has returned to duty after a short illness, relieved by Dispatcher Breitigan.

CERT. 187.

#### New York, N. Y., Div. No. 44.

*Long Island R. R.—*

Bro. LaRue, who had been overseas in war service, was one of the twenty members who braved the storm and attended our regular schedule meeting at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica. He was heartily welcomed and gave us an interesting account of his experience.

It seemed good to learn that the sixty-six new members had been brought into the Order already this year.

Bro. Gregory is now on the second sheet at J. The two nons there have made many promises to join and we hope he will be able to land them.

Bro. O'Rourke is on thirty days' vacation, and Bro. Meaney has moved to his country home. Bro. Twist, second at SC Cabin, has five acres of land under cultivation.

Bros. Murphy and Baumgarten, second JE tower, had a lucky day fishing at Long Beach, coming back with their bags full of flounders.

The landlords and other price boosters have just about taken all of little increase in salary we secured recently, so the only way to keep what we already have and secure future betterments is to pay our dues promptly and maintain a strong union for in our union there is strength.

Each one kindly send me the news of your office.

P. T. MACKIN,  
2429 N. Woodhaven av.,  
Ozone Park, L. I.

#### Boston, Mass., Div. No. 89.

The proposition to change from a local to a "System Division" on the New Haven lines met with strenuous opposition at the May meeting.

This was the second time within a few months it was placed before the assembly, receiving the same verdict. The General Committee not feeling satisfied that the ballots of 40 to 50 members at a meeting was a fair representative vote, have placed the proposition before the members by a referendum accompanied by a circular explaining the salient features of a system division, giving every member a voice in the matter.

A Telegraphers' Club is about to be organ-

ized in connection with Division 89 for social purposes.

As nearly all of the Brothers in the service of our country have been discharged and returned to their old positions, it would be fitting to set aside an evening for an entertainment at which they shall be our special guests. "What say you?"

A lively discussion of an important project which resulted in some pertinent personalities was enjoyed by both orators as well as the audience.

Call Bro. Kerns a "Red Head" and John answers, although its only "Sandy" on account of his grit.

It was a pleasure to hear the marshal report all officers present, including the General Chairman and local staff. Bro. Ross read the revised schedule which will soon be issued to all employers in book form.

Everyone had his little "say," and no doubt felt better for it.

The proposed new time-card containing the prewar schedules will open up many of the old and create new jobs. Prosperity is in the air—get some of it.

#### *Midland Division Notes—*

Dispatcher Sears took advantage of the balloon ride on the Boston Common during the Liberty Loan drive given free for every \$1,000.00 worth of bonds purchased. "Hank" breaking in on the train sheet under his tutelage.

Bro. Tom Clark enjoys his Sunday off taking in the sights and meeting old friends in New York.

A fire at South Bay Jct. tower threatened the destruction of the building. Bro. McTague's prompt action in calling for the fire brigade saved South Bay Jct. from destruction. Bro. John Allen, from the Federal service, has resumed there, Bro. Fletcher returning to Franklin Station.

Bro. McCue set the pace buying Liberty Bonds, while Bro. Simon turned his back time over to his father. Bro. Emery, chief at Willic, was appointed protectorate on the pay car during the payment of the back time.

Bros. Brant and Murphy, Dorchester Sta., have started a war garden.

Bro. Gilbert, second, Franklin tower, was relieved by Bro. Curren while having an operation for throat trouble in Boston.

#### *Boston Division Notes—*

Bro. Bill McLaughlin acted as assistant chief dispatcher while the regular chiefs were working on the new time card.

Bro. Riley, agent Montello, who passed away after a lingering illness, was brother to J. P. Riley, of Readville tower. He is mourned by a wide circle of friends and relatives.

Bro. Frank Arnold, Director tower 237, was off several days on account of the death of his mother.

Castle Square and Clarenden Hills towers have been put on a six-day basis.

Bro. Jimmie Hacket, old Sweat Street tower, is back after a brief sickness.

Bro. Tom McCaffery is down in Texas for the benefit of his health.

Bro. Jack Francis, Brockton tower, was assigned to count the ballots at New Haven on the vote for or against a system division.

Bros. Enos and Cashen journeyed to Cape Cod in the latter's new car and enjoyed a fishing trip and dinner on Bro. Johnson's motor boat. "Some eats," they claim.

Bro. Joe Lyons, former spare dispatcher, has been honorably discharged from the 14th Engineers, Co. F.

Bro. Boardman, of the dispatchers' office, in addition to being the only recognized cartoonist of the South Station, has added laurels as official "rat catcher." Charlie has caught about 40 rodents with an ingenious trap of his own make.

H. J. BARDOL, Div. Cor.  
Cert. 92, No. 89.

#### *Virginia, Minn., Div. No. 127. Duluth, Message & Northern Ry.—*

The receipt of Bro. N. R. Miller's application, operator Steelton, makes us a 100 per cent membership among the operators, four applications having been received since our last meeting. We better have another one and get in the three agents who already see the advantage of being organized, and have promised to soon be with us. Meanwhile keep after them, Brothers; every "Non" is a broken tooth in the gear that propels us to victory.

Bro. C. S. Ross has returned to Burnett from California much improved in health. He took such a liking to the country, in the vicinity of Parlier, that he purchased a tract of land there. Bro. Brousseau, his relief, has resumed at Coleraine Jct. first. Bro. E. F. Kingdon, Div. 8 on third there, sent to Hull Jct. third. Bro. Maloney motored to Meadowlands to witness the wreck.

The Iron Range situation looks promising. If there are many more of the boys up in that wooly country, like the brothers we have with us now, it will be an easy proposition to land them. I would like to have brothers near them ascertain their attitude toward Division 127. They come under our Division 127, and will greatly strengthen it if we can get them all. Bro. W. W. Scott, Two Harbors, Minn., one of the loyal men I have reference to, I think, can do a lot for us along this line; also in furnishing me news for our writeup in regard to the Iron Range happenings.

I have not received any notes this month from the brothers. You have shown a good interest in the past two months, and I want every member in this division to consider himself a correspondent and furnish me news items for the writeup. The old motto: "No Card, No Favors" is still in force.

Bro. Chas. P. Baker visited Chief Telegrapher Bro. Clark at Forbes recently on business regarding Interlocker conditions.

Bro. C. I. Campbell was called to Duluth to appear at trial of forest fires being held against the U. S. Railroad Administration by farmers who lay the blame upon the railroads.

Bro. Hanson, agent Kelsey, has returned from an extended trip, relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Kenney.

Bro. and former Sec. and Treas. C. J. Keenan, who has been in poor health since he had the "flu," visited Battle Creek, Mich., his former home, before attending the St. Louis convention as delegate from this division.

Will the brothers not on the paid-up list for the Medical Reserve fund kindly give this matter prompt attention? I would like to get this matter straightened up as soon as possible.

We were grieved to learn of the deaths of the mother of Bro. F. J. Kenney, Proctor Munn and of the son of Bro. N. R. Miller, Steelton. They have our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

Bro. Granley "Docks" is making a game fight to get the lever men at Messabe Jct. It would not take many more men like him in that vicinity to get them. I am informed by him that they will join us soon, in fact, as soon as their time paid up in the maintenance of ways expires. Some brother remind them that we take interlocker men, and can better their conditions.

L. J. BROUSSEAU, Cert. 62,  
Sec.-Treas. Div. 127.

#### Hamilton, Ont., Div. No. 155.

Our meeting, held in the I. O. O. F. Temple, Hamilton, on Sunday, May 4th, had a good attendance. Several questions pertaining to the new schedule were fully answered by our chairman, Bro. Burdick. The response was splendid to the call of small special assessment. Well is our division worthy of this support, considering the difficulties that have been experienced in the recent negotiations for better working conditions and a higher rate of pay.

With deep regret we report the death of Bro. Jas. Skeith, of Stoney Creek, and tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Bro. J. N. Smith represented us at the St. Louis convention. The highest record attained by any division is one which we now hold, 100 per cent strong. CERT. 68.

#### Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Div. No. 1.

*Winnipeg to Watrous—*

Gen. Chairman Gurwell was called home after being at the St. Louis convention only one day on account of the illness of his little son who, we are glad to report, is now out of danger.

The report that third Portage would soon be vacant was an error.

Bros. Montgomery, Saifer and Rose went to the new office opened at Minneta Gravel Pit.

Bro. Hicks, formerly with the Commercial Co., is now on second Watrous.

Bro. Bent is now operator and relief dispatcher in "U," Melville, and Bro. Shipley is being welcomed back from "overseas" to first there.

Bro. Peters, of Gregg, while consulting an eye specialist in Winnipeg, was relieved by Bro. McMinn, of Portage. Bro. Hues, from Portage, is at Atwater.

New night offices were opened at Ituna by Bro. Allan; Gregg, Bro. Sallan; Spring Hill, Bro. Crosby, and Minneta by Bro. Rose.

CERT. 2773.

#### "Big Four" Ry., Div. No. 3.

*Chicago Division—*

The west end of this division is now solid, with the exception of E. F. Loveless at Altamont, and C. S. Boyle at Hazelrigg, who have both promised to come in soon. Don't let them forget.

I recently returned from quite a successful organizing trip on the East End. Keep after those who have promised to line up shortly, and we won't have many "nons" left by the last of July. Some of the "old heads" on that end imagine they have a grievance, because the elimination of the "five-year clause" was defeated by a very large majority at the special election held for that purpose. This is idle talk. Any reasonable man will perceive there was nothing improper in the making of this rule, or it would not have been upheld by such a large vote in its favor. A majority vote on any question is the supreme test of its validity.

Investigation of complaints filed by the business public with the company concerning losses, etc., sustained by the failure of operators at certain points to properly transmit and receive messages shows that all of these cases are attributable to their limited knowledge of "Morse," many of them having only a rudimentary knowledge thereof. Hiring such men by the company does not work to the interests of the Order; and I want to impress it upon the minds of the members that allowing students and others to hang around the office learning the block rules and telegraphy, also other matters connected with the telegraph trade must be cut out. It is killing the Organization on this road. If

there is any continued practice of this kind, I want the members to call my attention thereto, and it will be investigated.

Bro. Ely, our delegate who represented us at the St. Louis convention, was relieved at Augusta agency by Mr. Chenault.

Boys, don't let up on the "nons," even long enough to get their breath, but keep them on the run. They are still coming in, however, and I hope to be able to report this division 100 per cent by July 31st.

G. S. RAINETE,  
Local Chairman. Cert. 1876.

#### *Chicago Division Notes—*

Bro. Jordan, third, Sheldon, is being relieved by Bro. Saunders.

Bro. McConnell has to visit Earl Park every Saturday to bring back meat for his Sunday dinner, as there is no butcher shop at Raub.

Earl Park, closed for some time on Sundays, is now open. Bro. Leslie Tucker, third there, bumped by Sister Headlee, is on an extended trip in the Rockies.

Bro. Coyer, second Fowler, has just returned from a visit with his sick brother in South Dakota.

Bro. Rainey made a grievance of Bro. Insko, third Donovan, working only five days a week and got his rights. He is now working six days a week.

Every one on the West End is taking special interest in lining up the "nons," and hope to soon have it solid. V. F. LOWE.

#### *Indianapolis Division—*

Brothers along the "Bee" line, send me a few notes so we will be represented in the journal each month.

Glad to see Bro. John Sellers back on second Hart, after several weeks' layoff due to nervous breakdown.

The operators on the "Bee" line, as usual, responded loyally to the Victory Loan, and many will save the dollars they might have spent foolishly.

Erlroy and Chesterfield closed May 12th; Keener, first, and Tobias, third Chesterfield, on leave waiting for CD to open again. Bro. J. A. Hollopeter, second Chesterfield, to second Dolby, vice Bro. Chas. Freymuth, to extra list. Bro. Black, displaced by Bro. Rowe on third Morgan, displaced. Bro. Bill Elea, on second Rich. "Bill" celebrated the arrival of his new boy by investing in a seven-passenger Hudson. At the present price of tires and shoes, he will have to be on the job every day. He later displaced Bro. G. M. Rickey on Connor second, and Bro. L. E. Shockney went to third Rich.

Harrisville discontinued, Bros. Warren and Booher to new office at Rich end double track, Sister Bessie Mann going home, not desiring a lever job.

Bro. Wm. Blue, second Farmland, was called to Agosta, O., recently, owing to the sudden illness of his daughter.

The new modern coal dock about completed at Ansonia will save considerable time coaling over the old wooden one now in use at Union City.

Local Chairman Jenkins, while on committee work, was relieved by Bro. Mills.

Third Trick Dispatcher Lee made a trip over the new double track between Ansonia and Winchester recently.

Bro. Roberts, third Muncie Depot, off several nights recently owing to Mrs. Roberts' illness.

Bro. Frank Thatcher, second Winchester, spent two days at the Soldiers' Home Coming celebration in Indianapolis.

Bro. Hayworth, third Winchester, visited in Muncie several days recently.

Bro. Carl Martz, South Anderson, on 90 days' leave acting as yardmaster at De. We are glad to learn that his son is recovering from an attack of smallpox.

Bro. Harry Hess, second Gretna, was off several days recently.

Bro. Joe Mausey, back from the Radio Corps of the Navy, went to second Gridley, several days, due to the death of Mr. Riffle's father. Bro. Mausey enjoyed his experience on the Cruiser Osuka and Battleship Idaho, but says he prefers being on "terra firma."

Bro. Ehle, first Gridley, visiting friends and relatives a few days at Ansonia and Greenville, Ohio, laid over several hours at state line on his return.

Muncie, B. N. Yard, and Anderson Depot closed Sundays.

Bros. "Tubby" Hatcher and "Happy" Am-paugh are running a picture show at Farm-land. (Admission free to operators.)

It is now Bro. W. D. Griffith on third Connor.

Bro. H. G. Parrish, formerly on first Elroy, now with the Santa Fe at Wickenburg, Ariz., has had his card transferred to Division 61.

Bro. Joe Frossard relieved by Eva Slagle on third So. Anderson several nights.

Brother Short, third trick leverman, CI Tower, is on trip through the South.

"RO," Cert. 2340.

#### *Indiana Division—*

Organized labor continues to face the most extraordinary problems it has ever before confronted, and at a time when energy is necessary in both organization and schedule negotiation movements. The degree as well as quality of the finished work has passed all expectations, and when the history of it all has been written, will form the most thorough document on justice to the worker that has been known.

Brother Walsh has recovered from his operation for appendicitis and attended the St. Louis convention. His return should

bring some interesting information about decisions now forthcoming from Board 3 at Washington.

Pay all insurance assessments promptly, as the Order card is held up pending settlement of insurance and Order dues. Anyone not receiving their journal should drop a card to Bro. Rawlins, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo. Forward division notes to P. O. Box 284, Charlestown, Indiana. LEE H. COFFIN,  
Div. Cor.

**C., St. P., M. & O. Ry., Div. No. 4.  
Northern Division—**

Bro. Hogen has waived claim to his old position at Bornsdale and bid in Ashland second instead, displacing Mr. Cowden.

Bro. Black, just returned from service in France, has resumed at Washburn, and M. J. O'Shaughnessey, also recently returned from France, is doing relief work on our division.

Bro. Welch relieved Bro. O. B. Mitchell first Itasca, for three weeks while latter attended the convention at St. Louis.

Bro. Clark, Tugo, assisted Chairman O. B. Mitchell put over the Fifth Liberty Loan, which was liberally subscribed to.

Bro. Oldham has resumed work at Solon Springs after being off several weeks, owing to illness of his wife.

The fishing season has opened with the usual number of the brothers taking advantage of getting their share of the speckled tribe.

A good many of the brothers were called to St. Paul recently to attend meeting in general freight office, being relieved by exclusive agents, train masters, cashiers, etc., for the day.

Bro. Zohner, visiting parents East for a few days, was relieved by Bro. H. L. Tinker who was out of the service many years but always carried a card.

We still have a few delinquents on the division whom we will be compelled to drop from the rolls June 30th if their dues are not taken care of by that time. Will gladly furnish the names of these brothers to anyone desiring them. I wish the doubtful brothers in question could have had the opportunity of hearing Director General Hines at St. Louis when he addressed our convention there to draw their own conclusions as to what he thought of organized labor.

Don't forget our 1919 slogan, "Stay Organized." This is the best security for holding what we now have and to getting what we still need, and are bound to get if we will help ourselves.

"X," Cert. 330.

**Kansas City Southern R. R., Div. No. 5.  
Third District—**

Bros. Downs, Westville and Curtis on.

Bunch off thirty days, Bro. Bland, second, relieving Bro. Phipps relieving on second. Bro. Wintz, first Stillwell, also off thirty days, Bro. Bennett, third, relieving Bro. Black, Sallisaw second, off a week, Bro. Haifd relieving. Bro. Worrell, Rich Mtn. who bid in Gans, took in the St. Louis convention and then went on a visit back East. Bro. Brey, first Spiro, off sixty days, visiting the Rockies. Bro. Garrett, relieving Bro. Castain on second; Bro. Newell on third. Bro. Jerome, Ft. Smith, is sporting a fine Buick; and Bro. Shurley, also Bro. LeRoy. Poteu, married. Bro. Davis to Panama, Bro. Brandon gone to the oil fields. Bros. Townsend and Nelson, Heavener, attended the St. Louis convention. Bro. Moss, of "YD," filling in at "HV." Bro. Connor is doing the clerk trick. Bro. and Mrs. Frye at Gannex are being congratulated on the arrival of a boy. Bro. Ligon, second DeQueen yards, gone to Rochester, Minn., to have his eyes attended to. Seventeen were at the "HV" meeting Sunday, and the regular business transacted. It's to all the members' interest to attend these meetings as you get wise to things that don't come out in public, so keep Bro. Foote's face smiling and show up; he is liable to do a little treating before long. Send in the notes and keep the home fires burning, and don't neglect the meetings.

CERT. 867.

**Union Pacific R. R., Div. No. 6.**

**Nebraska Division, Second District—**

Bro. Teel resumes his regular trick at Kearney, Bro. Collier returning to Willow Island, his wife having recovered.

Bro. Root is relieving at Oconto.

Bro. Plank is vacationing in California for 30 days.

Bro. Aultz, of Riverdale, to Arkansas on a land deal, relieved two weeks by Miss Tully.

Bro. Parker, of Maxwell, relieved on vacation two weeks by Bro. McNamara.

C. W. Ballinger, recently returned from the U. S. Navy, on third "GD" Grand Island temporarily. Holbrook in Iowa on a farm.

Mrs. Nelson, student agent Denman, is on leave of absence.

Our old friend Doc Phillips, local chairman, covered the second district recently, shaking hands and incidentally shaking us down for the "V" Liberty Loan bonds. He got both: come again.

CERT. 1257.

**Wyoming Division—**

Local Chairman Pyle, while attending on the Liberty Loan drive and the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Bro. T. H. Engleman, relieved at Julesburg by Bro. McMillan.

Bro. Gross, discharged from the army, back on second Ogallala. Bro. Becker, back from overseas, to first North Platte yard.

and Bro. Shoemaker is rejoicing over the return of his son from "over there." Bro. Claude Gross has resumed at Ogallala after one year's military service. Bro. V. A. Kessler from the Signal Corps, will resume work there soon.

Bro. Covey, of Lodge Pole, who bid in Hermosa, after visiting in Kansas City and Oklahoma, went to O'Fallons.

Sister Johnston, of Buford, visiting home folks in Arkansas, relieved by Sister Marie.

Bro. R. C. Cary, agent Lisco, is spending a month motoring through Yellowstone Park with friends.

Understand W. R. Kessler, Kansas City, is to be manager of the new North Platte W. U. office nearing completion.

Bro. J. Neidigh, relief agent third district and branch, who moved to North Platte, is helping Bro. Roy Duvall who recently moved from Kimball to Sutherland agency.

Bro. Hagey and Dispr. Huff, of North Platte, had rather a slim catch on their recent fishing trip.

Bro. W. S. Schatzer spent three days recently in Denver. Third Sherman closed on account of slack business.

Bro. Stokes, Sidney, was on the sick list several days.

Sister Laura Wood, "N" Cheyenne, was called home recently owing to the death of her aged father.

Miss Clara Dalton, former second operator O'Fallons, died of consumption April 17th at Ogden Hospital. Her aged mother, whom she had taken there for treatment, died just a short time previous to Miss Dalton's death.

It is now Bros. Stone, Stokes, and Kelley. Boys, there are still a few "nons" on this division. Let's explain to them that it is to their interest we should be organized solid. With the present salaries any one can manage to pay his dues.

CERT. 1513.

#### Kansas Division—

The following brothers recently returned from the Army and Navy: E. O. Lacy, back to Kansas City "GN," vice Bro. R. B. Moore who returns to Junction City second; A. F. Schwab, to Camp Funston second; V. E. Emerson, to Junction City third; C. E. Manbeck, to Paradise; C. C. Weedin, to Ellis agency, vice Bro. Guy Baker back to Circleville. On account of those men returning, Bro. R. E. Anderson is back to Central Division Relief. There are 17 from this division still in service.

We have taken in thirteen new members recently, making us about 95 per cent solid. There are still a few "nons" left on this division, and on the U. P. branches.

Bro. Gresham, Manhattan third, is being relieved by Bro. Brewer who relieved Bro. Hughey at Junction City during the Liberty Bond campaign, and Bro. Hook at Manhattan during the St. Louis convention. Bro.

G. E. Thomas, manager "SC" Salina, is being relieved by Bro. A. P. Cole; and Bro. Sander, Luray, by Bro. S. F. Weaver.

Bro. C. L. McCollough, Junction City fourth, on ninety days' leave now on his father's farm in Missouri, was relieved by Bro. Robertson. This position being later pulled off and latter to Central Division extra.

Bro. Henry Heynen has returned to Manhattan agency after six months in Florida, Bro. Hook returning to first there.

Terminal Jct. and Lawrence offices are solid for the first time in several years.

Second telegrapher positions created at Holton, Wheaton and Blaine, two latter on account of putting agents on an eight-hour basis. Bro. Moore to Holton and Bro. Rozier to Wheaton.

In recent Liberty Loan drives the agents and telegraphers on this division have carried the banner for the Union Pacific, the amount solicited by Bros. Hook and Nickel being equal to the total amount of the other four divisions combined, exceeding the fourth loan by several thousand dollars. Bro. Dan Sewell of Menoken doubled his previous subscriptions, taking two thousand dollars, the largest among the agents and operators, and the number of subscribers of \$500 or over, too long to print here, was larger than on previous loans.

Bro. Hook suggests giving agents with untidy stations a pass and a day's leave to Lucas, probably unequalled on any road. Bro. and Mrs. Nickel have made it as near homelike and comfortable as possible for both passengers and employes, with white curtains, plants, comfortable chairs and other conveniences for themselves and the public. And last, but not least, a song bird helps to kill the traveling man's grouch when the jitney is late.

CERT. 1103.

#### Canadian Pacific Ry., Div. No. 7.

##### Farnham Division—

All winter offices closed and traffic slowed down considerably. Three work trains out of Johnville Pit for part of summer.

Local Chairman Levesque, agent Drummondville, attended the St. Louis convention, relieved by Bro. E. Perrault.

Others on holidays: Bro. Lavele, agent Megantic, relieved by Chief Clerk Lebel; Bro. Poulin, ten days, by Bro. Hebert; Bro. McCullough, Versailles, on a trip home, relieved by Bro. Bourdon; Bro. Pouliot, WH third, a few days early part of May attending wedding of a sister, relieved by Bro. A. J. Perrault; Bro. G. Pouliot, Richford second, off for same reason, relieved by Bro. R. Perrault.

Bro. L. Berthiaume, Foster second, married May 21st, relieved by Bro. Larivee.

Congratulations and best wishes for happiness.

Farnham yard office was closed April 24th, all work now done at Farnham Station. Bro. Harvey, who displaced Bro. Fuller on Highwater third, later bid in Renfrew third; Bro. Auclair displaced Bro. Abran on Delson second, and Bro. Ducharme to Lennoxville on relief work.

Sorry to hear of the long illness of Bro. Janelle's wife. Our sincere wishes are for a prompt and complete recovery.

Bros. Dalpe, "WH" first, and Auclair, relief, are the possessors of a Ford and Chevrolet, respectively.

Bro. Gosselin, train dispatcher, using his spare time to good advantage between his garden and a new garage now under construction.

We are glad to advise that Bro. C. L. Pope, train dispatcher, is again with us after serving three years overseas, resuming duty May 12th.

Bro. R. D. Farley, agent Scotstown, who went overseas with the 117th Battalion, spring of 1915, is also back from the firing line and the brothers will be pleased to hear that he took up his old job on May 22nd.

Bro. J. R. Gariepy, on sick list since April, 1918, resumed his position as agent at Versailles on May 26th. Let's hope that his troubles, and he had many, are over.

Bro. G. A. Smith, train dispatcher, off a week latter part of April on account of the return of his two brothers from overseas service, relieved by Bro. F. A. Pouliot and latter by Bro. Perrault at "WH."

F. A. POULIOT.

#### *Eureka Lodge, Chapleau, Ont.—*

Bro. Fleming, from Sudbury district, succeeded Bro. Rippon at Nemegos who got Byn Inlet agency; Bro. "Buck" Stone, Chapleau third; Bro. and Sister McQuown, Amyot first and second, and Bro. Lee Bolton, our leading tenor, Geneva second.

Bro. Sykes, a new man on Metagama third, will join shortly, when there will not be a "non" left on this district.

Bro. Hamilton, East on holidays, is being relieved by Bro. Reynolds; and Bro. Freeborn, East on account of illness, by Bro. McIsaac, of Pardee first.

Bros. Hogg and McVey, our L. C., and delegate, respectively, represented us at the St. Louis convention, relieved by Bros. McIsaac and Smith.

Bro. Ferd Haynes, Pardee second, made a great hit when he played at the reception to the returned soldiers in Chapleau recently.

CERT. 846.

#### *Alberta Dist.—Calgary Division—*

Bro. Ingraham is back at Larson Pit, a yearly occurrence with "ukulele."

Bro. A. Miller is breaking in 'or a dis-

patcher. The brothers wish him success.

Bro. Bob McIlveen is back at Lake Louise among the clouds. Bro. M. M. Thornton succeeds him at Bankhead agency.

Bro. Gainor entertained the Cochrane Curling Club at its dance on Easter Monday. Bro. Gainor is some singer.

We are all looking forward to seeing the brothers who have been doing their share "over there." They will have some great experience to tell.

We are all glad the eight-hour day has come. No more long, weary vigils without pay. Nearly all the stations now have from one to two operators. The agents are beginning to realize that life as an agent is worth living now.

This division has no writeup for April. If every brother on the division would keep little notes of the "happenings" and forward them to the scribe, we could have a good writeup. Be sure and get your notes in early.

Any brother knowing of a "non" working on the division, let us know and we'll send out our scouts to capture him. We are using new methods since the war, with bets on the side.

CERT. 3956.

#### *Lethbridge Division—Alta District—*

It's certainly gratifying to find a good line of items in THE TELEGRAPHER from the old divisions and other roads where we have worked and had good friends. Frequently we find mention of names and places that have almost been forgotten. Seeing their names reminds us of old friends and good times, and is often the only means we have of hearing from those we have known years before. These items may also reach brothers in distant lands. How about writing the Editor to have an index for the fraternal writeups?

Bro. Sheldon, Brant, has resumed duty. He was relieved by Bro. Gamble, assistant at Barons.

Assistant Agent Bro. Stackhous is on holidays in Omaha.

Notice the term "Brother" as applied to our assistants. Let's see that they all join. They have fair positions now, and should all be in line. They are the next agents in many cases, and should line up early and get the O. R. T. habit.

Spring is here, and we hear lots of talk on the wire concerning the merits of various makes of "cars." Most all the boys on the Aldersyde have some sort of "flivver." Bro. Southgate, Ensign, is talking McLaughlin; Bro. Fred, of Brant, "Ford," and Bro. "MN" Barons, and Bro. McKinnon, MY, have "Chevs." Bros. Harrison, Hillcrest and Tuscan, Coleman, on the Crowngate-Sub., have also been caught by the "auto bug," but Bros. Bundy, Cowley and Blanchard, Burmis, prefer chickens.

Send in your notes to our subdivision correspondent, so we can have a writeup every month. Aldersyde Sub. notes should go to Bro. McAnally at Barons. CERT. 3780.

*Saskatoon District—*

A vigorous campaign has been started to secure more suitable living quarters in stations where dwellings are provided. A committee has been appointed for this district and we would be pleased to have every other district do likewise, making any suggestion they see fit. No suggestion has been made yet, but one will be forthcoming in the near future. Let each district take up this matter through the journal so we will all know what is being done. We shall be watching for your items. CERT. 2929.

*Moose Jaw, Sask.—District 2—*

Bro. A. A. Eaman has returned from Florida to Moose Jaw district, relieving Bro. Murd Mortlach for a month and later bidding in Assinibola agency. We are glad to have him with us again; also glad to welcome Bro. Pye back, just returned from France, to Outlook nights.

Local Chairman Cheney attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. R. E. Coons appointed relief dispatcher Moose Jaw; Bro. F. H. Flett, acting chief, relieving Mr. Trump on holidays, and Mr. Wright is relieving Bro. Coons on the 412 job in the dispatchers' office.

We deeply regret to record the death of Bro. A. E. Kirkpatrick at Simpson, Sask., on March 7th, of pneumonia following the Spanish "flu." He was agent at Milden over seven years. His death came as a great shock to the boys between Kerrobert and Moose Jaw. The boys on these two subdivisions wishing to show their sympathy in particular as Bro. Kirk was a favorite with everyone, a subscription was taken up and \$44 was donated. A beautiful floral anchor was sent and the balance, \$25, presented to Mrs. Kirkpatrick as a token of the esteem in which he was held. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and little daughter, Betty Louraine, a brother at Rouleau, and his mother and sister of Hamilton.

Bro. J. A. Werkley, dispatcher at Moose Jaw, has left for Toronto and Montreal on three weeks' holiday via Chicago and Detroit.

Bro. Joe Cavanagh is filling in third "YD" Moose Jaw for a few weeks.

CERT. 2860.

*New York Central R. R., Div. No. 8.  
Electric Division—*

Our entertainment and dance the evening of April 23rd as a reception for our returning soldier brothers was a big success, but we were unable to decide who were entitled

to the prizes until our regular A. M. meeting, May 14th; the janitor cleaning up after the morning meeting on April 23 having burned up some records as waste paper, obliging our secretary and treasurer to make duplicates of them. F. Endres, Hawthorne, N. Y., No. 830, secured the first; Mrs. C. E. Lewis, mother of Bro. J. H. Lewis, 583, 166th street, New York City, No. 1736, the second, and Bro. Stringham, No. 2502, the third prize. After the regular course of business, we were favored with several solo selections by Bro. Lester, whose voice is just as good, if not better, than ever, and Mr. George Palmer, an expert pianist. Bro. Combs declined to favor us with his wonderful voice on account of too much cigar smoke.

Bros. Curran and Hirschfield, late from the battlefields, were with us, and we all enjoyed cigars and refreshments in the cellar. We are glad to have these brothers with us again. The latter has resumed on third "OW" Tarrytown, and Bro. Curran resumes as second trick sheet operator "MO," Mott Haven Jct., after an extended vacation.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. Hagar losing his summer camp by a fire of mysterious origin, his fishing tackle, hunting outfit and camp fittings all being destroyed. His enthusiasm for the sports, however, has not been dampened, having purchased a new outfit in order that no time will be lost.

Bro. Tucker, from the dispatchers' office, relieved Bro. Gambee on second "GD" Glenwood, who relieved Local Chairman Moss on first while he attended the St. Louis convention. Bro. Geraghty, also from the dispatchers' office, relieved Bro. Ayers, second "OW" Tarrytown, and Bro. Lent, first "CD" Croton, while they were on the sick list. Bro. Hayden, second "NK" 106th street, also on sick list was relieved by Relief Signalman Bro. Kahn.

Bro. Schultz was relieved several days by Relief Signalman Bro. Combs, owing to the death of his mother. Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Schultz and family in their great loss; also to Bro. Myrtle and family on account of the death of his mother, and to, Bro. Welch and family owing to the death of his daughter. CERT. 2034.

Rochester and Syracuse division members held two well-attended meetings in Wagoneers' Hall, Rochester, May 6th.

One for those who could attend in the morning was called to order at 10 o'clock, and the evening session at 8 o'clock.

The boys who did not attend the morning session missed meeting some very nice girls who took a keen interest in the proceedings. New members who came to the railroad in response to the government appeal for more help to win the war deserve much credit for the remarkable work they have done with so little training. At times

they have been called upon to work night shifts at some very lonesome places, but they did so willingly, thus showing a spirit of courage creditable to any woman patriot.

General Chairman Morey and Local Chairman Mansell of the Signalmen presided at both meetings, and the recently elected Rochester Division chairman, Mr. Zimmerman of Medina, attended the morning gathering.

The absence of Bro. "Al" Blim, chairman for the agents of the Syracuse Division, was very much regretted. It was the first meeting he has been unable to attend, and we hope he will be present at the next one.

The Lehigh Valley boys at the evening meeting were disappointed in not seeing more of the brothers there.

Brother Morey gave a lengthy and a very interesting talk on what had been accomplished, and the work ahead of every member who wished to see the present benefits of the organization maintained. It was one of the best addresses we have ever heard.

Bro. Fred Lake, agent Fancher, is back again after several weeks' siege with the "flu," relieved by Miss McDonald.

Sister Adele LaFrance relieved Kates four days at Pittsford, who relieved Bro. Rich at Fishers while he was attending the funeral of his father who died very suddenly following an attack of heart trouble. He was formerly train dispatcher for B. R. & P. R. R., and had charge of the telegraph school opened by the New York Central at Rochester during the war, turning out a number of competent operators who since entering the service have joined our ranks and are taking an active interest in the welfare of our Order.

Bro. Nub Wright, in "N" office many years and recently at Leroy ticket agency, is now on second Jay Street Junction tower.

Sister Carrie Ransom is at Leroy pending the arrival of Mr. Swain as agent and operator there.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Bro. Dan Callenan, signalman at SS 7, Syracuse, who recently married Miss Daisy Rattigan of Rochester, sister of Bro. William Rattigan, signalman at SS25A.

W. O'BRIEN, Cert. 1263.

#### *Ontario Div., East of Oswego—*

Bro. Pond, agent Parish, is back again after an attack of "flu" and pleurisy. Bro. Brockway relieved him. Bros. McCarthy and Walders are also back after a bad case of the "flu."

Bro. Cavellier, second Mallory, on a ten days' trip to Boston, was relieved by Bro. Davie.

Bro. Herrick, agent Mallory, invites all the brothers over to his farm and see what he has done with his back pay.

Local Chairman Geer sent all stations a copy of the seniority list. Don't have to go to Oswego, to find out how we stand. There are many other things he will do while in office. He wishes to thank the brothers who elected him delegate to the St. Louis convention.

Trainmaster Towse has been transferred to East Syracuse, succeeded by Trainmaster Ellsworth at Richland.

Bro. Smith, second Mapleview, who broke his wrist while cranking his Ford on his way to work, is being relieved by Bro. Bross.

Everyone has received his back pay, and we should now see that the nons appreciate it by insisting that they get up to date.

Bro. Winnie Pond, first Pulaski, who went on sight-seeing trip to New York recently, is going to run for sheriff this fall and hopes all brothers in Oswego County will support him.

Brothers, keep up-to-date. If the "Ho. Jack" goes back to private ownership we may have a little trouble getting our agreement signed.

CERT. 2359.

#### *Mohawk Division—*

Bro. Hoplins collected and handed Bro. Driscoll \$438 to help him, owing to his sickness and trouble. It was donated by the employes of the various departments of the New York Central.

This division subscribed \$450,000 in the Victory Loan drive, exceeding the fourth loan by \$50,000.

Brothers, keep after the non who claims to be up to date. He has never been a member. Also the man on second Amsterdam, main line, ticket office. "No card, no favors."

Bro. McLouchlin, who bid in Randall agency, on the West Shore, expects to be married shortly. We all extend congratulations.

Bro. Zulch is back on second W. F. Harbor.

Bro. Bassett on third KI, S. S. 26, Herkimer, and Bro. Lee bid in second lever at N. E. Sa. Schenectady.

Our sympathy is extended to the wife of Bro. German of Fort Plain, formerly at "CN" Canajoharie, West Shore, who died recently.

Sister Phillipott has gone to Silver Bay, W. U., and Sister Ferro to Detroit, Mich., for the summer.

Sister Dearborn expects her husband back from France now most any time, who also is an operator from the Mok Div.

Sister Brown has gone home to Altamont on vacation.

Sister Kappke has taken Greenway, N. Y., main line, agency; Bro. Whalen third "CN" Canajoharie, and Bro. Sutherland third "FA" So. Little Falls. CERT. 1892.

**Beech Creek District—**

I wish to thank the brothers who elected me local chairman. I certainly appreciate it and will do my best to justify your decision. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and live up to it. We now have about ninety jobs working and ninety-five members in good standing, with about half a dozen on the delinquent list, who I hope will soon pay up.

The C. T. & D. Division west of Cherry Tree is solid. Let's make the old B. C. the same.

I have attended several O. R. T. meetings in my time, and the first sister I ever saw at a meeting on the B. C. was at Clymer. Sisters Crawford and Frykland were at the Clymer meeting, the first who attended one on the B. C. in my time. Some honor, sisters. Come again.

Brother McGonigal, get after Pierce and Price at "WB." The rate for June is \$10.85. Remember, the nons are getting something we O. R. T. boys are paying for. I have a full list of the nons and will be glad to send copies to any brother on request.

Advise me of your troubles. I cannot do anything for you unless you keep me posted.

Bros. J. W. and G. E. Martenis have been transferred to Division 41.

Bro. J. B. Beausigneur, out of the service, now in the restaurant business at Butler, Pa., has dropped from our list.

The delinquent list sent me shows Bro. G. S. Stover as a delinquent. This is an error. "Geo." says he will give me 25 years' notice when he drops out of the O. R. T. That is the proper spirit and is worthy of emulation.

Bro. Thorburn, at Clymer, has been appointed assistant local chairman for the C. T. & D.

G. E. WILLIAMS,  
Local Chairman.

**Beech Creek District Notes—**

Bro. McGlaughlin spent several days fishing at Phanter, relieved by Bro. Jones, and Bro. Vail spent Easter Sunday with relatives at Snow Shoe.

Bro. Jenkins to Kerrmoor agency, vice Mignot Agent Breon, Curry Run, temporarily out of service.

Bro. Heitzenrether, dispatcher Cherry Tree, relieved at Jersey Shore for a week. Bro. Sheehe relieving as train dispatcher at Cherry Tree, relieved by Bro. J. B. Smith.

Bro. C. W. Davis has been honorably discharged from military service and returned to Maders agency.

No news received from the river line or C. T. & T. districts. Have not heard from Bro. Bowes since his marriage.

BRO. GRANLUN, Cert. 1789.

**"Monon Route," Div. No. 9.****Northern Division—**

Bro. Cornwell to Greencastle, relieved at Delphi by Bro. Tyndall, recently returned from the service of "Uncle Sam."

Bro. Carey, at Frankfort, and Rensselaer, several days also relieved Bro. Terry, second Shops, while he beat a few rugs at home and visited Mtichell.

Bro. Busha recently relieved the North End train dispatchers on their two-days-a-month vacations. Bro. Wrenn is showing Bro. Dunlap, at Monon, how to operate his "Henry," when the latter expects to have a party by name of "Ruth" spend the rest of the fifteen days with him in the car. Boys, it looks as if the time was near when we will all get some of those "big, black smokes."

**Southern Division—**

Bro. P. J. Coan, Division 33, extra Wallace Junction, Gosport, North Y. Orleans and McDowell from October, 1918, to January, 1919, was taken from Bloomington to Rockville, Ind., hospital on May 7th, and died May 11th. The body was taken care of by the Moose Lodge at Frankfort, Ind. Bros. Braxtan and Speer, who seen to getting him to Rockville, were unable to get any information from him about any relatives and the Moose Lodge was requested to communicate with Bros. Shaffer of Division 33, and we also wrote to Bro. McBride, L. C., Ohio Division, Division 33, for information.

We have the nons about all lined up. Everyone should use our motto, "No card, no favors," on the remaining few. They have all been given plenty of chance and have no excuse whatever for not joining. Since February seventeen new members have been captured on this division, mostly by one man.

Bro. Parks misplaced the application and money order of S. Riddlen, Paoli, Ind., and J. W. Christie of Louisville freight house, and they have been asked to make out a new set of applications. Meantime they should be treated as brothers, as it's no fault of theirs that they have not got their cards.

Our new secretary, F. E. Rees, will put out some "dope" each month on what's going on, and Bro. Wrenn, at Monon, will mimeograph and mail it to all the boys. We expect also to furnish each member with a seniority list and all other information just as soon as we can get things moving.

The general committee and division superintendents failed to agree on several points in the revision of our new schedule, and General Chairman Hollon and General Secretary and Treasurer Rees then met Mr. Fogg, but were still unable to come to an agreement. Bro. Hollon then met Fedr. Mgr. May in Chicago and was in conference with him when he had to leave for the convention.

We hope a settlement will be reached without having to appeal very much to the board at Washington. The main points at issue are the meal hour, starting time for one-man stations and taking in towers and ticket agents. The company don't want to put them in our schedule; also want to establish an 11-hour rate on some of our 9-hour men.

Boys, if you have any grievances, send them to Local Chairmen Wren, Monon, for Northern Division, and W. F. Speer, McDoel, Bloomington, Ind., for the Southern Division, and they will be looked after at once.

It is now Bros. Frank Cornwell, H. L. Lane, Bill Britton, Frank Busha and R. W. Dunkin.

Bro. Packwood to Borden during the strawberry season, relieved at Salem by Bro. Fulmer, thus arranging so both could be at home.

Bro. N. W. Cornwell, cut off at Harrodsburg last fall, bumped Bro. Hunt, Green castle.

Bro. Carey relieved Bro. Speer at Modoel while he was on committee work at Lafayette.

CERT. 213.

#### **Phila. & Reading Ry., Div. No. 10. Philadelphia Division—**

The O. R. T. Convention Special left Broad Street Station via P. R. R. on May 10th on Train No. 21, at 2:58 p. m., arriving at St. Louis 5:25 p. m. next day, Central time, consisting of two Pullmans, one drawing car and one diner. The boys from the Reading and Penna R. R. met at the Broad Street Station and picked up en route a few more Penna brothers at different points until the special was filled to its full capacity. Many thanks are extended to the Penna officials for their kindness in furnishing these special cars for our boys. General Secretary and Treasurer Farlow represented us at the convention.

Business is picking up. Three freights have been recently put on, and Budd's special is as heavy as ever, which means fast work at Nicetown Jct. The troop trains are returning heavy by Nicetown. Glad to see the boys return home. Pushers have been put on all three tricks on the Falls Hill. This looks like olden times. We have the right outfit to handle all the rush.

Bill Delaney, an old W. U. man, who during the C. T. U. A. strike in 1907 worked on the W. J. & S. at Iona, and since then on several different roads, is now on the New York Division. He will no doubt sign an application, if he has not already done so.

Bro. John Lafferty returned after a year's service in France to his old position at Berks Street, April 14th.

I have word from Bro. Jesse Buck's mother that the report of his having been killed in France is erroneous. He is still alive and fat. Such reports should not be circulated until officially authenticated.

Boyer, agent Logan, will not permit any more firearms at his station, since he was recently shot accidentally in the mouth by one of his assistants.

Remember that when we are obliged to bump owing to the return of our overseas boys, that the man who is claimed out has the right to claim any position he wishes according to his seniority instead of a setback, as heretofore.

Let us pay our dues this month and have no delinquents. *Keep organized.*

While visiting some friends in New York, May 2nd, on the Hudson and Manhattan, I was pleased to learn that this road is 98 per cent strong. It took the boys there just three days to complete the job. I promised my friend, the local chairman there, to serve as division correspondent, if so desired. Most of the old-timers there are also friends of mine from other roads. Keep up the good work, brothers, and land those other two nons.

A. L. BYLER

#### **Atlantic City Division—**

Bro. Hartman was elected president of the West Collingswood Gun Club. If any of the boys wish to arrange a shooting match, call on him.

Brothers, we should look after Mr. Reeves, assistant agent Haddon Heights, and prove to him the importance of joining our organization.

Mrs. J. Barner, agent Oaklyn, is kept busy with the heavy freight business transacted at this time of the year.

Bro. Butcher is contemplating a trip to California as soon as he can obtain relief.

Sister Mary Grubb was recently married. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. Winterberg has purchased a Dodge touring car and Bro. Dewalt is sporting a new Studebaker.

Bro. Walter Brown is still trying to land Pigott, at Winslow Jct., the most inconsistent non we have. His excuse is "too much red tape attached to filling out an application."

Brothers, keep after the nons and delinquents. Let us strive to make this the banner division of the P. & R. and prove your loyalty to our Order, as it has given us everything worth while, by urging every non to join at once, and the delinquents to pay up.

Look out for the fellow next to you and see that he carries an up-to-date card. Remember our motto and live strictly up to it. There is more than one way to handle these weak-minded people.

Give the dispatchers good service and be courteous to the public.

Bro. R. S. Westcott is now at Rio Grande, vice Sister Smickle, who claimed Richland, but not being able to secure suitable quarters, is now on the extra list.

It would be well for the brothers and sisters, before claiming some one else out, to visit the location and make sure they can secure proper living accommodations.

The boys on this division should certainly feel ashamed. They have not been represented in this Journal for years. Then, when one live brother (F. J., at "JN") takes the initiative and gives us a write-up each month, the brothers fail to send him any notes, leaving all to the "other fellow," yet, when the journal is received each month, naturally they all jump for Division 10 and look for the "AC."

Bro. "FJ" is surely a hustler; on his way to work he stands in the baggage car and reminds the boys every trip that he wants notes. He will probably be sore when he sees this, as he doesn't want anyone to thank him. Now, chip in, boys, and help him.

The Victory Liberty Special was over the road on May 23rd, and the boys in the telegraph department certainly deserve credit for their 99 per cent subscriptions. The O. R. T. boys always stand pat.

The new service hours surely make an agent hustle now, he must get work done in nine hours that usually made him step for ten or eleven. Of course, we could "let it go till tomorrow," but when it has been our aim for years to keep each day cleared up it goes against the grain to "fall behind."

Bro. C. H. Smith departed May 9th to attend the St. Louis convention, Sister Smickle relieving him at Clementon.

Bros. Schneider and Lofthouse are kept very busy handling asparagus shipments.

I wish to thank the several good brothers for their kind assistance in this write-up; keep it up. CERT. 440.

#### *Reading Division—*

Bro. H. C. Marbarger left for the St. Louis convention May 10th. On account of him being away and the Welcome Home parade in Philadelphia for the 28th Division boys, our May meeting was cancelled as some of the boys wanted to see the parade.

Bro. L. R. Leady, second Stony Creek, off a week trout fishing; caught 49.

We were somewhat surprised when another small amount of back pay was handed to us which was due on account of an error in figuring it the first time.

Brothers, don't forget our next meeting Thursday, June 19th.

We still need first trick Mohrsville, first

and second Perry, third Stony Creek, agent Auburn and Port Carbon, and second Mine Hill. Remember "No card, no favors."

Bros. Fahringer and Becker, send me some notes for the writeup. No notes received this month from anyone.

Bro. Weldman, Sand Siding, relieved one day by Jack Tyman, an old-timer.

CERT. 423.

#### *Virginian Ry., Div. No. 13.*

We are glad to note the good feeling existing after so many changes.

One set of dispatchers cut off at Victoria has caused many unexpected changes. Every man affected, however, has been provided with a job. Our officials have certainly been very considerate. Bro. Marks, Sewall's Point, writes that some of the boys do not seem to be pleased with the Sundays off, but look for better days when the clouds clear away.

Bro. Wood, agent-operator at Stone Mts., had a very pleasant visit recently with the boys at Phoenix, and some one else there possibly.

Bro. Halt, "JK" tower, Roanoke 76, wishes to thank the membership for the beautiful flowers furnished at time of his sister's burial.

Bro. J. T. Jewell, agent Long Island, who is a 100 per cent member, is much pleased over an increase of business there of about 50 per cent.

Bro. James Thompson, agent Monita, and bride have returned from a very enjoyable honeymoon trip and are now at home to their friends there. They have our congratulations and best wishes. CERT. 191.

#### *Atlantic Coast Line R. R., Div. No. 15.*

##### *Lakeland District—*

An interesting joint meeting was held at Lakeland, Fla., the evening of May 6th, called to order by Bro. Grider, Bro. H. H. Huff acting as secretary for Jax District, and Bro. A. W. Ferrell as secretary this district.

Bro. Wheeler explained very satisfactorily why it was necessary to accept Supplement 13 and then appeal to the Wage Board for consideration. He seems to think the roads will remain under Government control and there will be no decrease in wages as has been anticipated.

Bro. Wheeler's talk was very enjoyable and helpful to all of us, and we wish to thank him for his splendid explanation. Bro. Williams expressed through Bro. Wheeler his regret that he was not able to attend the meeting.

On Bro. Fernald's suggestion we all donated 25 cents each to meet the expenses of the meeting and collected \$21.75, which

more than took care of all the expenses. There were about twenty from each district. Bro. R. P. Lennon and Bro. A. W. Ferrell, of Lakeland, were elected treasurer and secretary, respectively, for both the Lakeland and Jax districts.

Local Chairman Miles, Jax District, set the time for the next meeting within thirty days at Sanford, the exact time to be given out later. Local Chairman Grider, Lakeland District, announced July 9th for next meeting at Lakeland, Fla. After the meeting adjourned the members all retired to the Colonial Cafe, where refreshments were served and all enjoyed a splendid time.

Bro. H. P. Hall, agent Archer, while attending the meeting was relieved by an SAL man; and Bro. W. E. Johnson, agent Croom, by Bro. J. A. Douglas, a new man.

It is now Bro. Fallon on third Inverness. Bro. Harris visited relatives at St. Petersburg recently, returning sick.

Brothers everywhere, how are jobs where you are? Write me, Cert. 1979, Inverness, Fla.

Several offices closed on West Coast owing to decrease in business, due to the miners' strike at Phosphate plants on the Bone Valley.

Third Lakeland yard closed, first trick operator coming on duty 4 a. m. to 12 noon, office closed until 4 p. m., second man coming on then until midnight, office closed until 4 a. m. Second Lakeland dispatchers' office closed, first man coming on 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., doing relay work for yard office between 1 p. m. and 4 p. m., then "YD" handles "CD" business from 4 p. m. until midnight.

Bro. A. W. Ferrell, second Lakeland yard office, succeeded by Bro. Wilson, second "CD," displaced Bro. Burgner, second Bartow.

Melons are commencing to move; an enormous vegetable crop shipped from Wauchula this season kept the brothers there busy. Twenty to thirty cars were loaded daily.

Local Chairman Grider has done some excellent work on this district. Let us make it 100 per cent. No excuse for any one not having a card now. Since elected we have only 6 "nons" left now.

Let us hear from every office on the district and have a nice writeup monthly. Thanks to the brothers at Inverness and Croom for their notes.

Bro. Cox, High Springs, on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. F. Calloway.

CERT. 1323.

#### Gainesville District—

It is now time to do business, and every member must hustle and get that "non" or delinquent next to him. The outlook for the future is very encouraging. We have accomplished a great deal in the last month.

The delinquent list has been cut down considerably and the few "nons" are beginning to "sit up and take notice." The action of our committee caused them to realize their helplessness in an unorganized condition, and they are now coming into the organization where they will have the moral and financial support of every labor man in the country and this is what brings about the results this day and time. Our new schedule will soon be handed down and I am sure that it will meet with the approval of every one.

Local Chairman Smith, relieved by Bro. Reed at Largo May 8th, was joined at Jacksonville by Bro. Hollahan en route to the St. Louis convention.

Bro. J. E. Rush, who spent fifteen days visiting his old home in Pennsylvania, was relieved by Bro. Reed.

Bro. R. B. Hester, recently returned from "overseas," has been assisting in St. Petersburg city ticket office during the heavy tourist rush. Presume he will soon resume his former duties at "YN."

Second Tarpon Springs cut off for the summer. Bro. F. L. Wise displaced Bro. F. B. Hester, Jr., at Interlachén, who relieved Bro. J. T. Manning, Sutherland, ten days while he was attending business in West Virginia.

Boys, kindly let me have your notes by the fifteenth of each month, as we are "in the swim" and expect to stay there.

J. J. MARSHALL, Dist. Cor.

#### Savannah District—

We have not been represented in these columns for some time, but will try to have a writeup in the future issues.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Dean at Silberbow, New Mexico, formerly a member of this division, who, at the time of his demise, was president of the Jacksonville Local C. T. U. A.

Bro. Groover, of Div. 59, radio operator in the Navy located in Jacksonville, called upon the brothers in "US" office recently. Bro. Killam, of "YN," who was in the Navy located in London, has returned. Bro. Dover, who also served in the Navy, is back in "US" office.

At the recent meeting of the General Committee, Bros. Wheeler and Williams were re-elected by acclamation. They are a credit to us, ranking among the leaders as brothers and gentlemen, and we are proud of them.

Bro. Willie Walker is heading the movement to start a Railroad Telegraphers Club in Jacksonville for the purpose of getting together and discussing matters of interest and sociability.

Thirteen new members joined this district recently. We have to secure only a few more to enable us to reach our goal of 100 per cent. Bros. DeLoach and Herrin are to be commended upon their activity in secur-

ing these members. A number of the brothers who went to Offerman recently were heartily welcomed by Bro. Fuller, who, after a few appropriate remarks, proceeded to show the visitors a large time, resulting in the acquisition of three more new members. Bro. T. Francisco Brown presides at all sessions in a very dignified manner. Keep them going, Judge.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Hall, formerly in the dispatchers' office, St. Johns River Terminal Co., Jacksonville.

Owing to the large number joining the Order throughout the country, the new members are requested to be patient in regard to their M. B. D. policies. They are being issued just as fast as is possible.

Some of the members, as well as the "nons," do not seem to appreciate the importance of this department. A glance at the payments to the beneficiaries, published in the back part of the journal, during the past six months especially, speaks for itself. Think of the solace to the loved ones to be left behind.

The members of the Local Board of Adjustment on this district are: Bros. Arledge, relief agent; O. L. Dunn, "SF" relay, Savannah; J. A. DeLoach, telegrapher, Jesup, Ga., and W. J. Lewis, agent-telegrapher, Patterson, Ga. A more capable board could not have been appointed.

Bro. Myrick made a business trip to Florida recently, relieved by Bro. E. L. Harvey.

The writer learned with interest of Bro. Pixley, former local chairman, Waycross district, being a First Lieutenant Engineers in France.

The dispatchers have been incorporated in the telegraphers' schedule on the Seaboard. The proper place for them is in a *real union*, if they expect further relief. Our committee is asking that they be incorporated with us.

"TIM."

#### *Members Fayette District—*

There are now only four delinquents and very few "nons" left. Let's try to make this one of the best, if not the very best district on the system. We can do it if every member will get busy. We only took credit for what passed through my hands as one of the captains of the Victory Loan, but we put in bids for \$3,850.

Now that our General Chairman has returned from the convention, everything will finally be cleared up. All our claims will go before the management in a general way. The decision on vacation back pay deducted from us has been passed down from Washington in our favor, and we will finally get it. If you have any complaints, make them to me, and if necessary, I will pass them on to the proper head.

*Don't forget the "nons."*

W. C. MASON, Local Chairman.

#### *Fayetteville District Notes—*

Each one of us should write Bro. Mason at once and ascertain the names of the few delinquents and "nons," and keep after them until we secure the reinstatement of the former and the applications of the latter. Our local chairman cannot do all the work, and we should not expect it of him. It is to every member's individual interest to help clean them up as soon as possible. Just as long as we have delinquents and "nons" with us, we are not going to get all that is coming to us. We must be solid to a man to enable our committee to secure such desirable results from the management. All have received their back pay, or at least part of it, and we are being paid considerably more wages than ever before. I hope it will not be long until no card will mean no seniority and our slogan can be changed to read "No Card, No Job." We have made great progress in the past year, and hope to make still greater in the next, but can never hope to reach the top as long as we have slackers among us. We must talk to them and make them see that they are depriving themselves of many good things in life by remaining outside our organization. I hope we can report this district solid to a man in the July issue.

Bro. H. G. Harris, "WN" tower, was off a few days owing to his mother's illness; and Bro. Burden, first Latta, attending the Shriners' convention. Bro. Montague, first Pembroke, and Bro. Spell, agent Sellers, also off several days.

Sellers second and third closed, Bro. Holt to third Latta and Bro. Farrel to third Buie.

Bro. A. P. Chambliss, first Pee Dee, has sold out his store and invested in a farm.

We are all glad to see Bro. C. Kennedy, one of the bird men, back from France. He displaces Bro. H. M. Perritt on third "WN" tower. Dispatcher W. B. Rector also returned recently from France, displacing Dispr. Saunders on third "DS." C. F. Grigg is still in Russia. Bro. R. A. Barber is still in France, and Bro. A. F. Rector is now at home. There may be more "overseas" yet.

No items whatever received from any office on the district for this month except one. We want to have a good, interesting writeup in the journal each issue; in order to have this I must have some co-operation from the different offices. Please let me have your notes not later than the 20th of each month, as they must be in St. Louis not later than the 25th.

C. A. BODENHAMER,

Cert. 1437.

#### *Columbia District—*

My absence in THE TELEGRAPHER for May was caused by my covering the district just at the time the notes were due to be mailed to St. Louis, and I hope I may be pardoned on this account.

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The convention convened at 10 o'clock Monday, May 12th, with something over six hundred delegates on the floor, the largest in the history of the Order, which goes to prove that the changes made at Seattle, Wash., 1917, was for the best, and that we gained the point and made the organization within two years what it should have been for the past five or six years.

The trip made over the district just prior to my departure for St. Louis was very profitable. Several applications were secured, and dues collected from all delinquents except Bro. Way at Eastover, and we hope he will remit to St. Louis as per request. It is now Bro. Hyatt at Mayesville again, making the M. & A. absolutely solid except Seay at Snelling and McLean at Robbins.

C. BOLICK, L. C.

#### *Columbia District Notes—*

Joudon, second Columbia, relieved several days by an extra man. Rather peculiar that "JU" has not the money to join with when he can afford to lose so much time for pleasure.

Bro. Bell, Florence yard, relieved a few days by Bro. West on account of sickness.

Bro. Davis, agent Robbins, is on extensive trip through the West to California on account of his health. We hope he will be very much benefited and soon return as we do not want to lose so good a man.

Bro. Schipman, off some time, has returned to Florence yard, vice Bro. Graham to second Robbins.

Bro. Davis is back on third Sumter, vice Bro. Biggs to Barnwell second, vice Bro. MaHaffey to second Eastover. Both the latter are new men up-to-date. Some of the older "nons" should take notice. Bro. Thomas relieving me on first, Bro. West taking second during my absence. Other new members: Pearson, Leaster "SC"; Harris, Columbia; Hyatt, Mayesville; West, Florence; Collins, Hilda, and Klarpp, Shannon. Bros. Shultz and Thompson, just returned from the Army and Navy, will join as soon as they have a pay day, leaving only Jouson, Columbia; Ivey, Simms; McLean, Robbins, and Clark at Ferguson on the non-list. It is almost a crime now for any man to go without a card.

Both Bros. Bellenger, extra dispatcher, and Heard, message operator "FN," off recently, owing to illness.

Keep a close check on your back time; we are still due pay for Sunday from Feb. 15th until they commence to pay the minimum of eight hours for Sunday work; all overtime should be paid now, except at some non-telegraph stations, and this is now being handled for an immediate settlement. "Z."

#### **Michigan Central R. R., Div. No. 16.**

##### *Northern Division—*

Bro. O. E. Gilbert, third Bay City "WS," was off a few days on business.

Bro. E. P. Vandewater, agent Owosso, relieved on vacation by Bro. C. J. Cummings, relief agent. Sister Baxter, second Topinabee, on vacation, relieved by one of the sisters from Freedom, closed.

Local Chairman Flood, while attending the St. Louis convention, relieved by Bro. W. J. Shaw. Bro. Flood is keeping up the good work and "nons" are scarce on this division.

We are glad to see Bro. Hank Ramsey back from the Army, ready for work; also Bro. J. L. Kerby, who went to Reese agency.

Hope Sister Haas will accept our apology for referring to her as "Miss" in the April write-up.

Waters closed as a three-trick office, Bro. Jack Miller, second, going to Otsego Lake second, and Bro. Billow, third, to second Frederic. The later relieved Bro. Porter, third Saginaw, while visiting in Reed City.

Sister M. G. Black went to Hunters Creek second when Horrigan closed, and Bro. Bartlett bid in second Milwaukee. Later he traded for second Frederic, vice Bro. Green, out of service, relieved by Bro. Barber and he on Indian River second by Bro. N. L. Ross.

Relief agents are being used at stations where work is behind, because there is not enough help. This matter should be taken up and relief agents used to relieve agents instead of clerks, as several agents are waiting for relief.

Bro. Harry Renwick, agent Lealle, relieved a few days by Bro. Cummings while his wife was having an operation performed. Bro. Spaulding, St. Charles, relieved by Bro. Adrian on account of sickness. CERT. 63.

#### **Pennsylvania R. R., Div. No. 17.**

##### *Delaware (Southern) Division—*

The joint meeting of the Delaware and Maryland Divisions in Wilmington, Del., in April was well attended and very interesting. Local Chairman Mayhew presided at the evening session. One of the things accomplished was the organization of a social club to promote the interest of the Order and to keep the boys in closer touch with each other. A president and second vice-president, and secretary and treasurer were elected. Also, a Committee on Membership and on selecting a room. The dues were fixed at 50 cents per month. Only O. R. T. members eligible.

Bro. Grover C. Brown is back at "HA," after an extended absence.

Bro. R. Stevens is contemplating buying both a automobile and a farm.

Bro. W. F. Allen relieved for two months to attend business. Presume his position will be bulletined as a temporary vacancy.

Local Chairman Mayhew and Bro. W. H. Quillen attended the St. Louis convention as delegates from this division.

Boys, keep after those "nons" working with you, and show them by your actions that it means something to belong to the Order.

There are quite a few temporary clerk-operator positions advertised on the D. M. & V. branch.

Bro. Gus. Koeneman, of Ridgely, and Bro. Tom Dabson, Greensboro, attended the big military parade at Philadelphia on May 15.

Bro. J. Osborne Willis has resigned and will devote his entire time to selling "Nash" cars.

Bro. Al Dabson is now assisting the agent at Dagsboro, and Bro. Travers is the extra clerk-operator at Millsboro.

The Milford, Del., passenger station is now doing all the Western Union telegraph business for the town, the "independent" W. U. office having been closed.

Strawberry shipments from Selbyville and Bridgeville, probably the greatest strawberry center in the world, are getting heavy.

Boys, drop the division correspondent a line whenever anything of interest happens; don't wait until the 20th and then forget it, or say there's nothing doing, because it is too much trouble to write it up. Help out, and be rewarded by seeing a good write-up from division each month. CERT. 1461.

#### *West Jersey & Seashore Division—*

Brothers, when you receive a letter from the local chairman, take the time to answer as soon as possible; he does not have time to call every one, although he would like to do so, and if you have any kick coming state it.

Every man has secured enough through the Order already to pay his dues for the rest of his natural life, so remit the amount promptly; it is for your own benefit to do so. After June 30th those who have not paid up will be dropped, and now that we have secured a schedule and recognition we must stick and work together for the cause, and should not have a single delinquent.

Bros. Rossman and Ellengerer represented us at the St. Louis convention, the former being relieved at "CA" by G. B. Archer. We feel proud to have had a delegation of 60 men there.

Meetings will be held shortly, when they will have great things to tell us about this the largest and possibly most important convention ever held by the organization. This is owing to our recent wonderful progress.

Bro. Peacock is getting out among the men and will gradually get around and become acquainted with all of us. Keep after

the C. & A. boys, and let's line them up solid. We hope Praster, Snyder and Cavanaugh will soon make good their promises.

Bro. Rice is back from "PO" at Atlantic City, Bro. Liebes returning to third "HN." Sister Rose Nosanow is now at "CG" Collingswood.

John Smith, in the service about 29 years, who worked at "AD" and relieved the dispatchers at "HQ" tower, died of Bright's disease on May 17th.

Bro. Joseph McShane, mustered out of the service, displaced Bro. Lisker, second Bulson street; glad to see Joe back safe.

Bro. J. F. Ambrogi is helping his father until business picks up.

Mr. Snedeker is back on former position, vice W. J. Hough to operator "CF."

Bro. J. M. Corsiglia, who displaced his son, Bro. Roy Corsiglia on Sewell second, relieved Bro. G. W. Coles, who relieved Hitchner at "G" while out on Victory Bonds.

We will be glad to have some one on the lower end send all the items they can to Bro. Peacock, as we have no way of knowing what is going on down that way.

CERT. 74.

#### *Members New York Division—*

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I greet you, brothers, on this division, and can report that we now have 163 members and fast approaching the two hundred mark.

This is the result of your untiring effort, and if you will continue to work in the next few months as you have in the last six, the results will be surprising.

Let our motto be good service for good pay, whether we work for "Uncle Sam" or the Pennsylvania railroad, co-operating with your brother workers to establish a state of efficiency on this system second to none. By adhering to this policy we and our organization will be beyond reproach, a great asset for a labor organization.

Let me impress upon you the importance of forwarding your insurance assessment as soon as it is due so as to protect your family if you, the bread-winner, should be suddenly summoned before St. Peter. Your paid-up card should secure our safe conduct into heaven, for we have had hell on earth for carrying it.

JAMES T. FLAHERTY,  
Local Chairman.

#### *New York Division Notes—*

Our last all-day and evening meeting proved a great success. Although a few were absent on account of sickness in their families, we were well satisfied with results. A vote of thanks was taken for the untiring efforts of our worthy president. Bro. Dewey, chairman of the "PT" Division, also our delegate to the St. Louis convention was

present, also Bro. Hendricks, chairman of the Trenton Division, and Bro. H. H. High, chairman of "PO" office Philadelphia. They gave very interesting talks. There are very few nons on the Trenton Division, and Bro. High reported the membership high at "PO." It should be with "High" at the head of it."

Bro. Prawl is right on hand with the medicine chest to administer a few more pills to the few nons who still need a little doctoring.

Local Chairman Flaherty and our newly elected secretary, Bro. Weatherly, are working hard to bring in the "lost sheep" on this division. We expect at least ten more new members at our next meeting in Newark this month. Be sure and be there. Brothers, remember, it is the duty of each one of us to secure at least one new member. Try and keep your tower solid. Give your chairman your hearty support. Show your appreciation of his efforts by attending the meetings when he calls them; make this your religious duty. Don't have any excuse to offer. Come and offer suggestions and keep in touch with everything on the division.

#### New York Division—

Bro. Bigler, who has started a little business of his own, has been very successful selling raincoats to members of the O. R. T.

Bro. Fleenor was off a few days, owing to his wife's illness. We are glad to learn of her recovery.

It is Good-bye Telegraph, Hello, Telephone! on this end of the line now, as all the telegraph instruments have been taken from the towers.

Bumping has started, and there will be quite a number of changes in the near future. The main thing is, nail the "non," for he is against us.

Bro. Renzulli has been bumped from tower "C" to "F," Bro. Short to third "F"; may take third in dispatchers' office. Jack Ledden, bumped out of "NC," expects to go to tower "A."

The brothers and sisters at towers "N" and "S" are doing all they can to keep their towers solid. That's the proper thing to do.

This is my first write-up, and as I am new at this sort of thing, I hope the brothers and sisters will send me all the notes they can, such as births, deaths, marriages, changes of positions, etc., addressing them to S. R. Tomlinson, 190, 13th avenue, Astoria, L. I., N. Y., before the 15th of each month if possible.

CRT. 6081.

#### Members Williamsport Division—

I have appointed the following assistant local chairmen: Rockville west to Sunbury, J. H. Zerbe; Sunbury-Northumberland and west to Williamsport, J. F. Wentzel and H.

T. Derrick; "GO" office and Williamsport and west to Lockhaven, Penn., E. F. Holmes and C. E. Fisher; Lockhaven and west to "QA" tower, C. A. Bitner. J. H. Hartzell will represent the train dispatchers, and C. H. Lenker, the agents and assistant agents. I hope you will give these brothers your hearty co-operation with the work that means so much to all of us.

H. T. Derrick has also been appointed division correspondent; C. S. Dieffenderfer, S. H. Young and Atwood Wetzel, assistants. Kindly get all your notes to Bro. Derrick no later than the 15th of each month to insure the items being published in the journal the following month.

A. C. ERIES,  
Local Chairman.

#### Philadelphia Division—

This division experienced the worst shake-up, due to retrenchment, ever made in this section, closing up about 20 offices, setting back three chief dispatchers and extending the wires which abolished another section of train dispatchers, letting out a number of operators. A 1900-man has a close shave now to have a job.

Ed Smith, formerly manager "AD," succeeded Assistant Division Operator Harry Baum, deceased. We have the printers in "UD" to Altoona and Philadelphia; also repeaters, telephone equipment, etc., which keeps the staff men going all the time.

Bro. Hain, let out on account of retrenchment, has bought out the S. M. Cobler, tire-welding firm. We are glad to hear that he is doing a fine business. Bro. Shaeffer is with an automobile house. Bro. McClellan is on the "night owl" trick; Bro. Musser has the one-man job at Enola; Bro. Jake Dubbs, who has also had his bumps, is now the emergency man, and Bro. E. M. Jones is at Rockville.

Bro. G. L. Snyder, from New York due to the "squeeze," is doing the "OS" stunt.

"Mac," at "DE" in the good old days, is now at "PF."

Sister Nellie Johnson, daughter of Bro. "Jack" Johnson, now on night squad, has returned from a pleasant trip to Camp Lee and vicinity with her friends, calling on "the doughboys" of their acquaintance.

Sister Maude Donaghy, from Bryn Mawr, is with us again, and Bro. John Friskorn is with the W. U.; since the shake-up is on leave of absence.

Bro. J. K. Robinson is now at "RJ," directing the heavy traffic.

Bro. Jim Lyder put in a day recently with the boys in "UD" after many years' absence, and was surprised at the many new "wrinkles," such as the phone business, etc.

Bro. Koch is on the desk job in Room 24. Bro. Amos Eppler, attached to the train

dispatchers corps, is on an extended vacation.

Bro. Eddie Daniels, the "father" of "UD," has returned from a trip to the metropolis. Bro. George Ritter attended the Grand banquet here. Bro. Burg, being Commander of the Veterans of Foreign War, has promoted a series of dances and looks very dignified when leading off the "Grand March" in uniform.

Bro. Abe Hamman is one of the big four on the night shift at "MB." Bro. Dissinger is being congratulated upon the recent arrival at his home of a fine boy. He and Bro. Sam Meloy recently returned from an unsuccessful fishing trip along the Juniata, having had rainy weather the entire time. Cooking over a "stone age" fire and pulling on that pipe was their only solace. Sammy Howard, an old-time brother, a hard fighter years ago, who has "drifted down the stream," might be brought back if the life-line was cast to him. Also Charles Gingrich. Some of you good brothers with or near these men "get busy." DIV. COR.

#### "PO" General (Relay), Broad St., Phila.—

Bro. Rothe was relieved by Bro. Abe Wade ("NC") on "RG" Washington wire, while off planting his corn.

Bro. Barney McMahon ("MH"), our hero at the Y. M. C. A. banquet in honor of the returned soldiers and sailors of the P. R. R. in and around Philadelphia, introduced Mr. Klisha Lee to the audience with much grace and eclat. Barney was asked to sing a song, but instead recited in French "The Face on the Bar-Room Floor." It was a grand success.

Bill Garrett, "J," let out of "PO" several weeks, is back again.

"Pinkey" Wilson has recovered from pneumonia and taken a W. U. job in Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, Va.

We extend the glad hand to our friends "UR" and "D" in "NC" New York, now up to date. We would be glad to see notes from "UD" Harrisburg, "FA" Altoona, and "OD" Pittsburgh; also "NC" New York. Let's hear from you, boys.

We are sure pleased to see so many agents joining the Order. Everything is growing brighter and more encouraging. "In union there is strength."

Bro. Lacey ("EA"), the champion operator of the night crew, through a little executive ability the other night, won a bet from Bro. Mahon that caused the smokes to be passed around to the crowd.

Knowing quite well that all our old friends who are ex—"PO"ers will these notes, we take this means to wish them all well and extend our "73" to Pinkey, "JF" Wilson; Dan Carlin, Joe Rice, Harry Nice, Cubbage and Mercer.

CERT. 713.

#### Tyrone Division—

Bro. Soet, since the increase, has taken the responsibility of providing for a wife. Congratulations, Kert.

Bro. Woodring and Relief Agent Dowell are doing excellent work on C. & C. branch. Assisted by the brothers, the applications of all the operators over there have been secured with the exception of two at Grampian, and we have the promise of one of these in the near future. We also have all the agents but six, and expect to land several of them shortly, having increased our membership by twelve last month. All present at the recent meeting were well pleased with Supplement No. 21, and hope to soon receive pay for their relief days.

Geo. Croll, formerly an operator on this division, was recently killed while mining clay at Orviston, Pa.

Second "BF" has been closed, causing some changing around.

Bro. Bickett, second relief, was off a few days on visit to Philadelphia.

Our local chairman has received his typewriter, is very much pleased, and extends to all the faithful brothers his appreciation.

I wish to thank the brothers for the support they gave me in securing funds for this typewriter. Brothers on the C. & C. made a splendid showing. There is still \$6.25 due on it, with a few brothers to be heard from. I wish those who have overlooked this matter would send in their subscriptions and close the account.

CERT. 2183.

#### Cresson Division—

The semi-annual dues period begins July 1st. Let's all pay up promptly, showing other divisions a good example. We have secured seven new members, all agents who have come in lately. Each brother and sister, go after the few "nons" still out and give them no rest until they join. Thirteen attended the meeting at Bellwood Sunday, May 11th, a good turnout when we remember that it is impossible for all members on this division to attend the meetings on account of the passenger service.

Have appointed Bro. Rumberger assistant local chairman for Bellwood branch, and R. E., division correspondent. Send your notes to the latter on or before the 15th of each month so he can censor them and forward to St. Louis on or before the 25th.

There has been a lot of bumping on this division on account of reduction in force, which seemingly gives the trainmen a better chance to reluctantly do our work.

A. WORSING, L. C.

#### Cresson Division Notes—

Bro. J. S. Hunter took "PA" first, Miller to "J," vice Sister M. G. Kettren to extra list. Sister Cederholm is on first Punxsutawney until Joe returns from "JG."

Note Local Chairman Worsing's request and let me have your items promptly. Would like to hear from all of you. "RC."

*Members "Panhandle," Pittsburgh Div.—*

I wish to thank the members for their loyal support in the recent election. I certainly appreciated the honor of being elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention and will handle all matters pertaining to our organization to the very best of my ability.

H. H. PHILLIPS.

*Panhandle, Pittsburgh Div. Notes—*

Bro. McNamara has returned to Oakdale second, Bro. Beaumont going to third. Bro. Segui, to extra list, went to third message job "BY" Colliers, and also relieved Bro. Gross at "WG," on sick list, relieved at "MF" by Bro. Eiseman.

We are all glad to have Bro. Brown back with us after spending 17 months in France. He bumped Bro. Barrett, third "CH" tower, who went to first at "BI" Ingram a few days, and then relieved Local Chairman Phillips while he attended the St. Louis convention. Woodville closed, Bro. Sands to third "RG" tower.

Bro. Cramp has returned to duty after being off several weeks. He was injured while repairing an old pump, a piece of steel breaking off and penetrating his chest.

There was a large crowd at the recent O. R. T. meeting in Carnegie.

Remember the slogan, keep after the "non" and help make this division solid.

CERT. 3672.

*"GO" Relay, Pittsburgh—*

Two new members last month; expect to land a few more shortly.

Bro. Stetler was off a week on account of sickness. Bro. Hanson, now working second, one of the three owl tricks here now (4:30 p. m. till 1 a. m.).

Bro. Anderson, being congratulated on the recent arrival of a baby boy, set 'em up to the boys on it.

The C. T. U. A. members held a dance here recently and charged admission. The Western Union Employes' Association also held one the same evening *free*, but the former had the largest crowd and the best time. Friends of the advocates of *real* unionism are not looking for *cheap* enjoyments furnished by men unable to see that they are "standing in their own light."

The Telegraph School here in Pittsburgh has closed. Most of the students turned out carry cards and the teachers are missing the overtime they used to get. The Columbus School has not yet closed.

Everyone do their bit in lining up the "nons" until we make this office solid.

CERT. 3672.

*Buffalo Division—*

The organizing of this division is being rapidly brought to a satisfactory membership basis. Organizer Bro. DeBus has done some excellent work perfecting committees, and working out details.

The Grievance Committee, Bros. Delephant, Allen and Scott, met at Olean, April 8th, and considered a number of matters that had been brought to their attention; appearing before Division Operator Daley on May 5th in regard to the seniority rights of Bro. Hall. As an agreement could not be reached the matter was appealed to the superintendent, and the case will be reopened upon return of Bro. Delephant from the St. Louis convention.

The new universal schedule, which appears in the May number of THE TELEGRAPHER, should be thoroughly studied by all, and the attention of your local chairman be brought to any violation of it.

Several non-members have been trying to "get by" by representing themselves as members of the Order, when such is not the case. Hereafter such cases will be carefully checked up and necessary action taken to prevent members being imposed upon.

We are planning to publish a list in the July TELEGRAPHER of the few "nons" left on this division.

Bro. Enos, N. Y., N. H. & H. dispatcher, was a welcome visitor of the Olean boys recently, en route to attend the St. Louis convention.

Bro. D. W. Scott, 115 South Barry street, Olean, N. Y., has been appointed division correspondent, and will appreciate it very much if the boys on the line will send him notes of timely interest not later than the 20th of each month. CERT. 5851.

*Renova Division—*

Bro. C. A. Smith, our delegate from this district, left for the St. Louis convention May 10th.

Bro. A. L. Goodwin and family spent several days in New York, visiting relatives.

Sister Mertie M. Dailey, "VE" Brockwayville, is visiting at her home in Florence, Colo.

Bro. W. E. Judd relieved Bro. Bly on second Brockwayville while the latter was visiting the metropolis two weeks, accompanied by his wife. Later Bro. Judd and his wife left for Pueblo, Colo., to visit with relatives. Bro. G. W. Halliwell, third Brockwayville, displaced by "Non" Ellason.

Local Chairman Mercer recently returned from Philadelphia and New York, reports that the boys on the divisions he visited are making the "nons" step lively. We should do likewise on this division; no excuses should be accepted. Request a list of them from Bro. Mercer and get busy. Keep up your good work, Bro. Rieks.

Bro. J. E. McMackin was a pleasant visitor to Ridgway recently in his flivver, accompanied by a passenger.

Sister Edith A. Swanson relieved Bro. L. E. Hoffman, second Benzinger, while he was soliciting for the Victory Bonds. The telegraph department on this division was the first on the system to go over the top with a 100 per cent subscription, the average being about \$150 per capita. We should show our appreciation in like manner for the good work done by the O. R. T. in gaining what we have and lining up the "nons" until we have a 100 per cent membership.

The question of pay for relief days deducted from our salaries for October, November and December, 1918, has been submitted to the officials at Washington, and a settlement is pending their decision.

CERT. 1921.

#### *Eastern Division—*

Local Chairman Williams attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Martin visited a week recently in Chicago, Bro. Stern relieving.

Bro. Doyle, who canvassed the division for the Victory Liberty Loan, reports one hundred per cent between Alliance and Mansfield.

It is now Bros. J. F. Webb and E. H. Culp. Keep after the few "nons" left, boys, and remove this blot entirely from our record.

Brothers and Sisters, ask Bro. Bolla about the social fund plan the brothers have on other divisions. Why cannot we adopt a similar one?

A number of the boys who served Uncle Sam "over there" will soon be back on their jobs in the old U. S. A.

Our schedule as announced in the current (May) issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, while doubtless a disappointment to many in that it does not contain certain provisions which were felt would be incorporated therein, is a big step for us in the right direction. Bury your disappointments and stick to our colors.

CERT. 4321.

#### *E. & A. Division—*

Miss McCutheon, from third Transfer, is now on Brier Hill second. Miss Krajeske, third there, transferred to third "MY." Miss Seagle, third Youngstown, spent ten days in Columbus, O., relieved by Miss Donough.

"QD" second closed four days, owing to Bro. Ackworth's illness and no available relief.

Sister Soisson relieved Bro. Langworthy, who relieved Bro. Sheldon, assigned to special duty.

Bro. Monstler, second "GR" cabin, is reported on the sick list.

Bro. C. A. Wheeler took "ON" first June 1, held by him until a few years ago when the company gave it to Mr. Garvey, so that

he could be near home, and Bro. Wheeler had to take second there.

Boys, keep your dues paid up without delay, and prepare for the future. Some of the boys on the E. & P. kindly line up your men, and remember "no card, no favors."

The increase we are now enjoying was secured through our previous struggle, as individuals gained together on this division gained us nothing whatever. Now, let's stand together as brothers and sisters, remain true to our Order and we will be prepared for the future.

Bro. Reiter, who represented us at the St. Louis convention, will give us the representation that this division deserves. Will, on his return, hold a meeting immediately, probably at New Castle. Every member should arrange to attend as soon as notified of the date, time, place, and location. All agents will be welcome.

Please send all your notes to West street each month, no matter how large or small; they will always be appreciated.

We hope by next writing to have some news relative to the proposed uniform schedule.

CERT. 4021.

#### *Toledo Division—*

Bro. Barto to second Bloomville, vice Bro. Smith, resigned and gone into advertising business. We wish him success.

Bro. Shirley, second Sugar Camp, relieved several days by Bro. C. A. Ulsh.

A. I. Wake, formerly on second Carrothers, now in the Army of Occupation in Germany, writes me: "Congratulations on splendid work. While I cannot at present give it my financial support, I can at least lend it my moral support. Home about August." Bro. Tobin, "NW" tower, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Bennem, formerly on third "NW" tower, now in France. Writes Bro. Tobin, "NW" tower: "Expect to be back on the job soon." We will welcome the boys home. Their former positions are awaiting them.

Sorry to state that Local Chairman Reinman, third Highland, has been off duty several weeks on account of the smallpox.

Bro. Marquardt on furlough. Relief Agent Sullivan is acting as ticket agent at Tiffin during his absence.

Only one item received this month. Brothers, send me all the notes you can to reach me not later than the 10th of each month.

A. E. MYERS, Carrothers, O.

#### *Akron Division, North End—*

The meeting in the Union Labor Hall, Akron, May 9th, was fairly well attended. Quite a few members were present between Orville and Hudson. Bro. Kail, from Orville, held down the high-backed chair.

Bro. Keitt, acting as inspector, gave each

one of us the "once over" to see that we had our up-to-date cards and also the password.

The motion was carried by the majority of the members present that we should have two additional vice-presidents.

Bros. McGonagle, Alberta, Kall, Wierick and Heinig discussed and enlightened us on several matters. Several new members were enrolled in the Akron O. R. T. Club at this meeting.

Bro. Barnes, of Akron Jct. office, on a trip West, was relieved by Rinehart, recently from the Army. Marks, another Army man, is on first "VD" cabin. Bro. Cooper, "CH" tower, on a trip West, relieved by Bro. Lawson.

Bro. Kimber, "NS" cabin, went to first Orville Depot while Bro. Kall was attending the St. Louis convention.

Slate, "CH" tower, is still shy up-to-date. Keep after him.

Bro. Johnson, Silver Lake, is being congratulated upon the arrival of a fine baby girl at his home.

Laredo, Franklin, Danville, "UN" cabin, and "CH" tower are closed on Sundays.

Additional passenger trains are to be put on the north and south end of the Akron division the 25th of this month.

A Liberty Loan Special passed over this division, securing subscriptions to the fifth loan.

All the members are earnestly requested to be present at our next meeting. Your presence leaves a good influence for a good cause.

CERT. 2451.

#### Columbus Division Notes—

Bro. Fritzwater, "RS" tower, relieved two weeks by Bros. Dunham and Powell.

Bro. Ungericht, "V," off few days account sickness of wife, Bro. Luddenkemher relieving.

Bro. Reck was off a few days taking the 32nd Masonic degree at Dayton, O.

Bro. Zuck visits his "ma" in New Madison every Sunday.

Bro. Clark worked a few days in "SA" recently. Bro. Tullis was off a few days, owing to the death of his father-in-law; relieved by Bro. Kelly.

Bro. Elliot, on Victory Loan campaign, relieved three weeks by Bro. H. D. Davis.

Bro. A. Brown is papa to new boy. Congratulations.

Bro. Heathco relieved a few days by Bro. Frederick.

Bro. Sucker, "SC," off sick, relieved by Bro. Powell.

Bro. Auld has resigned and joined the radio at Great Lakes, Ill. Sorry to lose him, and hope he will keep up-to-date.

Bros. Frye and Hosier, "HOC" have returned from a trip to Pennsylvania, relieved by Bros. Randles and M. Latham. Bro.

J. C. Robertson relieved Sunday recently by Bro. Dunham.

'Tis said we have a schedule in effect now. We surely need it. Bro. Ottoway has been treated very badly, because we had no way of asserting our rights. We want to see a change now. "RO," Cert. 2555.

#### Cincinnati Division—

It will soon be July 1st, when the dues for the last half of 1919, \$5, should be remitted promptly to Bro. Wm. Skinner, general secretary and treasurer, 71-72 Gunther Bldg., Baltimore, Md., and your insurance assessments to Bro. C. B. Rawlins, St. Louis, Mo. With every member renewing and a few new members we will soon be 100 per cent. Every member should apply the motto, "No card, no favors," as long as there is a "non" in sight, stronger than ever, especially in the Cincinnati terminal.

Every member should send me some notes.

#### East End—

Bro. Marshall was relieved by Bro. Ferris while on a fishing trip.

Bro. Wm. Stevens has recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Operator Stowbridge, who was with the Railroad Division, is home and will return to work with us soon. His application is in.

#### West End— .

The operators who fought "over there" that have returned to duty on this division have all taken out a card and are up-to-date, while there are still a few here who stayed at home and refuse to get a card. We have dealt leniently with them, but patience has ceased to be a virtue in their cases. They are T. R. Stabler and H. First, "Q"; J. Kuhn, "OD"; T. J. Brewster, "EXA"; G. C. Wallace, "XN"; E. T. Bales, "SG," and E. B. Butler and S. Dodds, "NS."

Local Chairman Stone attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Corrigan has purchased a Studebaker.

Bro. Powers has sold his home and will build another.

My home address is now 937 Baymiller street, Cincinnati, instead of 914 West 7th street.

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#### C. L. & N. Notes—

Bro. Aaron Steward, second Mason, spent Easter Sunday with his relatives in Padpole county, relieved by Bro. Jacob Debold.

Bro. J. E. Miller, out to see the Reds win the opening game, was suffering with strained vocal cords the next day.

Bro. Charlie Armstrong and Relief Agent Harry Jackson were pinched in Norwood Easter morning for speeding in a Ford.

Bro. Roland spent a few days in West Virginia with his mother, and Bro. Baldwin

third Hageman, spent a night in Cincinnati with Bro. Mullins recently.

Bro. Edmond, second Lebanon, has gone with the Postal Telegraph Co. at Cincinnati, succeeded by Bro. Minnery, 5th Street, Dayton; and Bro. Blevens is now on second Blue Ash, Norwood Park closed nights.

Brothers, let's organize a Telegraphers' Club, have regular meetings each month and discuss questions essential to the welfare of our organization.

Brothers, if you know of a "non" on this division, please advise us and we will sure go after him. Send me your notes, and don't forget "No card, no favors," and that July 1st is renewal time. See my Cincinnati Division notes for this, which applies to all.

CERT. 3324.

#### *Louisville Division—*

June 1st, telephones were installed, displacing the telegraph on the block wire and the block system north of 14th and Main streets. Louisville was combined with the telephone block system south of 14th and Main streets, Louisville. The dispatchers at South tower are handling both block systems, doing away with the dispatchers at 14th and Maple streets.

About a dozen new members were added to the O. R. T. Club at its meeting April 30th, at 204 Tyler Bldg., Louisville. The dues are \$1 a year. We would like all O. R. T. to join and get acquainted with the boys on other roads centering at Louisville, where we meet the second Saturday night in each month at the room heretofore named. Bro. A. P. Smith relieved Dispatcher Clagg at South tower on vacation, relieved on Ohio Falls first by Bro. F. A. White of second there, who also relieved Dispatcher Grant, South tower, several nights on account of illness.

Bro. and Ex-Local Chairman A. J. Vincent and daughters, Misses Gladys and Velma, attended the "Welcome Home" for the 150th Rainbow Division at Indianapolis May 7th.

Bro. B. W. Hatton, second Peters, attended the recent basket dinner at Ratcliffes Grove given in honor of his cousin, Ralph White, returned overseas soldier.

Bro. Atterbury relieved Bro. Hudson at New Albany, who relieved Second Trick Operator Watson, and later relieved Third Trick Dispatcher Hartwell, owing to the death of his wife, May 5th, Bro. G. E. Vest relieving Bro. Hudson on second Copier. The employees of the division contributed a nice floral offering. Mr. Hartwell has our sympathy.

Bro. R. G. Hudson, second trick leverman, South tower, relieved by M. L. Smith, division operators' clerk, who has promised to join.

Bro. R. C. Shipp, off few days sick, re-

lieved on third "GF" tower by Bro. C. W. McClain.

Bro. and Mrs. Caldwell entertained Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Davis at a birthday dinner given in honor of Mrs. Caldwell.

Many R. R. men of every department enjoyed the programme and refreshments at the recent successful reception tendered them by the official board of the Tabernacle of the "Church of Christ" at Columbus.

Bro. R. C. Smart has a new Ford touring car.

Bro. A. C. Hayworth now attends Sunday School with his family.

Bro. Hitchborn, agent Jonesville, has purchased a new player piano; and Bro. P. L. Hawkins has purchased a farm west of Jonesville.

Bro. C. O. Lind to third Franklin while Bro. Barnard was in St. Louis.

Bro. M. L. Prather to third "GF" tower, relieving Bro. Fox on account of illness.

Bro. M. L. Prather was recently married. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple, and a long and useful life.

CERT. 3899.

#### *East End—*

Bro. McCullough went to Indianapolis "Welcome Home Day," relieved by Bro. Williams, who also relieved Bro. M. C. Phillips for a trip to St. Louis.

The telegraph department went 100 per cent in the recent Liberty Loan drive.

Bro. J. M. Clark, relieved a few days by Bro. T. I. Grissom. Bro. Glover was off recently and Bro. Geo. Stevens visited relatives in Columbus, Ind.

Bro. R. Siddons was relieved a few days by Bro. R. W. Baldwin, and Bro. C. C. Cook, by Bro. Grissom, owing to death in his family.

Bro. C. J. Benefiel, relieved by Bro. De Vore, attended a meeting of the Knights Templar at Indianapolis.

Bro. Guy W. Honneter, "SO," is now in the dispatchers' office-learning dispatching. Bro. O. T. Germain, first "DS," was taken suddenly sick a few days ago, was relieved by Archer, from "SO."

Brothers, remember Congress is in extra session, and may turn the roads back to private ownership. We must now stand together. We have our schedule, something unknown heretofore in the history of the Pennsylvania. Let's "hold fast to that which is good," which can only be done by remembering "No card, no favors."

CERT. 2809.

#### *Logansport Division—*

Bro. W. M. Gordon, first Peoria Junction, off some time with a sprained back, caused by pulling too hard in interlock levers. Bro. F. M. Dakin, who relieved him a few days, resigned to sell insurance, relieved by Bro.

J. A. Rater, who also relieved Bro. J. J. Reiplinger, third Schererville, off sick several days.

Bro. T. H. Bunn, second at "RI" tower, relieved a few days by Bro. Beckley. Bro. C. K. Fields goes from Dunkirk to Marion.

H. J. Luster, back from the Army, on third with "RI" tower, now married; has protected his wife with a thousand dollars' worth of our O. R. T. insurance, beginning June 8th, 1919. E. A. McLaughlin, also recently married, will be with us as soon as he can spare the money. Bro. C. F. Buck, who relieved him, was later relieved by Extra Hildebrandt.

Bro. B. B. Duncan, third Crown Point, visited his folks at Gas City a few days, Bro. F. B. Huffman relieving.

Local Chairman Kent has returned from the St. Louis convention and will call a meeting shortly. We hope to have one as good as the last held in G. A. R. Hall, Logansport, on Feb. 4th.

Brothers, don't forget to pay your dues promptly. We don't want to have any delinquents on this division.

Although our agents are only organized 64 per cent, the operators and levermen are 90 per cent. Moral: Keep after the agents.

CERT. 4074.

#### *Michigan Division—*

Brothers and Sisters, remember that Allen and Sanders, at Hatch; Lewis, Midway; Woods, Brownsvalley, and Weida, at Ellis, are still on the "non" list, and don't forget our motto, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Metsger is back on third Bringhurst after two months' battle with the "flu."

Bro. Wilhelm, third Pike, was off a few nights, relieved by Sister Blystone, who later relieved Bros. McPherson, third Lebanon, and Dixon, second Fisher, several nights.

Local Chairman Garrott, who assisted in the Victory Loan drive, relieved by Bro. Robbins, also attended the St. Louis convention with Extra Dispatcher Bro. Hamilton and Local Chairman Kent, Logansport Division. Bro. Robbins, while relieving Bro. Garrott, was relieved on second "JF" cabin by Bro. Wallace.

Kindly send your notes from the North and East Ends to Bro. Garrott, Frankfort.

Keep paid up and see that the fellows next to you do likewise.

CERT. 6536.

#### *G. R. & I. Northern Division—*

Ten brothers were present at our first meeting held in Cadillac, Mich., May 4th, five from the South. Being a rather bad day and the first Sunday of fishing season, we are not discouraged.

I wish to impress upon the brothers that attendance at these meetings is important. A place to get together and talk matters

over for the betterment of our conditions and our service to the company.

It was voted to assess each member 15 cents a month for a general fund to be used for rental for meetings, flowers for sick, and general running expense of the local division. This is payable to Bro. Lowell, 511 North Park street, Cadillac, our local secretary and treasurer.

Any grievance you may have, take up first with division officers and if not satisfactorily adjusted, refer to me and I will handle in the regular way.

Keep the "nons" in mind, also the delinquents and remember "*No card no favors.*" The sooner we work that motto strong, the better for all of us.

Remit your dues promptly, keep up-to-date and stand together, as we know not what is ahead. In unity there is strength.

W. P. HOFFMAN,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Northern Division Notes—*

Local Chairman Hoffman has returned from St. Louis, and we have our new schedule.

Bro. Irvine's wife has returned from a three months' visit in Canada. Bro. Cross relieved him a few days, owing to illness.

Bro. Phelps, off a few days, relieved by Everybody. Bro. Phelps down to see the boys come home from France, as his son is one of them.

The meeting at Petoskey was just a reminder, and meet some of the brothers.

Do your work faithfully, brothers. If the agent doesn't belong, "*No card, no favors*" applies very nicely, and he will learn what it means.

Bro. McPhee relieved Bro. Bartholomay several weeks while he was on a law suit at Grand Rapids. Later Bro. McPhee and Bro. Cross relieved several days, at "KG." The second and third men there are still on the "non" list. Keep after them.

The summer season will soon open, and all jobs will be bulletined. Every time you make a bid for a position be sure to make two or three copies and send one to the local chairman so in case you are misinformed he can take the matter up at once.

Bro. Dave Belding, side wire man at "UD," has returned from the West, where he was called on account of death in family. Bro. Spiker, who relieved him, later relieved Bro. Hoffman.

Train Dispatcher S. I. Sheets is back from France. Dispatcher Rau, who relieved him several weeks, has dropped out of the O. R. T.

No notes from anyone this month.

CERT. 1855.

#### *G. R. & I. South Division—*

The request in the April TELEGRAPHER for suggestions as to where and when we might hold meetings only brought one reply. The

brother suggests we hold an all-day meeting at Kalamazoo, morning, afternoon and evening, thus giving practically all members on this end a chance to attend. What do you think of it?

We hear the Kirkby Ham factory at Moline is running full capacity and will soon be turning out the finished product.

Bro. Sam Huston, Dock Siding, took so many fish out of the St. Joseph River recently that he lowered the water several inches.

Bro. Chas. Winters got out in the road with his Ford recently, and was run over by an automobile.

It is now Bro. Schoenberger at Geneva.

Bro. "Boob" Ives, first Plainwell, was bumped by Bro. McWhirter, just returned from France.

Bro. "Bill" Cartwright is now a full-fledged booster for the O. R. T. This makes Ft. Wayne relay office solid.

Bro. Campbell, second Woicottville, was off two days on account of the death of his wife's father-in-law, Mr. Grim relieving.

Bro. Brayton, first Rome City, attended the St. Louis convention as delegate from this division, relieved by Kenworthy, and he by Sister Yeler on first Conlog. Later Mr. Kenworthy relieved Bro. Swank, first LaGrange, while visiting relatives at Wawaka; and Bro. McNabb, first Mendon, relieved by Bro. Hill a few days, while visiting relatives.

Bro. Fralick, third Avilla, was off three days, account of illness of his wife.

Bro. Farmer, at Howe, off on business, was relieved by Grim and Mesel.

Local Chairman Kelley reports very few requests for the list of "nons." You fellows working next to them, do a little "boosting." You did not do your whole duty when you sent in your dues. We will never make this division 100 per cent unless you help. Every time you see or hear a "non," ask him if he has his card yet. He will get tired of hearing it after a while and join.

W. A. Barnes,  
Cert. 3766, Div. Cor.

#### *Peoria Division—*

"An Emblem of Honor," heading an article by Cert. 65, in April issue, meets with my hearty approval. There is hardly a big business concern in the country that does not show its appreciation of old and faithful employees by giving them a bonus at the end of each year; or in some other way making them feel that life is worth living, even if their grocery bills do knock the props from under them every pay day.

Why should the O. R. T. be an exception to a rule that is fast becoming general? I am in favor of giving all such members as

Bros. T. M. Pierson and "Cert. 65" a handsome "boka" now and then, in addition to something more substantial that will not wither and decay.

Sister M. E. Andrews, who gave the whole place an air of refinement, relieved from second Hervey City by Bro. Haley.

Harry E. Coyle, a former member of the O. R. T., now chief electrician and radio operator in the Government station, San Francisco, is on thirty days' furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coyle, in Decatur.

None of the boys contributed any notes for this write-up. As this complaint seems to be an epidemic which has spread to every other division correspondent, I'll just take my "medicine," too.

CERT. 5613.

#### *St. Louis Division—East End— Correction.*

The types seem to have twisted the first paragraph in the May issue, page 666, making it read the opposite of what the correspondent, Cert. 6307, intended. It was written:

"Bro. Hindmarch has seen the division operator. Positions that heretofore were never bulletined, nor recently advertised, will be on bulletin later, and will hereafter appear regularly when vacated."

THE EDITOR

#### *St. Louis Division, West End—*

Bro. Smith, back from overseas, relieved Bro. Wiseman on second Formosa.

Sister Tennyson, on second at Mulberry Grove, vice Bro. Tennyson to Rose Lake second, relieving Bro. Ingram.

Bro. Switzer, Collinsville, attended the opening ball game at St. Louis, relieved by Bro. Hudnall, relieved at Highland by Sister Lydel, who later relieved Bro. Babcock, Stubblefield, who relieved Bro. Middleton at Greenville, and Bro. McKean at Smithboro.

Bro. Vardel relieved Bro. Ray on third Pocahontas while he "expensed bills" at St. Elmo about a month, vice Bro. Fogler, off sick.

Bro. Gillespie, relief agent Pocahontas, goes to Center Point, Indiana, agency, relieved by A. A. Abbott, who has promised to soon get a card.

Bro. Henry C. Miller, Collinsville, who contemplated buying an auto, invested in Fifth Liberty Bonds, a much safer investment.

Bro. W. L. Darner, Vandalia, attended the "big night" entertainment given by the Grand Division at St. Louis during the convention.

Bro. Matthews, St. Elmo, was a Terre Haute visitor, and Bro. Bolds, Effingham, visited St. Elmo recently.

Bro. Gaston, Brownstown, is harvesting his strawberry crop.

CERT. 2410.

**Nickel Plate R. R., Div. No. 18.***Chicago Division—*

Two Nickel Plate operators have been placed in Knox tower at the N. Y. C. crossing on first and second, third trick being held by a N. Y. C. man.

Bro. Redman, first Claypool, visiting in the West, relieved by Bro. B. F. Williams, relieved on third there by Bro. R. R. Neff, relieved on third Sidney by Bro. P. D. Hall.

Bro. Ensley, first South Whitley, was off several days on account of sickness, relieved by Sister Pearl Davis, who later relieved Bro. Milo Dimmick, third Knox depot, while visiting in South Whitley, who later went to Hibbard agency, and Bro. Newby, second Sidney, one day.

Bro. C. O. Crisenberry, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved on first Knox depot by Miss Maxy, who later relieved Sister Cecil Morris, third Dunfee, while attending the commencement of her sister.

Bro. L. B. Saunders to third South Wana-tah, vice Bro. Harry Wise to second Stony Island.

Bro. Lipps, third Argas, was off several days recently.

Sister Campbell desires, through THE TELEGRAPHER, to thank the brothers and sisters of the Fort Wayne and Chicago divisions who so kindly contributed to a fund recently handed to her, on account of her illness and inability to work.

"RX."

**N. Y. C. R. R. Lines, West Div. No. 19.***Alliance Division—*

Bro. A. D. Swick, called for jury duty, relieved by Erma Shidler.

Bro. Ray Williams has returned from overseas duty.

It is rumored the division offices are to be removed to Minerva.

No news items received for this issue. If you want a write-up, mail me a few items each month.

L. L. ALLEN, Div. Cor.

*Kankakee Line—*

Sister Elsie, Depus, spent several days visiting home folks at Momence and friends at Streator.

Knox consolidated, Nickel Plate handling train order and block office, Bro. Morgen to third Streator, vice Bro. Franklin to second there, Bro. G. V. Flint resigned.

Local Chairman Shimanek discussed grievances with Bros. Moragn, of Knox, and Drake, of Walkerton, just before leaving for the St. Louis convention.

Sister Ida Korsgaard relieved Bro. Franklin on second Streator, who relieved Bro. Shimanek on first while he was in St. Louis.

Bro. Butterfield relieved several nights at Lostant by Bro. Stull from North Liberty.

Understand W. J. White, agent Wheat-field, has a new Ford. Brothers, see that he gets a card now, and we will be up-to-date all around.

Dispatcher McCarthy, who spent his four days' vacation in the "windy city," relieved Chief Dispatcher Malone, on vacation, relieved on first trick by Dispatcher Dutton.

Bro. R. P. Jones relieved Bro. Barnes at Olivers a few days.

Boys, I would like to get the news from the East End, please let me have them not later than the 20th.

Our motto: "No card, no favors."

CERT. 1156.

**N. Y. O. & W. Ry., Div. No. 20.***Northern Division—*

Local Chairman Hamilton, agent Central Square, on the sick list with pneumonia, relieved by Bro. DeGroodt. Bro. Greiner, operator Hamilton, spent a few days at his home in New Hartford, relieved by Bro. Babcock, and Bro. Dixon, agent New Hartford, spent Sunday with relatives in North Bay recently.

Bro. H. T. Dixon, second Oneida, in St. Louis two weeks as alternate to the O. R. T. Convention, relieved by Bro. Towne.

Bro. Lewis, agent Durhamville, went to Sylvan Beach agency, and Bro. Richards, as operator there, for the season June 1st.

Bro. Shepardson, agent Smyrna, is spending several weeks in the mountains fishing and hunting, relieved by Bro. Richards.

Second Trick Dispatcher Kent returned from overseas and resumed his duties June 1st. We are glad to welcome him home.

Bro. Moore, first Sidney, on sick list, relieved by Operator Bentley.

C. H. BONNEAU, Cert. 128.

*Southern Division—*

General Chairman Conner, elected delegate to the St. Louis convention, left for there May 8th, expecting to return about June 15th, taking a pleasure trip after the convention adjourned.

Bro. S. A. Davidson, agent Rock Rift for some time, has taken Burnside agency. We are sorry to lose such a good man from the North End and wish him success.

Bro. Maybe made the trip over this division for the Victory Loan drive on a motor car and was very successful, thanks to the hearty co-operation of the brothers.

Bro. Taylor's position at Cadotia being discontinued, he went to second Neversink tower. Bro. Cartman to second Apex, and Bro. White to second Northfield; Bro. John Keator to East Branch, and Bro. Icleston to Hamden agency.

C. H. Hopkins passed over the road on train No. 3, May 9th, looking good and was pleased to see the boys again.

We are sorry to report the death of Bro. Albert E. Millgate, former operator at Woodridge, at Davenport, N. Y., May 12th. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife. Burial at Richmondville Wednesday afternoon, May 14th.

B. F. MAYBE,  
Local Chairman.

**C. I. & W. R. R. Div., No. 21.**

*Indianapolis Division—*

If anyone desires application blanks, Local Chairman Trent will gladly furnish them upon request.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Bro. Jim Brougher, agent Cottage Grove, it is now Bros. Napier and Boring on first and third "CG" tower. Come on in, Weaver, let's make it solid.

Bro. Napier, first "CG," attended "Welcome Home" day at Indianapolis, May 7th, as a member of the delegation of returned soldiers from this section, O'Keefe relieving.

Weaver, on sixty-day leave, has returned to "CG" second, displacing Bro. Eubanks, who bumped Benton from "DI" to extra board.

I wish to apologize to Bro. Eubanks for not placing the up-to-date sign before his name in my last write-up.

Bro. Hassig of the Springfield Division recently made one of his occasional pilgrimages back to his old stamping ground at Oxford. The supposition is that "CH" returns to talk big league to some fair one.

Bro. Ball, Connerville first, visited his mother at Arlington a few Sundays ago, relieved by Lips.

Why can't we have a write-up from the Springfield Division? BILL, Cert. 87.

**Mo., Kan. & Texas Ry., Div. No. 22.**

*Members Division No. 22:*

On account unavoidable delay we missed the May issue and the items for that month have been consolidated with this write-up.

Upon my election as general chairman of this division my whole attention was turned toward the completion of schedule negotiations, which have been at a standstill since the death of Bro. Beck, but have now been satisfactorily arranged.

W. C. THOMPSON, G. C.

*Denison District—*

At the first dance of the season, given by the Railroad Telegraphers' Club of Dallas, in the ballroom of the Southland Hotel in April, members and their families enjoyed a delightful evening and everyone present seemed well satisfied with the program. Refreshments were served to about 75 couple, the attendance numbering something like 150. All roads within Dallas and vicinity were well represented, especially "The Katy." The affair was a decided success. Send your

application with remittance for membership in the club to J. E. Barnhart, 612 West Jefferson avenue, Dallas, Texas.

At a meeting of the club in the K. P. Hall, Dallas, April 25th, Bro. W. M. Kramer was elected first vice-president. A vote was also carried lowering the initiation fee, making it \$2.00, payable before July 1st. It is earnestly hoped that all the boys will avail themselves of this opportunity and take out membership cards in the club. Our members are requested to attend the club meetings. The attendance at the last meeting was very poor, and it is hoped you will be present when future meetings are called.

The general committee met at the Jefferson Hotel, Dallas, in April, and elected Bro. R. G. Hatfield, Dallas, 728 Melba street, general secretary and treasurer, succeeding Bro. McClelland, Parsons, and Bro. W. C. Thompson. Box 1269, Muskogee, was elected general chairman, succeeding Bro. Beck, St. Charles, Mo., deceased.

Bro. Hatfield, Dallas, who visited Parsons and St. Louis in April, in the interest of the Order, also attended the St. Louis convention, beginning May 12th.

Bro. Brown, Parsons, was in Dallas, May 6th, on the schedule committee, with Bros. Thompson of Muskogee and Hatfield of Dallas. The committee were met by General Manager Williams, and we are glad to announce that negotiations were satisfactorily concluded on our new agreement, a copy of which will be distributed soon.

Boys, we still have a few nobs around us. Let's line them up at once now that everything is in fine shape and make us 100 per cent.

Bro. Honeycutt, Dallas, left May 2nd to spend his vacation at his home, Casey, Texas. Relieved by Mr. Waits, W. U.

Bro. J. E. Barnhart, Dallas, is back at work again after a few days of illness, apparently fully recovered.

Bro. J. E. Spencer, Dallas, was absent for a few days recently, account illness of his wife.

Sister Dolores Spraker, Whitewright, was off a few days, visiting relatives at Vinitia, relieved by a Miss Ayers.

Bro. Massenburg, Dallas yards, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Wilkinson from Letots, relieved by Bro. Nowlin.

Sister Hope McMillan, Letots, has been ill for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Greetings! Sisters Farmer and Crowley, Denison Relay.

Be ready to pay your next dues promptly and keep the division solid. CERT. 256.

*Parsons District—*

Sister N. Kirk, taking 60 days' vacation in California, relieved by Bro. Farney. "Buck"

likes Parsons but says he must be in St. Louis by July 1st.

H. A. Morris, recently returned from France, resumed his position in Parsons Relay with a \$55 increase. He has promised us his application soon.

Several night offices have been closed in this district recently, causing the displacement of a few of our brothers, according to the seniority list.

Bro. E. H. Brown, Parsons, who made an overland trip to Topeka, reports a nice trip and good roads. He camped at Iola the first night, delayed on account of blowouts; returned on train, laying over in Kansas City several hours on account of missing connections.

Brothers, I will appreciate it if you will notify me each month of any interesting news. Such items for Division 22 have been somewhat neglected, and it behooves us to get busy with our write-ups if we want our members to know we are on the map.

Bro. Cook and Agent West, Elsmore, spent Sunday recently in Parsons on business matters. Agent West promises to be with us shortly.

Bro. Marshall, second trick wire chief "GO" Parsons Relay, spent a few days with relatives in Missouri. His return ticket routed him via Joplin, Mo. He missed the train and was compelled to stay over.

Bro. Moake, "GO" Parsons, spent a few days in St. Louis on business.

Operator Spicer, "GO" Parsons, spent the week-end in St. Louis, visiting his son. We hope he will soon get an up to date and help us make "GO" 100 per cent.

Sister Biggs, who relieved Bro. Hawkins, Parker, during his illness, is relieving Bro. Hopkins, Moran reported sick.

Bro. Wilson, Eve, Mo., spent Sunday in Parsons recently, wearing a red rose.

We hope the brothers at Moran will be able to obtain the application of Operator C. C. West, who is doing relief work there.

We have not been having any write-up in this magazine, and it is absolutely necessary to have one each month in order to keep up our record as a live system. I will appreciate it if the members will send me some notes not later than the 20th of each month.

Keep after the nons. Remember, "No card, no favors."

E. H. BROWN,  
Local Chairman.

#### Parsons District Notes—

Bro. B. A. Stokes, from Smithville Relay, has taken "GO" train order job, vice Bro. Kirkland to "GM" Dallas.

Bro. C. K. Jones has returned to "GO" Parsons Relay after ten days in the hospital, having his tonsils removed, relieved by Bro. Farney, extra in "GO" Parsons the past three

months, now extra in St. Louis "GO," for the Missouri Pacific.

Sister Kirk, "GO" Parsons, spent thirty days' vacation in California, visiting relatives and enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Operator Hickey recently returned from the army to third Nevada, displacing Bro. Brunner, who went to Tulsa, extra. Later Hickey was taken seriously ill and sent to Sedalia Hospital, relieved by Bro. F. F. Sweet from the Frisco, who will be transferred to Division 22; also Bro. O. M. Lee, Division 161, recently returned from the army, working extra.

Bro. C. S. Rouse, recently returned from the army, went to Centerville agency, vice Bro. Redding to Elsmore agency. Bro. Rouse has been transferred from Division 31.

Kincaid, Kan., has been made a continuous telegraph office. Bro. Fred Schnable took third there after spending ten days with relatives in Corder, Mo.

It is now Bros. Morris, Parsons; Coleman, Hiattville; Long and Howard, Clinton, Mo.; Cook, Moran, Kan., and Sister Edwards, Kincaid. There are very few nons left on the district and we must keep after them. They all received their back pay and are enjoying the benefits of our schedule. Apply "No card, no favors" whenever necessary.

Bro. Knox, first Fort Scott, visiting relatives in Oklahoma ten days, relieved by Sister Rickitts.

Bro. Hawkins, Schell City, Mo., has taken Parker second. Div. Cor., Cert. 89.

#### Smithville District—

Bro. B. A. Stokes, second Smithville, has gone to Parsons Relay, relieved by Bro. C. R. Tucker.

Bro. J. E. Drummond, third Temple, off a few days recently on account of trouble with his eyes, was relieved by Bro. F. M. Harvey, later to third Holland and third Granger, while Bro. Frank Rigidon relieved Miss King there, on sick list.

Bro. L. M. Levell, West Point, relieved Bro. Keith, "SY," a few nights, and Bro. J. C. King relieved Bro. O. C. Collins, Katy, a few days, while he attended court.

There are a few "nons" lurking around in this vicinity, but we are after them. Remember, "No card, no favors," and apply it vigorously. Bros. Murphy, Temple and Lee Smith are hard workers and will get results if we will only help them as we should do.

We haven't heard from the boys over at "SF." Send me any changes you hear of and I'll do the rest.

Telegraph Inspector Fixley for the "Katy" visited us at "SM" recently.

Many thanks to Bros. Rigidon and Brown. Hope to get more next time.

F. HAGGARD, Cert. 489.

**C. M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.**  
**Columbia & Idaho Divisions—**

Don't forget your dues and become delinquent. You might develop into a non.

Increased east-bound traffic has necessitated the creation of additional positions and work is now required Sundays at points where it was discontinued under the new assignment of hours. The electrification work trains, off two or three weeks, are now back on the works. The "juice" has been turned on on the hill and motors will soon be doing the boosting there.

Sheep are now being loaded on the west end, destined to the mountains for summer pasture.

Sisters Smith and Steidle, Rye, and Sister Breittingross, Lind, were off a few days recently. Sister Rudaloff, second Corfu, relieved several shifts by Sister Dregger, who goes to Rye.

Bro. Evans, second Othello, is on his home-stead at Plummer for sixty days.

Local Chairman Woods, after attending a conference at Chicago, went to the St. Louis convention as our delegate, relieved by Bro. H. L. Mann.

Bro. Myler, second Spokane, is setting in as dispatcher there, relieved by a man from the W. U. C. A. Stotler succeeded C. E. Molander as chief dispatcher at Malden. They are advertising for a relay man there.

Miss Woods put on second and Miller on third Warden, and Mrs. Alice Walden at Ewan, extra, on account of heavy traffic.

Bro. Dahl, first Malden Relay, started for a tour over the Pend O'Reille Line, Saturday recently, but only made as far as Marengo on the first leg of his journey. Next time he will figure on a week to make the trip.

CERT. 614.

**Musselshell Division—**

Bro. and Sister Piggott, second and third Sumatra, are on their annual vacation in Indiana, relieved by Sister Copeland and Alice O'Connor.

Bro. Sosser, our L. C., agent at Sumatra, relieved by Bro. Boylan, stopped a few days at the St. Louis convention, en route to visit his wife and new daughter in Mississippi.

Bro. Spurling, third Roundup, while attending the convention, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Johnson.

Bro. Davies, agent Waldheim, in the Roundup Hospital, recovering from pneumonia after an attack of "flu," is progressing nicely. He was relieved by Bro. McCoy, and he at Shawmut by Bro. Copp, relieved by his wife, Sister Copp.

Bro. Schwind, bumped from Baker second by returning soldier, Bro. Kramer, is supplying Mildred.

Bro. Breckenridge was fully exonerated of

the charges at the recent investigation on the Miles City carpet.

Div. Cor.

**S. C. & D. Division—**

Bro. Strobel has appointed me division correspondent, and with the help of the brothers on the line we will try and have a write-up each month. He has also appointed Bros. Masonholder, of Charter Oak; Beck, of Geddes, and Brown, of Hawarden, as workers, and Dunham, of Wagner, and Sullivan, of Vermillion, as members of the grievance committee and with the co-operation of all the members on the division there is no reason why we cannot be solid in a very short time.

Bro. Beck, Geddes, operated on in Rochester, Minn., hospital, is getting along nicely and hopes to resume duty shortly. Bro. Gorman, Parkston, has taken his wife there for an operation.

Bro. Strobel, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved on first Elk Point by Bro. Christopherson, and he on second by Bro. Lapham.

Bro. Herschberger, Tripp, has been granted leave of absence to take higher degrees in the Masons. We expect him to return with all the honors that go with the work.

We welcome Bro. Taylor, at Corsica, into our Order. We have a few more whom we should induce to take this step at once.

Bro. Wood of Ravanna has resumed duty after a few weeks' vacation East.

Bro. Cook has returned from the Northwestern and is working at Fairview Pit.

Bro. Scranton, from the C. & E. I., is at Platte, pending Bro. McPherson's return from Montana.

At the regular meeting of the Sioux City Telegraphers' Club, Sunday afternoon, May 11th, we had the pleasure of listening to a very able address by Supt. Larson. We are very fortunate in having a superintendent like him, always ready to give the boys a square deal, and with our co-operation we will find that we have the best division to work on in the country. Let's do our part.

C. D. YEAGER, Div. Cor.

**Kansas City Division—**

Bro. and Mrs. H. O. Hoover of Newton desire to thank the members of Division 23 for the beautiful wreath of flowers sent them at the death of their youngest daughter, Jessie.

No news items received this month, and the correspondent was too busy selling tickets, making garden and raising chickens to gather up any, so we will have to slip by this time.

L. M. BOUGHTIN, Cert. 752.

**Iowa & Min. Division—**

Everyone has drawn his back pay and there is no reason now for a delinquent or a non on this division.

President Wilson has recommended that the railroads be turned back to their owners

at the end of this year. If this is done, absolute, solid organization will be necessary to hold what we now have.

The writer had a letter from Bro. Gleason, in St. Louis, where our general committee has held several meetings, all but three members being delegates to the convention. This has saved Division 23 considerable money.

Bro. Gleason will make a trip over the division about June 15th and will have some interesting things to tell us. No mention of it will be made here, as nons are not entitled to know it.

Bro. H. V. Pickel has resumed as agent at Dundas, relieved on second "VD" by W. D. Smith. Bro. G. W. Pickel goes to third Farmington.

Bro. Parker has resumed work after two weeks' vacation, nursing an injured hand.

Bro. C. W. Berrends, third Farmington, has resigned.

Agent Lane, Castle Rock, died recently at Farmington hospital. Gunvaldson relieved Mrs. Lane on second Castle Rock while she attended the funeral. She has our sympathy.

Bro. Mathy, second Northfield, was off two weeks.

Bro. Bell of Comus was a recent St. Paul visitor.

Bro. Sextor of Awatanna was in Rochester two weeks for an operation.

Bro. Ahern, second Austin, was off a few days on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. Moudry of Northfield, who has been with the A. E. F., will soon resume work.

Thanks to Bro. Grau for items, the only brother that sent me any. I wish some brother on the Mankato, Calmar and Mason City line would send me a few notes on the 18th of each month. C. C. CHAPMAN,

Dundas, Minn.

#### *Illinois and R. & S. W. Division—*

We are glad to note that several brothers along the line are hot after the nons and bringing them in one by one.

Bro. L. F. Lamoriaux, third Fox River tower, has moved from Elgin to Kirkland and expects to travel on passenger trains to and from work.

Bro. Head relieved Bro. Kuntz, first Elgin, our delegate to the St. Louis convention.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Sumner, at Roselle, has been laid up over two weeks, having suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. He has the best wishes of all for a speedy recovery. Harry Miller is relieving him. Hope to soon say "Bro." Harry Miller, as we did before the war.

Bro. Sullivan, agent Harper, relieved a week by 'Phoner Arnold, who was obliged to motor to and from Lanark, being unable to locate a boarding house at Harper.

Bros. Klome and Ferderick, at Kittredge, are endeavoring to outclass each other with

their Victory gardens on the right-of-way.

Bro. Bohrer, Lanark, now has a "Lizzie," which will enable him to visit relatives and friends in Sterling, Milledgeville and other neighboring towns without inconvenience.

Bro. Dee M. Stumphy writes from France that he is looking for return orders every day and will be "some tickled boy" to step on U. S. A. terra firma again, although he would not have missed the experience for anything.

Understand plans to take Lanark tower out of service are cancelled, also plans for a new tower at Kittredge. We are certainly disappointed, as the former is a hard place to work in winter, and hope it will be rebuilt and made comfortable.

Leaf River closed on Sundays and Freeport also from 10 p. m. to 7 a. m.

There are entirely too many trainmen, conductors, engineers and others not authorized getting train orders and blocking trains on the 'phones. You boys on both divisions should watch this, at two places in particular; one place by a section foreman, the other by trainmen. Be sure and make a report every time you hear of it being done, also keep after the few nons. You can get all the application blanks needed from Bro. Kuntz, at Elgin, or from me. Remember, boys, 100 per cent membership means a 100 per cent schedule and that our slogan is still: "No card, no favors."

Send me some items so we can have a better write-up next month. Not one received for this one.

CERT. 385.

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#### Int'l & Gt. Nor. Ry., Div. No. 25.

##### *Fort Worth Division—*

Spring has merged into summer. The country has been blessed with ample precipitation to meet the requirements of growing crops; and the queen of flowers—the rose—that we read, write, talk and think about after laying dormant 'neath the snows of winter, is breathing sweet incense over all the earth. We make the best of the long, dreary winters in making necessary preparations for all the beauties that adorn the soil through the balance of the year; living in anticipation of the good things to come. May we overlook nothing when the things hoped for can be spoken of in the present tense. Our organization was once as the roses in winter—resting beneath the freezing snows of capital; but life was not extinct; merely gathering force for the coming impact, and when the supreme moment arrived it asserted itself through the able assistance of its officers and representatives, whose pleas were heard by receptive ears, and the things hoped for are now a firmly established reality.

They were secured through collective bargaining; they must be so maintained. An army of raw recruits in battle would ac-

complish but little; not being familiar with the terms and tactics employed, chaos and defeat would be the result.

A metropolis might have the latest modern fire-fighting equipment in good working order; water and other facilities might be available for any emergency; but if the forces were not organized and drilled all their efforts would prove futile after the conflagration had swept beyond the control of a few individuals.

So it is with us. If our membership isn't kept at the highest possible maximum at all times, when present favorable conditions cease to exist and we are thrown again entirely on our own resources, with capital arrayed against us, the results will be very unfavorable, if not deplorable.

Hunnicutt, Calvert, resigned to engage in agricultural pursuits, succeeded by ex-Bro. Young, who promises to line up soon, and we believe him. Bro. Hamm, at Calvert, pending transfer, went to Leroy.

Bro. Mann, third "H" Palestine, displaced by a senior operator, took second "BA" Mart, vice Earl, erstwhile ice manufacturer, back to ditto.

Bro. Mathews, who relieved Bro. Craigan, Division 126, while at Navasota, will transfer to Division 25 if he remains on the I. & G. N.

We are just in receipt of our revised agreement, and feel sure it meets the hearty approval of all the members. CERT. 352.

#### **Wabash R. R., Div. No. 26.**

##### **Detroit Division, District 3—**

General Secretary and Treasurer Fohey, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Bro. R. A. McCollum, a new man.

Bros. Matting and Leidy, third and second Oakwood, respectively, relieved several days by Bro. McNeil, who also relieved Bro. Wiggle at Milan a few days recently.

Bro. Osborn, second Romulus, on vacation, relieved by Bro. McWhurter, just back from "overseas," who also relieved "ye scribe," off four days with a touch of the "flu."

Bro. E. Elliott, who has been "overseas," has resumed at Ennis agency, bumping Bro. Burcroff.

Bro. E. M. King, also back from France, is working in "NE" Montpelier, 12 noon to 8 p. m. That "OK—X" sounds familiar and we are glad of his safe return.

Bro. T. A. Logan, also recently returned from "over there," to second "GS," bumping Bro. Lee Yoder to Aetna agency, Fourth District.

Bro. Coughlin, agent Holloway, visiting his parents in Connecticut, relieved by Bro. R. M. Shultz, from Division 19.

Bro. Shoup, agent North Morenci, has a new Henry F., and Maintainer Orr, Milan, a new Oakland Six.

Bro. F. L. Martin, agent Kunkle, Cert. 462, is much better and extends his thanks to those who subscribed so liberally to the fund which made it possible for him to take treatment for his affliction.

Bro. Lou Davis, manager "NG," Montpelier, attended the recent safety meeting, addressed by Supt. Myers, who pointed out the necessity for every employee to put his heart and soul in the matter of preventing accidents. Bro. Davis suggests that the telegraphers should not fail to send in safety cards and show other departments that we keep safety first in mind at all times.

Bro. Kriebel, "NG" Montpelier, off Sunday, May 18th, relieved Mr. Grims while he relieved the dispatchers during their lay-off. Chief Dispatcher Purcell recently purchased and moved into a fine home on Empire street, Montpelier.

The last we heard from Bro. J. W. Bloom he was at Luxemburg, Germany, and Bro. B. H. Scharlow at La Mane, France. Both are regular assigned men in Montpelier office and we hope to see them back soon.

It is now Bro. C. A. Mann, car distributor at Montpelier.

#### **Fourth District—**

Bro. A. McWhurter, member of G. R. & I., Southern Division, is relieving Bro. Straumberger, Edon second, relieving Bro. Brubaker on account of illness of his brother at Detroit.

Keisling, back from military service, on third Crocker, bumped Haynor, who displaced Rausberger, third Magee.

Brothers, keep after the men just entering the service and see that they get cards.

I wish to thank the brothers at Montpelier for the notes they sent to me, also all the others.

Bro. Darling, third Gary, is off sixty days, visiting his family.

Bro. Ray Holsinger, agent Aetna, relieved by Bro. L. A. Yoder from "GS," took second Topeka.

Bro. King relieved Extra Dispatcher Grim while he relieved the dispatchers on their two days off.

CERT. 839.

#### **Sixth and Seventh Districts—**

Bro. Hefner, Monticello, relieved a few days by Bro. Bentley.

Bro. Veech, while attending the St. Louis convention, relieved on Bement first by Bro. Walker.

Bro. Stinger, third Chicago Ridge, visited in St. Louis ten days, relieved by Bro. L. Ricketts, who contemplates going into the moving picture business shortly.

Bro. Jerry Smith and family, of Emington, spent a day in Chicago recently, and Bro. Wm. Ricketts and lady friend, of Campus, spent a Sunday in Chicago.

Bro. McLeroy, agent Saunemin, relieved by

## THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Martin, relieved on second by Bro. Nelson.

Lineman Peterson, North End, is back from Florida.

Boys, if you wish a ride in an aeroplane, come to "The Ashburn Field" any Sunday. Only \$15 for flying about as many minutes.

The Chicago Lodge of the Wabash Brotherhood of Railway Clerks gave a very successful dance recently, furnishing an excellent good time for all who attended.

Bro. Chas. Lync, second Forty-seventh Street, assisted his father at Manhattan a few days recently.

Bro. Hedberg has taken Manhattan agency; Bro. Briney, third Campus, Reddick agency, and Bro. Gambrel, Foosland agency, vice Pierson to extra board.

"HUFF," Cert. 272.

*Ninth and Thirteenth Dists., Decatur Div.—*

Local Chairman Veech and J. A. Appel of Division 26 and Bro. G. C. Weber of Division 3 attended the St. Louis convention.

Some of the Decatur Division brothers had an enjoyable time at the entertainment to the delegates, May, 15th, by Mr. Von Hoffmann, of the publishing company that prints our journal.

Bro. Cullen, agent Taylorville, and Agent Corneau, Litchfield, attended the Bement agents' meeting, Sunday, May 18th.

It is now Bros. Dunham and Schwartz, agents Stonington and Blue Mound, and Dooley, second Worden.

Bro. Nash, second Stonington, relieved several days by Bro. Quigly. Bro. Bartley, third Allen, visiting home folks at Lodge, Ill., relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Slater, with the Twelfth Engineers in France, has resumed on third Morrisonville, vice Bro. Reeves to ex-board.

Bro. Fohrell, third Edsville Jct., who arrived on this side May 13th and was sent to Camp Dix for discharge, will soon resume his old position.

Bro. McIntire, agent Hammond, Ill., on two-weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Holliewell.

Bro. Collins, "CN" in "GM" St. Louis, has taken second Furguson, Mo., on the Moberly Division, Bro. Gleason going to "GM" extra. Bro. Brainy has taken Reddick agency.

CERT. 740.

*Peru Division—*

We hope the report that students are being taught at Huntington, Antwerp and Napoleon is incorrect, as the brothers certainly know this to be a violation of their obligation, which would result in charges being preferred against them, unless permission had been properly obtained to do so. Even then it might result in harm to themselves and their fellow workers.

Bro. Jos. Doran has returned to the Wa-

bash after five years' service on Western roads.

"DE" Gilberts has been reopened as a telegraph office, with Mr. Bush in charge.

Bro. Fred Ribble, third Lafayette, relieved a few days by Bro. Askie.

Bro. King to Williamsport and Bro. Masters to Maumee agency, and Bro. M. G. Lipsett to Spencerville third.

Bro. Cochran, while at the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Miss Mabel Tyler.

Bro. H. E. Cameron is relieving in Peru Relay while the dispatchers are taking their 15-days' vacation.

Bro. M. G. Dancy is acting manager at Peru during the absence of Bro. W. E. Spencer, who with his brother, F. L., has left for Albuquerque, N. M., owing to the ill-health of the former. We hope for his speedy recovery and return.

Bro. C. C. Askie is relieving Bro. Spencer at Huntington.

Bro. H. G. Ridgeway, who worked at Logansport a few years ago, committed suicide recently at Toledo. Our sympathy is extended to the sorrowing wife and four children.

CERT. 846.

*Moberly Division—*

Bro. Scott, third Montgomery, while visiting friends and relatives at Carrollton a few days, relieved by Bro. H. I. Sheets.

Bro. Krome, agent High Hill, absent several days owing to illness, Sister K. C. Saderler relieving.

Bro. C. A. Flynn, second La Plata, was off a week recently on account of sickness.

Bro. Bashaw, agent Benton City, also on sick list, is being relieved by Bro. P. R. Dews.

Extra Dispatcher Asbury has resumed at Moberly after several days' illness.

Bro. Ben Rice, agent New Florence, was off several days recently while his son was being operated on for appendicitis.

Bro. G. A. Logan, second "GO" Moberly, was over the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Districts recently, lining up for extra dispatcher. We are all glad to see him get this promotion.

Bro. C. N. Collins transferred from "GM" St. Louis to second Ferguson.

Bro. I. M. Richards, Mexico, will probably accept the Delco lighting system agency shortly. We will be sorry to lose him.

Bro. O. A. Williams visited friends and relatives in Moberly Sunday recently.

Bro. C. A. Sternitzke, "GO" nights, visited New Franklin, Mo., recently, looking after his property interests there.

Bro. Horton, who has got the Balboa spirit and who climbed a lofty tree trying to see the Pacific Ocean, is now looking toward a fair damsel's house where his mind and heart linger and is gently singing "Over There, Over There, Oh! to Be at Home Over There." Boys, all get ready for good smoke.

You may soon hear wedding bells ringing around Luther.

Boys, send news items to Local Chairman C. A. Brossart, second Page Avenue tower, who represented us at the St. Louis convention, and help to keep the Moberly Division on the map.

CERT. 942

*Western Division—*

Bro. S. G. Brothers, Miami, Mo., has transferred to agency Malvern, Iowa; Bro. O. C. Old to agency Whilham, succeeded at McFall agency by Bro. W. H. McGee; Bro. J. W. Wright to Miami agency, pending bulletin, and Bro. H. E. Byrne to Malvern, Ia., agency temporarily.

Bro. Xerxes Wallace, Decatur, was on Salisbury third several weeks.

Bro. J. G. Connolly has returned and is now working on Gallatin third. Glad to see Glenn back with us again.

Bro. R. D. Gwinn is now on third Clifton.

Local Chairman Bittiker attended the general committee meeting at St. Louis for several days.

Chief Dispatcher Kelly on two-weeks' vacation, relieved by Night Chief Merrell.

Bro. G. R. Squires, second Burlington Jct., has resigned and gone to Kansas.

Bro. A. B. Cox, Salisbury, is off on account of the serious illness of his younger brother.

This division is now almost 100 per cent strong, new members coming in without being solicited. That looks good.

CERT. 942.

**St. Louis-Southwestern Ry., Div. No. 27.**

*Tyler South—*

Local Chairman Neisler attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. N. N. Lowe, agent-operator at Carlton, resigned, succeeded by Bro. Powell from second Gilmer.

Bro. E. H. Brown, recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, bid in operator-clerk Hamilton.

Bro. Garner, agent-operator Murchison, on 15-days' vacation, relieved by Corzine, from Wylie. While visiting in Sweetwater and Roby, Texas, he had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Chennault, second Sweetwater, Texas & Pacific, and Sister Dulaney, second De Leon, M., K. & T. of Texas; also visited at Pecan Gap, Texas, on Santa Fe, and saw Bro. H. I. Parker, agent-operator there.

On account of being on vacation I was unable to learn all the notes and not a single brother sent me a news item this month. When you know of any news pertaining to our work, please drop me a note at Murchison and we will have a nice write-up each month.

*"No card, no favors."*

W. F. GARNER, Cert. 180.

**Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28.  
Birmingham District—**

Happy event—Bro. J. R. Cureton, third Howells yard, was recently married to Miss Anna May McCrary, sister to Bro. W. W. McCrary, first trick operator in dispatcher's office, Atlanta. Boys, you never know what you are missing until you get married (then it's too late).

Bro. R. M. Ross, ex-local chairman, is convalescent. The brothers have a movement on foot and intend to stand by him in a substantial way during his serious affliction.

Bro. Fortson, agent Middleton, is contemplating retiring from the work and going into business at Macon, Ga.

Bro. G. S. Springfield, formerly first Greenwood, is prospering in business at Hoena Path, S. C.

Meetings at Atlanta and Lawrenceville, Ga., April 27th, attended by a little below the average number. What was lost in numbers was counterbalanced by enthusiasm, and the new local chairman, at his initial meeting, was congratulated on the business-like manner in which he is taking hold of the work.

Bro. J. L. Battson, recently discharged from the army, went to second Whitmire, S. C.

Bro. Falcovitz, bumped by Bro. J. H. Jayne from third Piedmont, Ala., went to the north end.

Bro. J. E. Couey, second Piedmont, was in Birmingham recently a few days, enjoying the shows, etc.

CERT. 1811.

*Baldwin-River Junction—*

We are all glad to hear the telegraph instruments have been installed at Chaires, Fla., again. Sister Draper, who has been working there for six years, says the wires sound like music to her. We are glad to welcome her on our line and hear her "O. S." the trains as they come her way. She and Mr. Draper took a trip to Jacksonville, Sunday, April 28th.

Bro. Bache, Capitola, visited his mother at Live Oak, Sunday recently, returning on No. 39. His little daughter Marguerite accompanied him.

With shorter hours now, we all have more time to spend at home with our families, an especial pleasure this time of the year, making gardens, etc. I understand that Bro. Bache has the best garden in his county, so when you feel like you want a good meal send to him for a mess of snap beans, potatoes, etc.

Bro. Harding, at Lloyds, has purchased a fine Bulck Hope and is enjoying himself with his family out in the fresh air.

Now that we have a good, clear-cut contract, we should all show our appreciation of it by keeping up to date and not permit our

names to appear on the delinquent list. Without organization we cannot accomplish any good. Let the committee see that you are not ungrateful and have no desire to be on the *take all* list. Keep after the few nons, wake them up and get them into our Grand Old Order.

July 1st we are to put a salaried general chairman on the road. We recently voted to do this, as all of us realized the direct need of it. Therefore, let every member remit \$8 on time for a new card instead of \$6. At the same time be sure you remit Bro. Rawlins the amount necessary to protect your certificate (policy) in the Mutual Benefit Department.

Wake up and be real union members.

CERT. 116.

#### *Alabama Division—*

Bro. G. G. Standford succeeded Bro. J. G. Pruitt, Hartsboro, resigned. Bro. Pruitt was third on our seniority list, having been on this division since 1893. He was always a loyal member of the Order and we regret to lose him.

Bro. Blount, Ailey, enjoyed a week's fishing recently near the coast, relieved by Bro. W. T. Griswold.

Bro. E. F. Tatum, recently discharged from the army, served his country about fifteen months, nine being spent in France. He relieved on Vidalia second three days and will soon return to his regular job at Cussetta, relieving Bro. Arrington, extra.

Bro. Griswold, who relieved Sister Ramsey, first Collins, a few days recently, later relieved Bro. B. D. Bedgood, second Richland, a few days.

Bro. Thomas, Lyons, off sick a few days, was relieved by Griffin, who also relieved Bro. Rountree, Lyons, who had the misfortune to break his arm.

Bro. M. H. Mulkey, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Bro. W. B. Moody, from Weston agency.

Bro. Ramsey, Ellabelle, has remitted for his new card. With this exception the delinquent list stands as before.

It is now Bro. J. E. Rogers, agent Preston. We are glad to have him with us. Our salaries are good now and we should not have any delinquent members or nons. Let's make a special effort to have a 100 per cent membership the last half of this year. With a little effort on each member's part we can do it. Let's break the record and work to this end. Every member remit promptly.

Bros. Fanning and Bowen attended the recent safety meeting in Savannah.

Bro. D. May has been re-elected, and as our paid general chairman will devote his entire time to us. He has well represented us in the past and will continue to do so.

We hope to soon have a decision in regard to our Sunday hours, making them continuous.

O. R. T. members subscribed \$16,750 to the Victory Loan, averaging \$197.50 per man, going ahead of all other crafts on this division.

H. L. CARTER, Vidalia, Ga.

#### *East Carolina Division—*

General Chairman May was on the E. C. a few days ago to help Bro. Calhoun straighten out some important matters.

Bro. Bryant, second Poston, on vacation.

Bro. Brady from S. C. Division to Poston agency, vice Bro. Surges, resigned.

Bro. Belger, McCall, to Samplico agency, vice Bro. Cole to South End.

Bro. Newman, Hemingway, off on account of sickness.

Bro. Johnson, Andrews agency, while attending Shriners' meeting, relieved by Bro. McKnight, relieved by Bro. Hearn.

Bro. Hutson, Eulonia, off a few days; also Bro. Joyner, first Cooper yard, owing to a sprained ankle, relieved by Bro. Wallace, relieved on second by Bro. R. A. Wallace, "The School Kid."

We are all glad to know that Sister Boggs is back on her old job at Gibson.

Brothers, see that the boys returning from the army and navy get new cards. This division is no place for nons.

I only received a few notes this month. Wake up, boys, and send them in every month. Every little helps, you know.

CERT. 1598.

#### *Florida Division—*

It will soon be time for paying dues for last half of the year. Don't wait and make it necessary for the G. S. & T. to trace you for payment.

Local Chairman Padgett, who attended the St. Louis convention, reports more "pep" shown there than at any other meeting before.

All roads are making preparations for any emergencies in the near future.

Bro. May will no doubt visit us shortly. Don't let him find that you have not asked for all that you are entitled to according to the contract.

Have you received your vacation or pay for same prior to January 1st?

Are you required to work nine hours or a split trick at stations where two or more shifts are worked?

Brothers at one-man stations, are you getting your meal hour in the prescribed time, or pay for it?

Remember, when you ask for anything that's in the contract you are only asking for what you have already bought and paid for.

Bro. Kirkland bid in Plant City first; Bro. Vogt clerk-operator Bradenton; Bro. Pollard clerk-operator Hampton, and Bro. Ricketson second Ocale.

Bro. Strange, first Wildwood, was relieved by Sister Morrow several days, owing to the

illness of his baby. We are glad to know the little Miss is rapidly recovering.

Bro. Ackerman bid in third trick leverman Plant City.

Bro. Sanders, second Ocala, transferred to Cedar Keys, relieved by Bro. Owens.

We have only five nons on the division now, who promise to come in shortly. I am requested to show a list of them, beginning with July write-up.

We are glad to see Bro. Williams back with us after over a year's service at the front as wireless operator.

Bro. Moore, Oliphant, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Kelly.

Send me some news. D. E. LUNDY,  
Assistant Local Chairman.

#### D., L. & W. R. R., Div. No. 30.

##### *Buffalo Division—*

The joint meetings, May 1st, held at Elmira by the P. R. R., Erie and D., L. & W. Divisions, were very well attended, especially by the Pennsy members. At the morning session, which the writer attended, the Erie and Lackawanna men were conspicuous by their absence. Only eight or nine were present from the Buffalo Division, three from west of Elmira. Boys, these meetings are held for your benefit and you should make a special effort to be present and have your say. A great many working third and second tricks could have gone on No. 4 and back on No. 27 or No. 3 and covered their jobs, and they surely missed a good thing.

General Chairman Hesser of the Erie opened the meeting with a very nice talk. We got some very good advice from this veteran of many years' experience and want to hear more from him next time.

Local Chairman Reed of the "Pennsy," at Elmira, also gave a good talk, and Bro. Farley answered questions that had been puzzling a lot of us. Let's have a better turnout next time. Go once and you will want to go again.

After some delay Local Chairman Hill succeeded in getting Michigan avenue tower; Buffalo, bulletined for bids. Miss Ritter, who got it, has applied for a card. She has the right spirit.

Bro. Cowles got first East Buffalo tower and Bro. Whitcomb Elmira yard third. No bids on Elmira ticket. Our new Bro. Howard is there temporarily. It is now Bro. Henckinski at East Buffalo tower.

Bro. Young, second Buffalo Terminal, worked first while Bro. Wagner was relieving the dispatchers and laying off himself.

Bro. Snell relieved Bro. Blinn, first Elmira ticket office, two days while the latter attended a funeral.

The "Victory Loan" Specials met with their usual success along the division, and

the telegraph men showed the way to the rest of the departments.

Bro. Woodworth, first Mt. Morris station, on vacation for a month, relieved by Bro. Specciatti.

Bro. M. E. Marsh; Lally, Buffalo ticket office; Seely, stenographer for Trainmaster Doolittle; Cole, car distributor, and Pogazzella, Buffalo dispatcher's office clerk, with several others took advantage of Supt. Staub's Circular No. 1430 and came over on the Operators' Seniority List. We have applications for them to sign.

Boys, we should pattern after Bro. Neill, second Wayland Tank. He stayed up all night and rode a freight train from the tank to Elmira yards in order to be present at the Elmira meeting, May 1st. If he can make a sacrifice of that kind, some of you younger fellows should be willing to give up a few hours' "hay" and time to get out when you can ride in the "varnished wagons." Let's see you there next time. Bro. West says he went there to get some information and got it. That's the right place to go for it. The rest have the same privilege.

Sister Deltrich spent a few days in the Big City, helping a friend pick out a trousseau. Says she had a great time riding up Fifth Avenue on top of the "Rubberneck Wagon." However, she got back to "BR" Black Rock O. K.

Bro. Hill, who attended the St. Louis convention, sent me a copy of the new schedule, which, while not as good as the one we presented to the management and which Regional Director Smith would not allow to be signed, is a good foundation to build on. Each member will soon get a copy.

Boys, we still have a few nons on this division, and you are virtually giving them part of your pay envelope by not lining them up. Any member can have their names and addresses by asking for them. Apply the "No card, no favor" policy to them *all the time* and they will want to know what's up. Don't let that semi-official and supervisory argument go with you. Make them see where they will have no protection if the road ever goes back to private ownership. The pension argument won't hold water, either. You never heard of a member of the four other big Brotherhoods getting fired for belonging to their respective organizations. Don't let a man work on the road without showing him where he stands without a card. He might be a good fellow to work with and all that, but until he buys a card and pays his way he is still a non. Don't let him stand in your light by remaining one. Perhaps that fellow near you only needs an invitation and to be shown the way.

There is a lot of missionary work to be done around Mt. Morris. Two towermen at P. R. R. Junction and the operator on third Mt. Morris station. They should be ashamed

to take what they are not paying for. Go after them strong, you Mt. Morris brothers.

Want to thank some of the boys down the line for their notes. Keep on sending them.

CERT. 333.

*Morris and Essex Divisions—*

Local Chairman Anderson was enamored with the representative gathering at the May meeting, assembled at Hoboken, N. J., in response to "his bugle call." Among the vast array of orators on hand to stimulate the occasion was General Chairman Farley, full of "pep," accompanied by Bro. O. H. Smith, who organized this division. Business of vital importance was ably discussed and various plans formulated to carry several issues through the proper channels to a successful termination. Former Chairman Harbour attended the morning meeting and we enjoyed his "brush up" on the fruits of perfect organization.

A committee of three, comprising Bros. J. H. Beaman, Edw. K. McCauley and Wilbur J. Sutton, was appointed to secure a suitable meeting hall at Dover, N. J., for the Western delegation in the future.

Bro. Jacob L. Kice, of "NX" Newark, N. J., surprised us by his able presentation of O. R. T. history, and everybody was greatly impressed with his diplomatic discourse.

There are only a few nons still camping on this division.

Bro. Patrick (Major) Dell is back at West End of Port Morris Yard. Bro. Beaman is authority for the statement that he proved to be game under hot fighting "Over There."

Bro. Norman Atwater, of Patterson, N. J., would appreciate some news from the Auburn Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in the next issue.

Our Local Chairman Anderson left on the P. R. R. for the O. R. T. convention at St. Louis, Mo. Quite a delegation were at Market Street station at Newark, N. J., to see "Sam" off.

Bro. George Banghardt, "AC" Passaic, riding in an airship recently, says he traveled 100 miles above the Statue of Liberty.

Bro. James Comly, first "FN" Tower, is home ill, relieved by Bro. Bob Byrne from "H" Hoboken.

Bro. Foth, "SY" second, has a Geiteheimer Spitz Poodle, sent him from Normandie, by Bro. Chauncey M. Depew; who is touring the European country.

Bro. C. N. Williams, "SY" Secaucus, was formerly with the Associated Press in "NY." Bro. C. W. Hemingway, side table operator West End, Bergen Junction, is a specialist on stock market quotations and manipulations.

Bro. Anthony Salles has been sprinting along in great shape. He covered 100 yards recently in ten seconds flat, preparing for the baseball season.

Bro. T. J. Haley, relief agent located at New York Literage, is an a No. 1 freight specialist.

Bro. E. K. McCauley, second trick Dover Terminal, relieved Manager E. L. Tiffany, "H" Hoboken, N. J., while the latter was off with a severe cold.

Brothers, any notes you want published please send to me at Paterson, N. J.

S. F. McCLEARY, Cert. 155.

*Missouri Pacific R. R., Div. No. 31.*

*Eastern Division—*

We have no regular division correspondent, and I am taking it upon myself to send in a write-up. Do not think we have reached the goal with our recent raise in wages. We need men with enthusiasm now more than any other time in the history of the Order. Enthusiasm led Columbus to sail west into an unknown beyond, with only the jeers and sneers of the self-satisfied as his "bon voyage." It led Washington and his starving handful to epoch-making victory, and it is the only thing that will kindle a living fire in the hearts of the moribund. When Edison's factory burnt to the ground a few years ago, he said: "We start tomorrow to build a plant that can't burn." That is unquenchable enthusiasm and a splendid illustration of its power.

Enthusiasm in your duty to the company and your organization will save the former money, and increase the membership of the latter.

The men who rise to leadership in any walk of life are those who initiate progressive ideas with the energy to perfect, and the enthusiasm to perfect them. Conservation is a necessary factor in business, just as a brake is necessary on a car, but you can't run a car with a brake nor business with conservation alone. To win with any proposition, you must first believe in it, not only with a calm acceptance of its virtues, but a firm conviction that it is at least as good as any of its kind and better than most.

When you hear a non commenting on our organization show him its good points, and you can soon convince him that they greatly outweigh its weak ones. We still have a few nons on the division. Adopt this plan in trying to land them.

The overtime at Kirkwood depot has been cut out by putting on another clerk, L. H. Nance, son of Bro. L. M. Nance. The three operators at the towers there have been moved upstairs, and now handle the interlocker plant and crossing gates in addition to the W. U. work; cutting out three levermen. Bros. Marvin, Donaldson and Paine, who will probably displace the levermen at Davis Street and on the east side, two operators have been dismissed for not making the telegraphers transfer.

Bro. Smith, of Tower Grove, is attending the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Krattli, of Labadie, bid in first Pacific, and Bro. Sharpe, of Lamonte, third.

Bro. Teddy Haub has been reinstated; Bro. Bonnell, Lake Jet., has had his overtime chopped off, and Eureka second abolished.

Many of the boys are complaining about the Sunday hours, claiming they should either be off the entire day or be allowed a full day's pay for split hours.

B. H. Knapp, acting trainmaster on the east end, vice R. C. Williams, transferred to Nevada. O. E. Coyne is expected back from France shortly.

Don't overlook paying your dues. Remit promptly, and don't oblige the secretary to write and remind you that it is time to get your new card. A farmer who allows his name to be posted at the cross roads for non-payment of taxes is looked upon as a very shiftless husbandman. Don't be a shiftless telegrapher and get on the delinquent list.

S. A. MULROY, Pacific, Mo.

#### *Missouri Division—*

Bros. Frank McDonald, C. C. Courtway, T. J. Ross and C. H. Bailey have returned from the U. S. service, and are back at their old jobs.

With deep regret we announce the death of the wife of Bro. Shore, second DeSoto. He has our sympathy in his great loss.

Bro. Gates to Delaplaine when it was made a telegraph office. Neelyville and Corning have been made continuous offices, and both solid.

Local Chairman O'Shea covered the road for two weeks on the motor car in the interest of the Victory loan.

Bro. Hayman, Williamsville, was off a few days attending court at Poplar Bluff.

Bro. J. T. Richardson is relieving Nicks at Dudley.

Bro. Max Jones in France, writes that he will be glad to get back home, and sends his "73" to all, his job at Knobel is waiting for him.

Bro. J. F. Bailey, Corning, visiting home folks, relieved by Bro. Richard.

Several new boys from the Bonny now working on this line, and all lined up.

Bro. Montivan transferred to the Kansas Division.

Bro. Johnston, Vineland, putting in his crop of corn, relieved by Sister Marsh, later relieving Bro. Martin Hogan for a few days, then relieving Bro. Cochran for ten days, while attending the convention.

Bro. W. H. Curry, third Arcadia, injured in a runaway, was laid up two weeks, but glad to say he is now getting along nicely.

The dispatchers are now taking their vacations, the operators have been cut out of theirs.

Bro. Cagle, of Fisk, making a trip down south, relieved by Bro. C. E. Trask.

GEORGE D. COCHRAN, Cert. 1129.

#### *White River Division—*

Bro. Camman, Crane first, has gone to St. Louis, on account of serious illness of his daughter. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. Green, Newark, has returned from the mountains, visiting his folks in Tennessee.

The dispatchers have not had their two days' vacation for May yet, owing to inability to get an operator to relieve Bro. Potter on "CO," so he can relieve them. Their annual vacations begin next month, *run "fishies," run.*

Bro. Wilson, Bergman, was turned over in a Ford recently, slightly injuring his right foot.

Bro. Curry, now with the D. & R. G. at Palmer Lake, Colo., was married April 30th, instead of April 13th. We all extend our heartiest congratulations, and wish the happy pair much joy and happiness.

Bro. Smith, Batesville second, visited his folks in Springfield ten days recently, relieved by helper Richardson of Calico Rock.

Bro. Woodfill, LaRussell, was also a recent Springfield visitor, relieved by his son.

Mrs. Dimond, wife of Agent Dimond, of Crane, died recently in the Springfield hospital, having been ill for some time. We extend Mr. Dimond and family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Boys, send me a few notes by the 15th. I don't get much of what is going on out on the road, and it would help wonderfully if you would drop me a note or two each month.

"TED," Cert. 2378.

#### *Omaha Division—*

I was over the North End of the division the latter part of April, and met quite a number of the boys. Most all subscribed liberally to the Victory Loan Bonds.

Expect to make another trip shortly, and will appreciate it very much, brothers, if you will work on the few nons and delinquents, so that it will not take so long to finish the job.

It is now Bro. G. C. Morgan relieving Bro. Bryant on third Auburn, Neb., while he relieves car distributor McVey at Falls City.

Bro. Holthousen, third Union, Neb., visited in Little Rock recently, relieved by Bro. R. E. Davis. Bro. Frymore, first Nebraska City, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Byrego. Bro. L. R. Black, agent Wolcott, is being relieved on third Cochrane by Bro. Wm. Tinker, with Sister O. J. Skaggs on third Wolcott. Bro. H. E. Kessler, third Edgewater Jct., relieved a few days by Bro. R. M. Williams.

On April 1st, Union Depot, Leavenworth, Kans., first, was placed on the Mo. Pac. pay-

roll, thereby putting W. C. Jocie, the telegrapher there, on our seniority list. He will line up with us shortly. Bro. W. L. Thomas remains on third Leavenworth.

Bro. T. H. Williams, Padonia, was a recent Kansas City visitor.

A number told me they would send in some notes, but have received none. Come on with the items, boys.

E. T. DYER, L. C.

#### "Frisco" R. R., Div. No. 32.

##### *River & Cape Division—*

Bro. Macke, second Chaffee, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Roussel, second Hayti, he by Bro. Abernathie, who also relieved Bro. Brewington a few days.

Bro. Roussel, second, and Bro. Johnson, third Hayti, taking a trip through Texas and Oklahoma, latter relieved by Bro. Stelman.

Bro. Clay Smith resumed duty after serving several months in the army, vice Bro. Slatner, first "GR" to third; Bro. Cunningham bumping Bro. Holland, agent Gibson, to extra board, who relieved Sister Barron and Bro. McCoy, Frenchman Bayou.

Sister Anderson relieved Bro. Barron, third Blytheville, a few days.

Bro. E. N. Latimer, recently discharged from military service, relieved Bro. Bond, Luxora, a few days, and then took his old job as agent Ten Brook; Bro. Fullbright relieving Bro. Hopkins, first Hayti to attend the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Shain resumed duties as agent Merton, Bro. Brown relieving Bro. Charleville, Brickeys, and Bro. Schumacher, Benton, a few days each.

Sister Frielinhaus on second "GR" a few days relieving Bro. Ragans.

Bro. Layton to Joiner Agency pending bulletin.

Bro. Lane, just discharged from military service to Brooks Jct., Bro. Winters out of service.

Seven applications since last write-up. Four more and the River and Cape would be solid. Get behind 'em boys, and remember the slogan.

CERT. 592.

##### *Southwestern Division*

With a little assistance from someone on the division we could have a write-up each month.

Bro. Nat Burch, night wire chief, who relieved Manager and Wire Chief Fichtl, Sapulpa, ten days, was relieved by Bro. Harry Fisher, late night wire chief, and he by Bro. Moorehouse, relieved by Bro. Surrency.

Bro. N. H. Burch visited his parents at Denison, Texas, a few days recently.

Bro. Pat Parks went to Sulphur fishing (?) we put the "DN" mark after fishing, because we didn't see any fish when he came back. He may have cooked them on the

creek bank. Bro. Copeland, first Madill, on a trip west, relieved by Bro. Dunnam, of third, and he by Bro. Smith.

Sister Butler returned to Henryetta, bumping Bro. Clements from second, who bumped Sister Flack from third there, now on thirty days' vacation. Sister Edna Lundstrum bumped Bro. Ramsey from third Kellyville.

Weleetka is to have a new station, and a new time card went into effect on the first, making several changes.

Bro. McNair, from Ada, was a recent Springfield visitor.

I wish to thank Sister Glenn, Ada, for the notes she sent me. Keep up the good work, Sister. If any of you hear of a non landing in our territory, be sure and let me have his or her name. Let's keep the division solid. Remember our motto.

The "PBX" girls had things very nicely for awhile. They were allowed off two days a month with pay for only two weeks, stay with them, girls, and the road, will turn again. Let's hope so, anyway.

"O," Cert. 2070.

#### Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 33.

##### *Wheeling Division—*

Having been elected local chairman for the coming two-year term, I wish to express my appreciation to the brothers for the confidence thus shown, and promise to do the best I can to take care of their interests.

Local board members have been chosen and their appointments approved by our general chairman as follows:

C. L. & W. District, Bridgeport to Holloway, Bro. J. Donley, Flushing, Ohio; to represent the agents, entire division, Bro. M. F. Burton, Farmington (Underwood), W. Va., and Main Line District, Bro. C. L. Allender, Littleton, W. Va.. Bro. M. B. Rickey will represent the dispatchers. Short Line and Ohio River men will take up grievances, etc., with local chairman direct, as will also operators and agents, who do not come within any of the above sub-districts.

Our division is in excellent shape. Seniority list shows 119 names, operators and agents. 101 of these are members. Of the 18 remaining, 3 are in military service, 6 are extra men, 2 we will say nothing about, and the other 7 ought to be ashamed of themselves for not being in.

We are very glad to see Bro. R. G. Everetts, and Bro. Harold Sigler, who have been released from military duty, back on their jobs. Both carried up-to-date cards during the time they were in the service. This is an excellent recommendation, and an assurance of duty well performed while serving "Uncle Sam."

Bro. Allender represented us at the St. Louis convention.

Brothers, please address me at my post

office address Box 531, Wheeling, instead of sending your letters by B. & O. mail or addressing me care of B. & O. This will be much more satisfactory for several reasons.

J. B. SPRINGER, L. C.,  
Cert. 385.

#### Pittsburgh Division—

General Chairman Yeager has requested me and Bro. O'Donnell to handle the write-up for this division for a few months. I will do my best, but I would like to have you all send me a few notes. I wish to thank Bro. Stooifire for those he sent me. My write-up for May was received too late for that issue. Please have your notes reach me not later than the 20th, as they must be in the St. Louis office on or before the 25th, in order to be published in the current issue.

#### "DS" Relay—

It is now Bro. Fulwilder, making "DS" 100 per cent solid. He is now in "GX" running trains, relieved by Bro. Jarboe.

Keep after the nons and make the division solid. Some of you brothers out on the Pike have a chance to work on some. There isn't many, but get what there is.

Bro. Drumm and myself are the only two on third trick now, "KV" at "D" and "Y" at "GO," also you fellows down in W. Va., please note.

Bro. O'Donnell, back from the St. Louis convention, says he had a lovely time. Bro. "NS" is some busy man in the wee hours between copying reports and attending to the switchboard.

We are all glad to see Bro. Howard on the job again, after being ill with smallpox about a month. We all had to be vaccinated when he took sick, and ye scribe was about the only one that suffered with a sore arm. Bro. Landymore was also off sick recently.

#### Pittsburgh & Western Sub. District—

Bro. Glancy is busy trying to land the few nons left.

Sister Helt has gone home after working a few months at Foxburg and Eldenau.

Sounds good to hear Bro. Jack Lanning again on third Goehring.

We know who it is fooling on the P. & W. wire. He better stop it.

Let's see if we can't live up to Mr. Day's request and instructions, stop sleeping on duty, and stopping trains on the hill.

Bro. Potts, second Willow Grove, is being congratulated on the arrival of another young Potts at his home.

Bro. Ott is on Schenly second now.

I received no notes from the P. & W. this time. "JS" and "CH" can't you "shoot a f.w" this way.

#### River District—

Nothing received at all. Some one is watching you boys, better watch yourselves on that sleeping.

#### Wheeling and Pittsburgh District—

Glad to hear that a few of our officials are O. R. T. men. It is now Bro. Cole at Bertha, also Bro. E. A. Irwin at Bruceton, but there are still a few lonesome nons on the division.

Looks as if we are going to get that time and half for Sunday work.

Bro. Kayser's wife was sick recently, relieved by Bro. Carr.

Bro. Bolton has moved to Washington to be close to his work.

Bro. Stooifire's notes were received and very much appreciated, but as previously mentioned were too late for the May journal. We still retain Bro. Yeager as our general chairman, and he wishes to thank you for your support.

C. L. KEITH,

Div. Cor., Cert. 2713,  
"DS," Relay Office,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Connellsville Division—

If these notes appear more conspicuous for their brevity than aught else, I beg your indulgence and offer as my excuse the hub-bub and excitement natural to the Grand Division Convention, which I was attending in St. Louis, when they were written. Bro. Gaumer is filling in at "D" Connellsburg during my absence.

It is with a feeling akin to sadness that we see a time-honored land-mark—Indian Creek—being tossed into the ever increasing pile of discarded telegraph offices.

Lock your office doors, boys, Bro. Fred Habel is giving them all the double "O"; and he packs sufficient seniority to get about what he desires.

Sister F. Cummings and Bro. Graff have been rendered jobless by the closing of Uniontown and Mt. Braddock. It's been a long time since the boys on this division have been exposed to such an avalanche of seniority. This trio have a combined service record of something near seventy-five years.

Bro. M. O. Barnes, third Markleton, is sojourning in Florida.

The shutters have been removed and Oriental is once more a "19," and "31" producing centre, owing to the closing of Mt. Braddock and Uniontown.

Local division meetings have been abandoned for the present, because of the inability of your local chairman to persuade division officials to authorize making extra stops by train No. 10 to land returning members. We hope this obstacle will be overcome shortly.

By staying awake nights, stopping fewer trains and eliminating unnecessary calling by

dispatchers, we are helping—not only the company, but also ourselves. Let's try it and convince ourselves of the truth of this.

CERT. 142.

*New Castle Division—*

Bro. L. L. Anderson came home from the army May 2nd, and on May 5th applied for membership. When he left for camp he did not expect to return to railroad work, and allowed his membership to lapse, but having done so, he proceeded to line up at once. This should make some of the telegraphers on this division ashamed with all the back pay and other good things secured for them by the O. R. T. to still refuse or neglect to come in. The majority of our girls are lined up fine as the stars will show. Some of the nons have used their back pay to buy new autos. A "closed shop" would certainly look good. It is about time to make "No card, no favors" prominent on this division. It might make some of the nons loosen up and get a card. Are you helping to boost?

The operator on the east end who has made an exceptionally good record stopping fast trains recently, has no star after his name on the seniority list.

Steinmetz, Youngstown first, to "SU" third, temporary vacancy in side wire office. Article 6-D of the schedule will explain why Youngstown was not advertised.

Corbett, now dispatching on the branch, relieved at Nova by Booth.

Two new members have been added on seniority list, Bro. Anderson and Bro. Farley, levermen at Greenwich. They sure are welcome.

Everyone is sorry to hear of the illness of Division Operator Brown, and all hope he will soon be back on the job again. We don't know of an "op" on the road that don't like "Brownie."

I wish to thank the brothers for sending in their notes for the TELEGRAPHER, as I am pretty much in the woods at T. F. Tower, and news is scarce down here, so don't forget to send me all you can.

O. C. Bedell is learning the Lake-Branch, De-Forest Jet. to Painesville, and in the near future will dispatch trains from latter point.

McLaughlin and Seiring doubled at Newton Falls, May 8th. R. J. Holliday, third there, on leave of absence.

E. R. Post was called to Meadville, Pa., on account of his wife's illness, relieved by extra Bedell.

R. GLIDDON, 363 N. Front St.,  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

**FLORAL FUND STATEMENT FOR MAY,  
1919.**

*Cash Receipts.*

Request Nov., 1918.....	\$19.25
Request Dec., 1918.....	17.25

April, O. W. Pearce.....	.45
May, R. B. Velhdorfer and L. H.	
Browning .....	.50
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\$37.45

*Expenditures.*

Floral design M. P. Sloan's wife .....	\$ 8.00
Floral design J. F. Titus' wife. ....	8.00
G. A. McBride seniority lists..	2.50
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18.50

Balance to credit of fund..... \$18.95

V. P. McLAUGHLIN, Local Treas.

*Cleveland Division—*

Local Chairman McCabe, while attending the St. Louis convention delegated me to furnish the write-up for this number. As this is my first attempt, hope you will overlook all mistakes. We are indebted to Bro. Gray for most of these notes.

Bro. Gross, third Lorain, copied the reports for the Federal Managers' Special at Freight House Lorain.

Bro. Kimberling, relieving Bro. Shaper, second Lester, on sick list, bid in to second Seville, relieved by Bro. Smith, who later relieved Bro. Clark, third "CO" Tower, several nights. We are glad to see Bro. Clark back from France safe and sound. Bro. Smith also relieved Bro. Landis, first "CO" Tower, a few days, owing to the illness of his mother. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. T. W. Davis, second "GI" Tower, and wife, spent a night in Cleveland with Bro. J. R. Davis, of "RD" Tower, and Bro. Gray, third "GI" Tower, spent several days recently at Massillon.

Bro. Huffman, third Freeport, was off recently, owing to sickness in his family.

Bro. G. G. Tope, second, Seville, bid in third Beach City, relieved by Carnahan, who promises to be up-to-date shortly.

Bro. Chaney, second Freeport, who has purchased a home there, visiting relatives in Wooster, Ohio, a week recently. We are expecting announcement cards in the near future.

Bro. Weber, first Stillwater, was off three days sick, and Bro. Jackson, second Stillwater, was also off three days, owing to sickness in family, latter relieved by Bro. Lewis.

Bro. Wood, second Beach City, has rented a four-room house, and will "batch," owing to the high rates for board.

Considerable trouble is being experienced on this division on account of trainmen not showing up for orders that are to be handed on by operators.

Watch yourself and play safe.

With a few exceptions, our regular men are all up-to-date, and all the extra men have promised to come in, but remember that eternal vigilance is the price of keeping

solid. Keep them coming in or moving on.  
We don't want any nons on this road.

CERT. 93.

**Ohio Division—**

Bro. Marsh, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Sister Burgmeyer and Bro. Stephenson, first "DO" Chillicothe, by Bro. Allison, Bro. Hains on second, and Bro. Sam Phillips on third.

Bro. Inler relieved Dispatcher Miller, on vacation. The Toledo Division Dispatchers phone was taken out of the Washington "CH" freight house recently.

Bro. T. K. Hall, wireless operator in Mayen, Germany. Dick writes that he is O. K., but does not expect to get back until after peace is signed. Bro. Ray, third Dundas, a lieutenant in the signal corps, has returned from "overseas," and will be with us again shortly.

Bro. Fred Henson, second "RK" Tower, is expecting word any day that his son, Bro. Ed, third Harpers, has arrived at Newport News.

Understand the cattleguard invented by Bro. Chas. King, first Mt. Sterling, has been successfully tested out on that section, and that he has orders for some as quick as he can get them manufactured.

Bro. Bedinghaus, first Farmers, has purchased a very fast race horse, and is getting ready to make a killing with him at the fairs this summer.

Bro. McNeal is now at Farmers, after several weeks sightseeing.

Bro. Wilson, agent East Monroe, was off several days recently, owing to stomach trouble.

Bro. Baker, third "Q" Tower, was married a few days ago to a young lady from Kansas City, and is living at Blanchester. We extend congratulations.

Keep after the few nons left on the division and take no excuse from the "tight wads."

L. E. MILLER, Cert. 729.

**Indiana Division—**

Bro. E. C. Harmon, of Otisco, is laying off, having an operation performed, which we all hope will render him in perfect health once more.

Bro. D. T. Bellamy recently lost his small son after a short illness of diphtheria. The brothers join him and his wife in the sorrow of their great loss.

New appointments to the Local Board of Adjustment filling the vacancies created by the resignation of Bro. Coffin, are: Bro. McGinnes, for Cincinnati Terminals and Bro. D. T. Bellamy, for Cincinnati Sub-Division, North Vernon to "SG." Drv. COR.

**Pere Marquette R. R., Div. No. 39.**

**Members Division 39:**

You were represented by Bros. Burr, Neff, McMullen and McColl at the recent convention of the Grand Division.

The Credential Committee recommended the seating of Bro. Burr without a dissenting vote and deep appreciation is felt by him to the many brothers who assisted to bring this about.

We all endeavored to carry out the wishes of our members, and some good legislation was enacted. We trust that our membership will continue to maintain their zeal and interest.

Each local chairman's district has a few delinquents yet, your officers are trying to get these all into the fold. Will you assist us by canvassing your neighbors to see if they have the up-to-date, remind them the rates of joining have been raised, and it is cheaper to pay a year's dues than to join over again.

The local chairmen elected are Petoskey, Grand Rapids district, R. M. Burr, Central Lake; Grand Rapids, Chicago district, L. L. Watson; Holland, Grand Rapids-Port Huron district, C. P. Neff; Lowell, Ludington-Toledo district, A. J. McMullen; North Bradley, Detroit and Canadian districts, Bro. E. R. McColl, Highgate Ont.

Bro. Burr was re-elected general chairman and Bro. Neff general secretary and treasurer.

Continue to give these brothers your loyal support, and we will continue to make progress for better working conditions.

With kindest personal regards to each of you, I am,

Yours fraternally,

R. M. BURR.

**Canadian Division—**

The war is over, and has left everything unsettled. Under these conditions it behooves us to hold fast what we have, and try to secure better conditions for the future. We all know what great strides the O. R. T. has made recently, and that the unity of labor is nearing a crisis. In this work of organization we are helping our fellow-workers, as well as ourselves; and as there is a certain amount of pleasure in helping others, we are therefore, getting more out of life than the selfish narrow-minded nons. We are short of active workers and must devise some means to awaken these nons to a sense of their duty to themselves as well as others in their craft; and while we compliment those of our workers who have been active in this work, we cannot refrain from pitying those who are yet unable to see that it is to their best interest to line up with us in our efforts for the betterment of the whole fraternity.

Our brother union men among the engineers, trainmen, carmen, section men, etc., with whom these nons associate realize the position of the unorganized and we might solicit their aid in calling the attention of those of our craft thereto, and show them that they are wearing decent clothes, because they are able to draw fair wages as the result of the efforts of the unions of all classes of railroad employees.

We are all partners in the Order and when one partner fails to perform his duty, incumbent on him as such, we have a perfect right to call his attention to it, go after him and keep after him until he sees himself as other union men see him.

As it is now nearing the time when we should renew our cards for the last half of this year, let us not forget that our committees cannot work without funds, and by getting our own up-to-date cards promptly we are furnishing the motive power for them to do this successfully for us. Several of our members in the past have given the excuse that they simply forgot to do this, but this apparent "loss of memory," does not sound well, when we remember that none of them "forgot" to go after their back pay just as strenuously as those of us who did not forget to pay our dues promptly.

Brothers, don't allow yourselves to become delinquent, and be obliged to go to the expense of making out new applications and wasting the energy of our hard working general chairman, general secretary and treasurer and local chairman, trying to get you paid up; when they should be using that valuable time in trying to line up the nons. Don't allow your vision to become so mentally obscured as to be unable to see that in order to purchase a house with your back pay and increased wages, you must sustain the hand which makes it possible to build houses.

Ours is not a sentimental, but a plainly business organization when it comes to sustaining it with the money it has helped us to earn. You put a certain portion of that money into dues, and that is what insures your pay check each month; therefore, never fail to renew your card, and do it without the working brother having to remind you of it every time the dues period comes around. Make it your duty to pay it the same as rent, life insurance, living expenses, etc.

Let's all get together now *pay our own dues promptly*, and solicit every non member we meet to join the organization. *Do it now.* Also don't forget how disappointed you feel when you turn to the fraternal pages of our magazine, and fail to see a write-up from the Canadian Division of Division 39, and remembering that, sit right down and send the correspondent all the notes of interest you can think of not only this month but every month.

CERT. 154.

#### **Chesapeake & Ohio R. R., Div. No. 40. Hocking, River Division and Branch—**

The all day meeting at the Depot Hotel, Logan, Saturday, May 17th, was the largest ever held on this division.

Local Chairman Robinson thoroughly covering the situation in his very interesting remarks, and the members enjoyed very much having him with us.

General Chairman Hicks was unable to be with us, but he advised that he would come at a later date.

The Hocking Division is now 100 per cent strong, and only four nons left on the River Division and in a later issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, I will publish a list of them and their locations. Watch for it and get busy.

On account of the death of Bro. Ambroses' mother at Starr, fifty-two contributed each 25c making a total of \$13.00 and a design was purchased for \$8.00, leaving a balance in my hands of \$5.00 to be used when necessary. We all extend our deepest sympathy to our bereaved brother.

Bro. Duffey has returned to duty at Hawk's after fighting the rheumatism several weeks; Bro. McCarthy, after several weeks' idleness to second Marion pending bids.

Bro. Kanode, second Oldtown, spent several days shopping at Lancaster.

Bro. Perkins, second Beaumont, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Cochran, and he on third by Bro. Blosser, Logan third.

Bro. McClain, first Hocking, spent several days at McArthur with his brother, our former local chairman, who has returned from "over there" intact. After visiting several days with us here, he returned to his old position on first Mosel. He is very much pleased to find that we have made our division 100 per cent.

Owing to the recent increase in business: First Hookers and Hobson Yards; first and second Gallipolis; second Marion, Groveport and Alveda; third Pemberville, Parsons, Owens and Alveda; first, second and third Linworth, and Marion north yards were opened for bids. Bro. O'Neill, first Gallipolis, took first Marion north yards; Bro. Clark, Linworth, succeeded on first Hookers by Bro. Codner from second Groveport.

It is impossible for me to send in a good write-up without your assistance, unless you give me your hearty co-operation in the future, I shall give some other ambitious brother a chance to make a reputation for himself.

F. G. DEISHIE, A. C.

#### *C. & O. of Indiana—*

At our April Richmond meeting Bro. F. O. Smith, lineman East End, was elected division correspondent. Send him the news

items from your several stations in plenty of time, so he can arrange and get them to St. Louis before the 25th of the month.

An item now and then from each of us will help to make our column good and newsy.

The old time "get there" spirit manifested at the Richmond meeting was very gratifying indeed to the undersigned, what we need is *organization* concern and not so much *personal* concern. Let us all unite in creating a brotherly spirit, and be ever mindful of the necessity of individual effort, to assure the uplifting and growth of the good old O. R. T.

Director-General Hines gave us a very interesting talk at the St. Louis convention Monday morning, May 19th, which was greatly appreciated by the 647 delegates representing our 75,000 members, the largest convention of our Order ever assembled.

Every grand officer and delegate plainly manifested their great interest in the organization's welfare; many new movements for the good of our craft were worked out which will be embodied in the convention number of *THE TELEGRAPHER*.

Let's get busy and boost for our organization and our own interest.

E. E. MIDDLEKAUF,  
Chairman.

#### Boston & Maine R. R., Div. No. 41.

##### *Southern Division—*

Sister D. Whiting, third Lowell, off on account of sickness, Sister Mary O'Connor relieving. Sister Theresa Collins, who relieved Sister Rose O'Brien at Ayer a few days, is now relieving at South Wilmington, Mass. Miss Daley, "CH" Lowell, off a few days recently.

On new positions end double iron West Chelmsford, Mass., Towland displaced Hirst, on first, who displaced Lane on second, Gavill relieved on third there by Miss Agness McAdams.

##### *C. & P. North Division—*

Bro. Hunt to second Westboro, N. H., "RA" Wells River, Vt., abolished. Bro. Powell, who displaced Sister Cole at Wilder, Vt., later took Centerville, Vt., agency, Bro. Salls withdrawing his bid, expecting to take Wilder. Bro. Goodwin, who has not been heard of since he left Centerville agency, is presumably at North Hatley, boating.

Norwich, Vt., made a split trick, third abolished.

We are all glad to welcome Bro. Winslow back after his long absence in France, and hear his "OK-BW."

Bro. Connors, freight agent, Norwich, Vt., off a week on his honeymoon at Swanton, Vt. The best wishes of the boys to the Brother and the Mrs.

Bro. Naata, agent Conicut, Vt., has taken up the grain business as a side line. This with the new candy factory there, has increased his express revenue considerably.

Bro. Belanger, relieving at Piermont, Vt., subject to the return of Bro. Sheldon from France, relieved at Summit Sliding by Sister Belanger's return.

Agents on this division are not making so much overtime since the caretakers were put on.

##### *Fitchburg Division—*

Bro. Davis, first South Ashburnham, bid in Ashburnham agency, vice Bro. Nutt, to West Groton agency. Bro. Thorn to East Deerfield Engine House, "RD" vice Stah to his farm near Troy, N. Y.

Miss Ruth Burns to third Westminster, vice Curtis.

Dispatcher Manning, third East End, has returned from a three months' trip through the south, relieved by extra dispatcher Rice, relieving the dispatchers on their vacations. Dispatcher Hunt caught thirty-five large trout while off on his two weeks' vacation at Lancaster, N. H. Dispatcher Pierce, first West End, is now on his vacation.

Bro. Fallon, Greenfield dispatchers' office, on six months' leave, going into the clothing business with his father in Turner Falls, Mass.

Agents and operators at Montague, Farley, Erving, Royalston, Baldwinville, Heywood, North Leominster, Waverly Union Market ticket office, and Union Square agents are now on a six-day basis; also operators at "N" Erving, Athol and several other places.

Caretakers on milk trains on the Cheshire Branch have to load, unload and bill the milk at the closed stations. Bro. Donigan, second Millers Falls, using his limousine to and from work, to Erving, is very good about giving free rides. Bro. Porter, third Erving, went to Montague second, on account of the derailment, as Agent Cuthbertson was not allowed to work overtime.

In the April *TELEGRAPHER* is mentioned "Operator Sadie Grant." Owing to being misinformed, I omitted the prefix Sister, and trust she will pardon the error.

Most of the stations on the Fitchburg Division have been closed on Sunday, making six-day positions. Out of ten grievances referred to the Wage Commission in Washington, this is the only one the organization has lost. Ninety per cent is a pretty high average, and if the brothers and sisters who are displeased with the outcome will read Supplement No. 13 more carefully they will find we are working on an hourly basis.

If the brothers and sisters on the White Mountain, C. & P. South, and Portland Divisions will send in a few notes we can have

a write-up for them. Thanks to Bros. Provost, Landry, and some unknown brother up north who seemed to be afraid to sign his name. Why the mystery?

S. GOODWIN, Cert. 406,  
"VN," "GM."

#### Erie R. R., Div. No. 42.

##### Rochester Division—

Our first meeting at Avon, Saturday, May 17th, was poorly attended mostly due to poor train service East of Avon. Bros. Davis, of Bath, Peterson, of South Lima, Littell, of Campbell, Lynch, of Caledonia and Jerris of Geneseo present at roll call Saturday evening, May 17th. Quite an assembly, but we enjoyed our evening and matters important to everyone were discussed. Let's do better next time. Members between Mt. Morris and Rochester, who could have attended without any inconvenience were all absent. There seems to be no enthusiasm amongst our ranks sorry to say. These meetings will be abandoned and only special meetings called when necessary. We cannot get together as we should, therefore, it is unnecessary to accumulate useless expenses.

Bro. Quinlivan, Rochester, has returned to duty after a long absence due to illness.

Bro. J. H. Roy has been relieving dispatchers on their monthly vacation.

Bro. Ballard, who has been serving with the 77th Division "overseas," expects to resume duty soon. We welcome him back in the ranks once more. S. T. J., L. C.

##### N. Y. S. & W. Division—

We had a very good representation at the May meeting, but there are still several brothers who could easily be marked present without the least inconvenience, and we hope to greet them at our future sessions.

Chairman Keim indisposed and unable to attend, recovered in time to take the trip to St. Louis as per schedule.

Most of the brothers have had a chance to look over the new schedule being drawn up, and everything appears to be satisfactory. Four copies were sent over the road and any brother who has been overlooked can have one upon request.

The agent at "NP" filled out his application and promised to send it in, but failed to do so. How about getting him, you "NP" brothers.

Agent Winters bid in Wyckoff. Somebody please get this non.

"Bill" Campbell is back from "overseas" on second "WS." We expect to see his name on our list shortly.

The railroads will go back under private control at the end of the calendar year and every brother should do his very utmost to line every non up before that time. With

the old "Susq" at the 100 per cent mark, we can look things squarely in the face and then it should be an easy matter for us to get on the same level with the other roads throughout the country.

We trust Chairman Kelly will be back for the June meeting, as the boys will all be anxious to hear full reports from him.

Brothers, have you sent your copy of THE TELEGRAPHER to some non? If not, send this issue. If they have courage enough to read through it, they will realize just what a strong organization we have and may be induced to join. Let's do all we possibly can to bring the division up to the 100 per cent mark.

CERT. 2069.

##### N. R. R. of N. J. Division—

Regular meetings held at 8 p. m., Engineers' Hall, Paterson, every first Tuesday of the month. Everyone urged to attend and make them a benefit to us all. The last one was very well attended and interesting. Bros. Kelley and Hering gave us some good points.

The sisters should all try and come. We are all glad to see them and hear their helpful remarks.

Bro. Ackerman, agent, Emerson, is recovering from an operation in the hospital. We all hope to see him back soon.

Bro. De Lewis, second "WD" has resigned. We wish him success wherever he goes.

Bro. Brotzman has purchased a runabout.

Work trains are unloading ashes to grade the Moresemere Station grounds, which are to be made very beautiful.

We are all glad to see Bro. Shields, agent, Demarest, back again from the army.

Bro. Hering, who filled Demarest during Bro. Shields' absence, returned to Norwood; Bro. Hetrich to Tappan, and Bro. Travella went to second Spärkill as helper.

Tallman, from Cresskill, who went to the hospital recently, is improving and will soon be back to work.

Bro. Kelly has returned from the St. Louis convention where he worked hard in our behalf to have things right. Let's give him all the support we possibly can.

CERT. 470.

#### Canadian Nat'l Rys., Div. No. 43.

##### Canadian Northern Division—

Nine members attended the meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. at Brandon, Man., May 4th. The new schedule was gone over and explained by Local Chairman Morgan, which seemed satisfactory to those present. Owing to the wire congestion, some of the boys evidently failed to get word of the meeting, or the attendance would have been much larger. We hope the next meeting will be better attended.

Local Chairman Morgan left for St. Louis

on May 6th to attend the convention. We will, no doubt, have a very interesting talk from "Phil" on his return. This division is greatly indebted to him for the splendid work he is doing, and each one of us should do our utmost to co-operate with him if we expect the good work to continue.

The editor of our journal advises that, owing to government restrictions limiting its size, that he has been obliged to discontinue printing in the fraternal columns all "Assignments," "In Memoriams," and "Cards of Thanks;" also that all announcements of "Births," "Marriages" and "Deaths" should be written on separate sheets in order to insure their prompt attention and insertion in the personal mention column. He also requests the names of places instead of "office calls."

R. A. LESLIE, Cert. 399,  
Woodnorth, Man.

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#### *Members Second Div. Prairie Dist.—*

I wish to thank you for the confidence reposed in me in the recent election for local chairman. You may all rest assured that I will do all in my power to justify it. I have taken office at rather a strenuous time. There are many back time matters to be adjusted. Some old grievances, such as shortages, which date back for a year and more, and now that we have many new members, such as assistant agents, coming in, and I am kept rather busy.

Those of you who have one assistant's position or more covered by schedule, should see that these men join. This division is now about 70 per cent strong in that respect, but I believe that we can do much better than that. You agents generally have much influence with these men, and can point out to them what the Order has accomplished for them on this last schedule. Tell them about the protection it affords them, and that if we succeed in organizing them to the same degree as we have the TELEGRAPHERS, when we go in for another revision of schedule, we can do very much more for them than we otherwise could. You can also tell them that any grievance they have will be handled in exactly the same manner as your own. Many of these people are the material that future operators and agents are made of, so get them started early.

I attended a good meeting which was held at Canora on May 4th at which fourteen other brothers and Sisters Ployart and Brown were present.

Many matters of interest and importance were discussed, which will be ancient history by the time you read this. This was the first meeting on this district I have attended where we had the pleasure of having

sisters present. I hope now we always have them. It seems somehow to elevate the tone of the discussion. The only objection I could see was that Bros. McLean and Corcoran took advantage of previous acquaintance and monopolized their time greatly to the disadvantage of other single brothers present.

There are many changes taking place on our district now owing, in great measure, to the eight-hour day making so many new positions.

I am appointing a division correspondent and anyone who has any notes he would like to see printed will please send them to Bro. A. G. Smith, Dauphin.

It is my intention to hold more meetings than have been held in the past, and you will confer a favor on me and strengthen my hand by attending. You will also reap many advantages yourselves for you will hear many obscure points cleared up and meet many of the boys who you know only slightly by working with them on the wire.

F. MUSGRAVE,  
Local Chairman.

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#### *Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Division—*

Since the increase in pay and overtime the boys are sticking pretty close.

Bro. Dispatcher Keilor was relieved a few days by a new man; Bro. Dorris is on vacation, and Bro. Erickson has quit telegraphing and started farming at Harney.

Since May 1st we are working eight-hour shifts in all jobs. No new jobs opened and Cusson and Cook third closed, laying the men off.

Work trains will start in shortly and the gravel pit jobs will open.

The president of the Canadian National Railway has given us a written agreement to pay us same as the Northern Pacific boys get as soon as they sign up with their management with back pay from October 1, 1918.

"DG," Cert. 584.

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#### *Central of Georgia R. R., Div. No. 46. Georgia Coast and Piedmont R. R. Div.—*

B. C. Anderson, who relieved J. A. Surency at Donald, was relieved by W. J. Smith.

Mr. Blackshear relieved Castleberry at Mender, resigned.

Bro. H. Riley, Rudsville, has been appointed local chairman and Bro. L. H. Smith, Ludawici, secretary and treasurer.

Let us all get busy and try to get in the few noms still out on the Georgia Coast and Piedmont. We need them, but they need us worse. We are already 80 per cent solid. Let us make it 100 percent by July 1st.

Boys, give me all the notes you can so we can have a write-up each month.

Remember, "No cards, no favors."

L. H. SMITH, Cert. 474.

**Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Div. No. 49.**  
*Fourth Division—*

Bro. Lively, Cumbres, on short leave, relieved by F. E. Weeks, who also relieved Bro. Ogle, Monero, a few days.

Bro. Tucker, Monte Vista, on leave, relieved by Bro. Looney.

Bro. Richards was off a few days recently on account of sickness.

Bro. Tucker, working as extra dispatcher, relieved at "AS" Alamosa by Bro. Ferganchick, from La Veta.

Bro. Hyde, extra, La Veta, resigned.

R. W. OGLE,  
Cert. 2038, Div. 53.

**Georgia R. R., Div. No. 50.**

We are gradually nearing the 100 per cent mark. The new men line up as soon as they come on the road, and about the only nons left are one or two who fought the Order in the past and seem to be too old to undergo a transformation.

The work of our general chairman became so heavy that we elected three local chairmen, assigned to territory as follows: J. P. Luckey, Augusta to Mesena, inclusive; R. L. Echols, Camak and Macon Branch, and W. W. Darden, Camak to Atlanta and Athens and Washington branches. All matters heretofore handled by the general chairman will be referred to these local chairmen, and if they require the attention of the former they will then be referred to him. Our last meeting, held at Union Point, was the most enthusiastic gathering we have had, with about forty present, and important matters were passed on.

Bro. F. D. Brooks, third Decatur, bid in cashier-operator Washington and Bro. W. D. Dolvin, cashier, Milledgeville, bid in cashier-operator Madison. Bro. W. W. Darden bid in the Crawford agency when former agent Little was pensioned. Bro. T. G. Moore, acting agent, Crawford, goes to Camak as operator.

General Chairman Morgan represented us at the St. Louis convention where he gained valuable experience that will make him a better leader than ever.

Bro. J. A. Wicker is handling his trick in the dispatcher's office like an old timer.

I hope you boys will read the constitution as amended at this session of Grand Division, also the proceedings of the convention. You will find them interesting and it will increase your interest in the organization which has pulled you out of the mire.

Let's all pay up promptly this time and

not make it necessary for the general secretary-treasurer to call our attention to it.

CERT. 13.

**Beasmer & Lake Erie R. R., Div. 51.**

Bro. Hedeen, first North Bessemer, recently took the civil service examination for postmaster there.

Bro. Pfabe, first Houseville, has sold his auto.

Bowman, agent, River Valley, has resigned.

Bro. C. W. Smith, second "KY" Tower, off several days on account of his brother's illness, was relieved by Bro. D. S. Nelson, recently returned from duty in France, who later relieved Bro. Magargie, second Shenango.

Bro. C. A. Clifford, on second at Culmerville until closed, relieved Bro. Nelson for the remainder of Bro. Smith's absence.

Bro. O. T. Campbell, third "KX" Tower, resumed duty after several weeks' absence.

Most of the offices, closed several weeks ago, have been reopened, except Fredonia.

"RU" Tower, recently closed, and "SU" Tower opened, eliminating Culmerville.

President Wilson says the roads are to be returned to private operation at the end of the year. A very urgent reason why everyone should keep in good standing.

CERT. 92.

**Southern Pacific Ry., Div. No. 53.**

*Coast Division—*

Our regular correspondent, Bro. Kilgore, has gone to Kentucky on a two months' vacation.

Bros. Cull, Hammond, Merrill and Holden went to the St. Louis convention, and Headquarters were rather deserted. However, Bro. Werner and I handled all the business that showed up.

Bro. Miles is relieving Bro. Hathaway at San Luis, and Bro. Fischer Bro. Aram at Boulder Creek, on sick list.

Bro. McCosker bid in third San Jose.

Bro. Munday has sold Bro. Carl a home at Redwood Junction.

It is now Bros. Shane and Deardorff, making 3rd St. solid for the first time in many years.

The Brothers between San Jose and San Francisco spent a pleasant two hours in the examination car one night recently.

Bro. West, at Coyote, has traded in his "Lizzle" for a Chandler. Charlie had to divide his family into two sections with the Ford.

Bros. Cull and Hammond have both been re-elected, the latter unanimously.

P. P. FOSTER, Cert. 1772.

*Portland Division—*

Bro. Carl Bragg, agent at West Sloo, is

on a thirty days' leave of absence, relieved by Bro. Jasmin, an extra man.

Bro. Welton is sure some fisherman. He very seldom misses a Sunday up the creek in his Ford.

Bro. Stewart, Woodburn, is quite a frequent Dallas visitor.

Bro. Benner relieved our local chairman at Oakland while he attended the St. Louis convention. Owing to Bro. Prime's family being sick with the "flu" Bro. W. A. Pearson acted as delegate in his place. Dilke relieved Bro. Pearson, on vacation, but it was too late when he arrived at St. Louis to represent us.

Bro. Crimp, agent at West Fork for the past seven years, has bid in second there.

Assistant Chief Dispatcher Scherr has returned to Portland vice Cantrell to night assistant chief vice Grubb to 1st main line, Gorman vice Drummond.

Bro. Pearson, who planned a trip East during May, had to return after being away one day, Bro. Brunner, his relief, going to "Z" Roseburg first, owing to the illness of Wilson's wife. Night Chief Hruby, "D" Roseburg, on fifteen days' vacation, relieved by Glenn. Bro. Christmas to second trick dispatcher east end, relieved by Bro. Aldrich, on second "Z," who also relieved Bro. Burns, at Forest Grove, on sick list.

Dispatcher Bro. Taylor, called to Portland on account of sickness, several days ago.

Bro. Boyd attended the St. Louis convention and was relieved by Sister Abbott at Oakland.

Bro. Waning, agent at Albany, is on a trip East and is relieved by Bro. Van Buren, Bro. Saddler relieving on first.

Bro. Osborn has a new Studebaker Six.

Bro. Jones, agent at Independence, went to Portland recently to consult a doctor.

The Brothers who signed the list for the local chairman's mimeograph will kindly remit as soon as possible.

Bro. Pete Brandon, after a few months in the Army, is back on second Eugene, and Bro. M. A. Smith, after a year in the army, has returned to "P" Portland.

Bro. C. H. Van Buren is relieving Bro. Nelson at Dallas, while relieving the agent, pending bulletin.

Bro. Ware, on second Albany sixty days, is visiting at Newport, and Bro. Asher, second Marion, is on ninety days' leave, owing to ill health.

Bro. Ray Grate, on the Tillamook line, is doing good work for the Order.

Bro. Simpson, Bay City, is prepared to furnish the Brothers with fresh clams.

Bro. W. R. Willis, agent at Cochran, has a lady clerk now to do the office work, while he runs the log flats down.

Bro. Clay Moody, agent at Enright, has started a strawberry patch which will net

him enough money in the next few years to enable him to retire, and Bro. Jacobsen hatched out 500 little chickens in his incubator.

We wish to thank Bros. Wilson, Roseburg; Rice, Timber and Prime, Monmouth, for notes this month. Every little helps, Brothers.

P. G. VICKERS.

#### Stockton Division—

Bro. Chase, agent at Livingston, and his mother are on a six weeks' visit to Chicago and other Eastern cities. We wish them a pleasant journey.

Local Chairman Hanlon and Bro. Burrows, "KN" Stockton, who left May 5 for the St. Louis convention as delegate and alternate, will be gone about six weeks, as they will visit at other points in the East after the convention.

It is Bro. Nelson now on first "KN" Stockton, formerly in commercial work.

Bro. Ruhl, recently from the Tucson Division, is being congratulated on the arrival of a fine girl at his home.

Bro. Cole from Union Pacific, Kansas Division, is now at Clements agency.

Bro. Woodward, manager "BR," and Night Chief Schutt expect to have a delightful trip in Tom's new Chalmers during the former's leave of absence.

Bro. Onderkirk, third Modesta, a recent visitor to Stockton, called on the Brothers in "BR."

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. Campbell, second Galt, during their deep sorrow in the loss of their daughter.

E. L. R., Cert 760.

#### Los Angeles Division—

Two and three hour assignments for Sundays and holidays at straight time have been abolished. We will now be paid a minimum of one day's time if an assignment is made to cover these days.

Bro. Rorer, agent at Coachella, is back after eighteen days' siege with the "flu." Bro. Sheffield, relieving, also relieved Bro. Ross, agent at Bloomington, during vacation.

Bro. Seib, second Bloomington, now uses his Overland between the depot and his orange grove.

Bro. E. L. Dort has exchanged his Ford for an Overland.

Bro. A. W. Sullivan traded rights with Bro. Hartsfield from Redding. We welcome Bro. Hartsfield and family in the same degree that we disliked to lose Bro. and Mrs. Sullivan.

Bro. Pete Robbins now has a union candy shop in Valley.

Does that unpaid \$5 assessment trouble your conscience? There's a simple way to relieve it.

When asked to do a favor recently a freight clerk's modest reply was, "Got a

card?" proudly displaying his own. Can the outcome of such enthusiasm be questioned?

Bro. and Mrs. Dickinson of Los Angeles motored to Newhall, visiting Bro. and Mrs. Coyle, giving the writer a pleasant call returning. We also acknowledge a friendly call by Bro. E. L. Rumsey and family from Saugus.

Bro. O. U. Hampton from the auditor's office in San Francisco and wife visited relatives in Fillmore. Mrs. Hampton and son, Charles, visited Bro. and Mrs. E. L. Burroughs in Burbank several days before returning home.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Kalles, Bro. Kalles, second Chatsworth, was relieved several weeks by Sister Curran and Bro. Wilkinson.

Bros. Gentry and Skillings are back from "overseas" duty and will doubtless soon be on regular positions. They left Bro. Melrose in France operating a "movie" in the Y. M. C. A. He expects to remain there six months.

Bro. McBey is now in the Los Angeles city ticket office.

Bro. Ellison, relieving Bro. Joe Hague, "HU" Los Angeles, takes six weeks' leave as soon as relief is available.

Bro. Walters in "HU" Los Angeles is breaking in as a dispatcher.

Bro. Adams, second Niland, taken suddenly ill, immediately relieved.

Bro. B. C. Moore, relieving Bro. C. L. Butler, third Bertram, later relieved by Sister Wildes.

Bro. Herring relieved Bro. Shutt on second Beaumont, who displaced Bro. I. B. Carl on first there, latter to fourth Colton.

Bro. Gentry, on second Coachella during onion season. Melon season opened latter part of May; plenty of work for extra men now.

Bros. Skillings, Gentry, Youngblood, Culley and Collins, also Joe Wyne, warehouse man, Calipatria, are back from the army ready for duty. We are glad to know of their safe return.

Bro. Culley resumed agency at Ogilby, relieving Kays, who relieved Bro. Ball at Heber, resigned.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Labor Temple April 26, although not largely attended. Pacific electric trowermen gave interesting talks. Bro. Howe's claim for about \$400 was discussed, and recent Government and company rulings affecting our interests covered in detail.

Thanks to Bros. Sheffield, Dickinson and Keyes for notes.

E. L. BURROUGHS, Div. Cor.

#### Tucson Division—

The agents and telegraphers of this division went over the top with 100 per cent subscriptions to the Liberty Loan.

Francis, who returned to the ink job in Tucson recently, is still giving us the "old stall" that he intends to "get a card soon."

Bro. Knapp, relieved by Sister Reinhart on first interlocking job at Polvo, bid back Rillito, Sister Kathryn Morrison, Rillito second, to Mescal second, later relieved Bro. Barnes, Bowie second, ten days on sick list, relieved on Polvo first by Bro. Reed from second there.

Bro. King, in his Studebaker, with Bro Reed, paid us a pleasant visit at Stockham recently.

Sister Pixley returned from vacation on the coast, relieved Bro. Clark on third Steina, while attending court in Tucson. Sister Jennings, on vacation, relieved on Aden third by Miss Babb.

Bro. J. H. Meadows, 1058 East 8th street Tucson, appointed assistant local chairman vice Bro. McNeil, resigned.

Bro. Hamilton, who relieved Miss Shannon, Gage third, to El Paso for dental treatment, later relieved Bro. Perry, Strauss second.

Bro. Blakely, who relieved Bro. Case, agent at Gage, while at Hot Springs taking treatment for rheumatism, is back at his mine, which is running 90 per cent silver and lead.

Bro. Christian, returning from the army, relieved Local Chairman Pritchett while attending the St. Louis convention.

Bros. Hammond and Cull are again elected secretary and treasurer and general chairman of Division 58 respectively. They have rendered us valuable service.

Sister Fulks, second Dragoon, on vacation, relieved by Sister Volk, later to Lanark agency, vice Bro. Seargent, on one year's leave.

First Red Rock Cut-off, Bro. Perrin relieving Bro. Moores on agency there, who went to Pantano. Red Rock agency later bid in by Bro. Geo. Wilson.

Bro. Duell, on third "WC" Tucson, relieved Bro. Mooney to Globe as dispatcher, later to Estrella second.

Bro. Caldwell, second Wellton, was in Tucson recently having some dental work done.

Sister Esden, third Picacho, on short vacation, relieved by Sister Volk, later to third Vail.

The embargo on print paper has not been lifted in St. Louis, and it is mighty hard to get copy by the blue pencil. The Victory Loan may help to clear things up and we will be able to get ourselves into print oftener in the near future.

Sister Morrison and Bro. Meadows are thanked for their assistance in this month's contribution.

Brothers and Sisters, send me a few items each month. Address Box 1372, Tucson, Ariz.

B. D. MAHONEY

**Salt Lake District—**

The agents and operators of this district were the heaviest subscribers to the Victory Loan.

Bro. Swartfager is back on first Wells after three months' leave, and Bro. Foster Halleck has returned from a two weeks' trip to California points.

Sister Gibson is visiting in Ogden, relieved by Miss Nichols, who has promised to become a Sister shortly. We hope Mr. Smith, Tacoma, will soon join.

Bro. Bachman is back at Rose Creek after a sixty days' visit in New Orleans, relieving Bro. Kalb, who went to Tacoma as extra agent.

The flight of the two aeroplanes from Sacramento to Ogden and return were eagerly watched and OS'd by the operators along the route. Winnemucca had the pleasure of viewing the DeHaviland and Curtis planes. The latter, when attempting to rise at Carlin, hit an embankment and demolished the plane.

Bro. Shermahorn, who has just returned from navy service and bid in third Cobre, relieved Bro. Garnett a few days at Montello. Sister Norris relieved E. C. Puryear, second Lemay, who bid in second Moor.

Sisters Garuvogel and Gibson are planning on a long vacation. Bro. Gannon is also figuring on a leave. Bro. Gill, relieved fifteen days by Bro. Kennington from U. P. There should be plenty of work for extra men.

Dispatchers Ekle and Lynch were recent lakeside visitors for a few days, and Dispatcher Norris spent a few days with Bro. Mattingly at Elko.

Dispatcher McNabb, Sparks, is being congratulated upon the arrival of a new boy at his home.

Bro. Spreckelmeyer, off since April 28th on account of sickness, has returned to work.

Bro. Radke, on six months' leave on account of the sickness of his wife, relieved by Bro. Roberts, Nenzel on Bulletin on six months' vacancy.

Thanks to Bros. "AQ" Carlin, "RG" Montello, and "CX" Wells for items. They are the only ones who send any, so when there is nothing in the Journal don't "CRAB"—get busy.

"BN," Cert 741.

**Northern Pacific R. R., Div. No. 54.****Yellowstone Division—**

We held a very successful meeting in Glendive, Mont., Saturday, May 3rd, Local Chairman Brand presiding, and Bro. H. L. Hitchcock acting as temporary secretary. We had an excellent attendance of twenty-one, including Chief Dispatcher Nells, who gave us a highly appreciated and very interesting three-minute talk in regard to the

efficient handling of train orders on this division.

I feel proud to advise the brothers and sisters that in checking the train orders and clearances of the system, this division had the least number of errors. Let us see that we hold that record always. We can do it if we will all be careful in handling the orders and clearances.

All who can possibly get away should attend the meetings, you will never regret it.

We are pleased to note the attendance at the May 3rd meeting of Sisters Mesdames Fisher, Green and Wilkins, and Misses C. Lynch and Ida Heckman, also visitors Mrs. E. A. Brand, Mrs. P. A. Thorpe and Miss Marie Heckman.

Letters were read by Chairman Brand from General Chairman Johnson on general schedule conditions, from Superintendent Jacobus regarding conditions on this division with suggestions from Assistant Local Chairman Meehan, regretting his inability to attend; Mrs. H. McMasters, operator tendering thanks for flowers received during her illness, and from the Flower Committee in regard to the condition of the fund.

A straw vote taken whether operators should handle United States mail was unanimously "nay."

Bros. Brand and Sheffer discussed general topics.

Bro. McNabb thought the initiation fee was too much, Bros. Brand and Cooper were of the opposite opinion, which seemed to be the prevailing sentiment.

A motion made by Bro. Mapes was carried, to organize a "Telegraphers' Social Club," Bro. Brand being authorized to appoint a committee on rules and by-laws, therefore, named Bros. Mapes and Wilkens to perform that service; and it was voted that Bros. Brand and Hitchcock be appointed temporary president and secretary of the club.

June 7th was named as the date for the next regular meeting in Glendive, at which time the committee was requested to make its report.

The meeting then adjourned, all pleased at the pleasant and profitable time they had enjoyed.

H. L. HITCHCOCK,  
Temporary Secy.

**Yellowstone Division Notes—**

On leave of absence: Sister Williams, Southheart, thirty days, Sister Martin relieving; Sister Stanley, New Salem, relieved by Miss Keithman; Sister Lawrence, Richardton, by Miss Marvel Brown.

On sick list: Sister Duff, Mandan, relieved by Bro. G. R. Rhymer; Sister McMasters, Wibaux, by Sister Siggelkow, who also relieved Bro. Golden, while he relieved Bro. Foreman, agent Marsh, several days.

Off a few days: Bro. Segur, Mandan, relieved by Bro. Sheffer; Sister Baltruschat, by Miss Christenson; Sister Brownell, third Richardson, by Miss Beulah Brown; Sister Ruby Miller, Sentinel Butte, by Miss Larson; Sister Johnson, Wibaux, by Sister Galster; Sister Ruby Miller, Sentinel Butte, by Miss Anna Jacobson; Sister Rorrick, Terry, by Miss Thorberg and Bro. Sheffer, agent Sanders, by his son, Bro. Thearn.

Third Sims closed, Sister Pennington to third New Salem, relief Demores closed. Bro. and Sister Sterland to second and third Hodges.

Bro. Ernest Murray is back on first Hebron, vice Bro. Geo. Rhyner, to Mandan, extra. Local Chairman Brand having bid in second wire chief's job at Glendive, will be able to more directly handle his duties.

Bro. Green, second Hysham, will probably become the potato and bean king, and soil expert in that community.

Bro. Mapes is acting manager, while Bro. Victor relieves in "DS."

Bro. P. L. Flanagan, second Worden, visited Miles City, also Horton and his sister at Hathaway several days, relieved by Sister Parslow.

Bro. E. L. Neal Hathaway, while off purchasing a new Dodge, was relieved several days by Sister E. M. Eichorn, and Bro. Nelson, while looking after his farm at Sidney was relieved by Miss Eichorn.

Bro. Fisher, after relieving Bro. Ditz, agent Huntly, went to Lehigh as agent.

Suppose we will hear some swift Morse code now as Bros. Jimmie and Foreman at Marsh just purchased a new double speed key.

Many thanks to Bros. Sheffer, Golden and Hitchcock for notes. Come again, and let me hear from some more. CERT. 71.

#### FLOWER FUND STATEMENT.

##### Receipts.

To February 28, 1919.....	\$74.35
To March, 1919.....	6.50
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Total.....\$80.85

##### Disbursements.

To February 28, 1919, flowers.....	\$17.32
Postage .....	1.25
Flowers, E. W. Barton.....	1.50
Cash on hand.....	60.78
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Total.....\$80.85

Don't neglect your flower fund dues. This fund may prove a great help to you, brother or sister, some day, we never know. Dues for new members are 25 cents first month, and 10 cents for months thereafter. Remit to the undersigned.

J. P. MEEHAN, S. & T.,  
Sweet Briar, N. D.

#### Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. C. A. Wordal has returned from a trip to Pacific Coast cities, relieved at Silver Bow by Mr. Brien, who will soon be up-to-date. He later relieved Bro. Odell, who had relieved Bro. Bullis at "MD," in emergency and also relieved Bro. Williams, agent Hall, a few days, having his eyes treated at Butte.

Bro. "Red" Thorsentaken, Elliston, went to Silver Bok third, in emergency.

Bro. Blankenship, manager "MD," relieved by Sister Avery, relieved by Bro. Littleton, from "HN."

Bro. Harold Wordal has returned from thirty days' leave visiting California, relieved at Blossburg, by Sister Hannah Deck.

Sisters Edith Lindberg and Miss Pierson are on Desmet second and third. Bro. W. E. Odell, Desmet, is on a three weeks' visit with relatives in Illinois and Mississippi.

Agent Zazarix, Avon, on vacation in Kentucky thirty days, relieved by Bro. Loquet, relieved by Sister Mabel Day.

Sister Mrs. W. P. Wilson is recuperating at her home in Avon, from a relapse she suffered on her return from the East, as a result of a previous attack of influenza.

Bro. Stickler, Helena, recently made a hurried trip to Indiana, owing to the sudden death of his mother.

Bro. Stover will leave Garrison shortly to oversee the drilling of several oil wells on his ranch, twelve miles east of Harlowtown. Bro. McClure, Garrison second, who passed the visual examination successfully at Missoula, later attended the wedding of his brother-in-law there. Bro. Case, Garrison third, recently sold his property in Deer Lodge, for \$2,000.

Certain brothers on the East End reported to be teaching telegraphy must have forgotten the solemn obligation they took when they joined the Order. It is the duty of any brother being aware of this to call the attention of the local chairman to it so he can take the proper action. No member has the right to do this until he has received permission through the proper channels. "Teaching hams" is absolutely uncalled for, and we hope drastic action will be taken in this matter at once.

Bro. Rahte, of Elliston, due to an attack of asthma, was relieved several days by Bro. J. H. Lyle, from Blossburg. Bro. Rahte is contemplating a trip to Arizona, hoping to be permanently relieved from the disease.

Bro. and Sister Lyle attended the recent Shriners' dance in Missoula.

Only one brother was thoughtful enough to send me any notes this month. I hope some of you will take the hint and drop a line or so for the next issue.

CERT. 464.

**Montana Division—**

I have been asked to send in a write-up for this division in lieu of the duly accredited sister correspondent.

It is almost impossible to have a satisfactory write-up in each issue of the journal, owing to the spirit of indifference manifested by the membership. The notes sent to the correspondent may not seem interesting to the contributor, but may be to other members who depended on the division write-up to keep in touch with what is going on. Send your items to the division correspondent not later than the tenth of each month.

Sister Goodnight to third "S," vice Sister Taylor.

Bro. J. M. Burnside, third Silesia, was a recent Livingston visitor.

Bro. R. E. Merkle, one of the Victory loan solicitors, bid in second "AU."

Sister Hazel Troupe is in Missoula Hospital with serious throat trouble. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. F. A. Turvey, of "GC" back from Mayo Bros., now under convalescence of six weeks' duration, myself relieving.

Bro. Giles, recently released from the Navy, now on third "GC," is strong for fishing, but the trout are still in the river.

Bro. Rhodes, the "Isaac Walton" of the Montana Division, missed his train while fishing up the park branch recently, and had to walk twenty-three miles back to "VS."

Bro. W. H. Brooking, Mission, is trying out his new Ford roadster, making numerous trips to Livingston. Bro. Tietz, West End, has a new 1919 Ford. Mrs. Taplin is on third Mission again.

Bro. Stockman and wife, Mission, visited Bro. Arndt and family at Springdale recently.

Bro. Davis, Muir, relieved ten days by Mrs. Tietz, who later relieved Bro. Smith there.  
CERT. 1195.

**Seattle Division—**

Supplement No. 2 to seniority list. Eliminate lines 125, 130 and 133. Add to line 129, Cert. No. 2025. Add line 134, Jones, E., 4-10-19. Add line 135, Hampton, J. M., 4-15-19. Add line 136, Todd, O. M., 4-24-19. Add line 137, Warren, W. O., 4-25-19.

The following is the new Local Board of Adjustment: J. W. Warren, Stampede; C. H. Bell, "CF" Seattle; W. F. Pangle, Snohomish and myself. Bro. J. S. Kilhefner is local secretary and treasurer, and notice should be given him of any known sick members. Bro. A. W. Ackley, Ellensburg, is division correspondent, to whom all news items for THE TELEGRAPHER should be sent.

R. C. BERGUM, L. C.

**Seattle Division Notes—**

Sister Horner, manager "CF" Seattle, on a visit to Colorado and California, was relieved by Bro. Farrington.

Sister Peterson, second Easton, and Sister Leeper, second Cle Elum, have resumed after having been absent some time on account of illness.

Local chairman and delegate, R. C. Bergum, who represented us at the convention in St. Louis, was relieved on Redmond agency by Bro. N. G. Fischer.

Bro. Tinker, third Spokane Ave., on ninety days' vacation east with his family, is being relieved by Bro. Edwall.

Bro. Eko, manager Ellensburg, spent two days in Seattle recently, relieved by Bro. James Warren, who was there taking care of his sick wife.

Sister Courtney, second Bristol; Bro. O'Connor, first Kanaskat; Sister Nash, Palmer Jct., days; Bro. Kallendar, third Lester; Bro. Bell, late night "CF" Seattle and Sister Bayer, third East Auburn, have each had a few days' leave of absence.

The chief dispatchers' office is keeping a first come first served list for those who want relief, and at present there seems to be plenty of work in sight for the extra men.

Bro. Hampton is now on third Cle Elum, vice Bro. Hudson. Div. Cor.

Local fund January 1 to March 1, 1919:

**Receipts.**

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919.....	\$114.62
Local dues, September 15-18 to March 1-19 .....	18.00
C. H. Bell, final dividend Christopher Knickerbocker & Howard estate, 75 per cent recovered.....	9.13
B. E. Nason, account brothers in service dues returned.....	4.00
C. B. Rawlins, account brothers in service dues returned.....	1.20
Notes on hand.....	20.00
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	\$166.95

**Disbursements.**

Flowers, Bro. Bayer .....	\$15.00
Flowers, Bro. H. B. Johnson.....	2.00
Flowers, Bro. D. Silliphant .....	2.00
Special credit flowers, Bro. Hooker, deducted from remittance by Bro. Fenner .....	1.00
Flowers, Bro. G. P. Mounce.....	1.50
A. B. Dick Co., for Mimeograph.....	35.15
Members in service, dues.....	48.13
Members in service, M. B. D. assess- ments .....	4.85
Local chairman, postage circulars..	1.25
Local chairman, phone calls.....	1.20
Local chairman, telegram Bro. John- son .....	1.55
Local chairman, auto ferry fare...	.70

Notes on hand.....	20.00
Cash balance as of March 1, 1919..	32.57
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	\$166.95

J. S. KILHEFNER, L. S. & T.,  
Box 366, Puyallup, Wash.

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*Tacoma Division—*

Bro. Stanton, first reservation, on three months' vacation in California and other Southern states, relieved by Bro. Matousek of third.

Bro. Wright, third "WR" Tacoma, relieved a few days by Bro. H. J. White, and Bro. Atkins relieved Bro. Kycek, agent Rainier; Sister Minor, third Chamber Prairie, and Bro. Keyes, agent Roy, several days, later relieving Sister Lyons, second St. Clair, for two months.

Bro. Carpenter, in hospital three weeks with "flu," relieved by Bro. Jakway, who later relieved Bro. Kruger, Hoquiam second, called home owing to his mother's illness.

Sister E. A. Mielke, first Hoquiam, and Bro. E. L. Carr off two months to grand convention at St. Louis, relieved by Bros. French and Klimes, from the S. P.

Bro. Dispatcher Graham, off two weeks familiarizing himself with all the crooks and turns in the road, relieved by Lund.

Bro. Schmidt, who has completed keeping the work trains moving on the big slide at Mile Post 41 for three months, relieved Bro. F. T. Wright, Montesano third, on vacation in California.

Bro. Phillips, Olympia, relieved a few days by G. W. McQuade, just returned from the Army, who promises to be with us pay day.

Napavine and Vader closed one night, allowing operators to attend the funeral of Bro. Leahy, who passed away May 2nd, after a long illness, leaving two small children to mourn his loss. Sister Leahy wishes to thank the O. R. T. for the beautiful floral offering at the passing of Bro. Leahy. Also thank Sister Vose and her sister, who so kindly rendered the sweet music at the services, and Sister Sowders, who gave her time and use of her car at the funeral.

Bro. Stanton, first Reservation, is on three months' vacation in California and other Southern states, relieved by Bro. Batousek, of third. Recently he had the Union Station raised about six feet nearer the sun, which was some improvement. A private from "over there," viewing the building, inquired for what purpose it stood there. When told it was a railroad telegraph office, he exclaimed, "I thought it was an observation post in *No Man's Land*." He was right, and the reason no battles have been fought there yet is due to the shortage of arms and ammunition.

Let's try and have a better write-up next month. Without your help it can't be done.

Thanks to Bro. Coppersmith for the

notes. Upon learning anything new, please advise me so I can get the write-up ready to send away by the 16th of each month.

Ross B. WHEELER,  
Div. Cor., Cert. 1477.

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*Idaho Division—*

Bro. Irwin, having gone to the convention, asked me to attend to the write-up during his absence.

Don't forget the importance of keeping your dues paid up. Some of the members have neglected this heretofore while the local chairman was attending conventions or away on other business of the Order, and allowed themselves to become delinquent. I trust this will not be the case when Bro. Irwin returns this time, and that he will find his division in as good shape or better than when he left. He has worked hard and is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished, and we should congratulate ourselves upon having chosen such an able local chairman.

Bro. John Schroder displaced Bro. J. W. Lucas, second Rathdrum, extra work.

Bro. L. E. Erickson relieved Bro. Day Reynolds on Ramsey first, who relieved Bro. John Schroder on Rathdrum second when transferred to third Ramsey.

Bro. Irwin, while absent at the St. Louis convention, was relieved at Athol agency by Bro. A. B. Curtis.

Sister E. C. Anderson, visiting home folks in Minnesota, was relieved on second Athol by Sister Shavalier, who later relieved Sister Jenson, second Plains, visiting home folks in Minnesota.

Bro. G. E. Gillespie, agent Rathdrum, extended his vacation to ninety days, making the trip to Indiana to visit his mother.

Bro. A. E. Elver, agent Trout Creek, has gone to his ranch, relieved by Bro. Henry, of second, relieved by Bro. Hartman, and he on third there by Geo. Hartman.

Bro. S. F. Peterson relieved on third Hope a few days by Sister Cheatham, who later relieved Bro. Sister, third Plains, doing ranch work.

Sister S. E. Williams is in the company hospital, having recently underwent an operation.

Sister C. W. Percy is convalescing in the Sacred Heart Hospital, having undergone an operation.

Bro. Fred Smith, third "BN," on jury duty, relieved by Sister Brand.

Bro. Elmer Kay, second Cabinet, on vacation, relieved by Sister Howe.

Bro. Peterson to third Cocolalla, and Bro. Merrill to Irwin agency.

Bro. Geo. Besek, third Heron, relieved a few days by Sister Thornton.

Bro. Ed. Lameraux, second Kootenai yard, is being congratulated on the arrival of a boy at his home.

Bro. G. C. Williams, second Kildee, visited Sister Williams at Missoula recently between trains.

Thanks to Sister Kay for notes.  
CERT. 133.

*Fargo Division—*

Skelly has returned from overseas and displaced Bro. McGoan, third Alta, who went to third Eckelson, vice Sister Holzman, resigned to take up a life position.

Bro. Kratz, displaced at Eckelson by Mel-dahl, relieved Sister Bumgardner, Oriska, while she spent some time in the cities and changed her name to Johnson.

John Loendorf, returned from "over there," displaced Sister Christ, second Alta, to extra list.

Bro. Myer, Valley City, called away by the serious illness of his father, relieved by Mr. Skelly, third Alta, relieved by Sister Christ.

Sister Carey, who relieved Bro. Carlson, Spiritwood, a few days later relieved Bro. Dalton at Jessie, while caring for his children, on sick list. We are glad to learn that they have improved and Bro. Dalton is back on the job.

Bro. Smeltzer, agent Kathryn, spent a month visiting points in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Bro. Hetzlerd, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Bro. Alm of Dazey.  
CERT. 590.

*St. Paul Division—*

Bro. Bartee, Little Falls, off 30 days attending the St. Louis convention, relieved by Bro. Sova, and he on third by Bro. Savage recently returned from relief work on the C. M. & St. P., in Southern Minnesota.

Bro. Tooley, recently returned from France, to Royalston agency, pending bulletin. McCullom, of Royalston, to Little Falls agency, vice Ruth to Stillwater, vice Tiffany.

Bro. Lee Randall agent at Gregory, relieved on vacation by Konop, later to third, new yard, Mississippi street, opened April 20th, with Bro. Joslin on first and Bro. Nolan on second. Sister Martenson relieved Konop on third there a few days while he was out on the line extra. Third street closed on account the yards being moved from that point.

During the summer months the Twin City Telegraphers' Club will hold meetings only once a month, the second Monday, at the Moose Hall, 6th street.

Bro. Ritt, St. Anthony Park, was off a week attending the Shriner doings at Minneapolis Duluth and St. Paul. DIV. COR.

*Lake Superior Division—*

Just returned from a two months' trip through the South.

All the section foremen are carrying an-

nual passes. We should not envy them, but strive to get them for the members of our craft. It's not a question of one working man getting too much, but the other one getting too little. Stay organized so you can get a reasonable portion of what you are producing.

Bro. Spurner, second Aitkin, attending conference, relieved by Bro. White from Canada.

Bro. Mone, returned from camp, bumped Bro. Oslie, and Bro. Youngberg, also from camp, bumped Sister Pitney, agency Morgan Park.

Bro. Selestia is relieving Bro. Gray, on vacation.

Bro. Davidson recently had his auto stolen.  
J. F. O'NEAL.

*Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry., Div. No. 55.*

Bro. R. F. Smith, agent Twinsburg, off on account of his family being sick with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Lew Davis, relief agent, who later relieved Bro. Shulenberger, second "D," Brewster.

Dispatcher Gurley, first trick, Cleveland Division, relieved several days by Second Trick Dispatcher Whistler, relieved by Bro. C. L. Farquhar, and he on second Harmon by Bro. C. E. Baltzer, and Abbott, a new man, on third.

Bro. R. C. Stanley has resigned and moved on a farm near Hartville. We all wish him success. Relieved as telegrapher and clerk, Hartville, by Gruber, a new man.

CERT. 318.

*N. C. & St. L. R. R., Div. No. 57.*

*Huntsville Division—*

We regret to report the resignation as local chairman of Bro. W. C. Brown owing to his heavy work as first trick dispatcher. He has at all times stood up for our rights, and we regret very much the loss his resignation causes us. I have agreed to fill out his term of office. I ask your co-operation, and as you have, every one, been tried and none found wanting, I know it will be forthcoming.

We want to have a write-up in our official journal each month. Send your notes to me and I will consolidate the news and forward them so as to reach St. Louis before the 25th.

Your correspondent made a quick trip to "DE" recently and enjoyed seeing the boys up there.

Bro. McAfee of Winchester was a recent New Market, Ala., visitor. Bro. Jones, "OD," has also been taking in the sights there, and Bro. W. O. Smith of Maxwell, Tenn., was a recent Huntland caller.

Sister Taylor has returned to Manchester after ninety days leave.

Bro. S. S. Dibrell has returned to Sparta agency from an extended trip through the Western states. We are very glad to have him back with us, and know that his health has improved. Bro. H. L. Sparkman, who relieved him, has gone back on telegraph job, rolling Bro. Walker.

Bro. D. J. Sparkman visited relatives in Sparta a few days recently, and Sister Johnson, Huntland, visited friends at Franklin, Tenn., relieved by Miss Fuller of Flintville.

Keep after the few nons left over here and help us to get their applications. We want a 100 per cent organization. The big 'tussle' has not yet been pulled off and we will have to have a full front and strong, willing hands to hold our end of the rope.

"JACK," Cert. 229.

#### *Atlanta Division—*

Bro. New, relief operator-agent, after helping Traveling Auditor Williamson a few weeks to "straighten up" the Dalton agency, relieved Bro. Kemp, who went to Marietta second. He had been relieving Bro. Cox at "X." Later Bro. Kemp relieved Bro. Davis, visiting friends at Whites, Sunday, recently.

Bro. Pledger was in Atlanta a few days recently.

All of the clerks are back on their old positions 100 per cent strong.

Boys, keep after the few nons on this division and give them no rest until they line up.

It's now "Bro." Bailey, third at "A." Give him 100 per cent service.

Bro. Tucker, second Gingston, is spending his vacation in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Bro. T. M. Franklin bid in second Marietta.

Bro. Bray reports good business selling Victory Bonds, our department leading about five to one.

Bro. T. J. Hale resigned as general secretary and treasurer on account of excess duties, and Bro. L. C. York, former local chairman, has been elected by general committee as his successor. All matters heretofore handled by Bro. Hale should be addressed to Bro. L. C. York, No. 42 Ferguson St., Atlanta, Ga.

CERT. 18.

#### **Louisville & Nashville R. R., Div. No. 58. Mobile and New Orleans Division—**

The meetings held in New Orleans and Gulfport had a very good attendance. The local chairman called one to be held in Bay St. Louis Monday, May 26. A circular letter was mailed to each member recently upon a subject which we all very well understand is being taken up at each meeting and our local chairman hopes that a meeting will be held in Mobile shortly to give those near there sufficient time to attend and take up this matter. It seems everyone is in favor

of this bill being passed. If anyone can suggest how to make it better, will be glad to have them do so, as it is our desire to satisfy all.

All of the jobs open have been filled. Bro. Maynard is now on third Chief Menter, leaving Rigolets, where the three tricks were abolished.

Bro. John Ellis from "FX" is very anxious to swap with Bro. Yarbough, first at Dunbar. We all understand why the latter seems undecided.

Bro. Bourgeois, second "FX," was off a Sunday recently.

Bro. Smith is on third "MO." Bro. Lowell, on first, rode to south end local recently to make himself familiar with that end.

Bro. W. P. Raymond has returned from the navy radio to third Pass Christian.

Those who have not paid their dues for the last half of 1919 should delay no longer. Everyone should have an up-to-date. Our local chairman is doing all he can to help us, and expects every other member to do likewise. The contract has been signed and we hope to have copies shortly.

Those who are not with us we hope will see what we are all trying to do for them. Line up and help make the N. O. & M. 100 per cent and the banner division.

CERT. 1134.

#### *Nashville Division—*

We understand Bro. Kessler of Mt. Pleasant has been quite sick.

Bro. Shelton is back at Lewisburg after several weeks' absence due to illness. Bro. Strane, Athens, was also off, sick, a few days, and Bro. Culver, at Baugh, was off several weeks on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Bro. Rogers and wife have returned to Ardmore after a trip to Southern points. Bro. Beasley, Ardmore, was off a few days recently on business.

Bro. Woods, at Wheelerton, was relieved by Miss Patterson a few days, and Bro. Stacey, at Chapel Hill, by Sister Griffis.

Bro. Dispatcher Overton postponed a fishing trip to spend his two days' vacation in Georgia.

We are glad to see Hamlett back from the army. See that he gets a card.

Bro. Flite, Iron City, visiting in Louisville and Cincinnati several days, was relieved by Bro. Whitworth.

Bro. Kennedy attended the Convention at Louisville. All old officers were re-elected and quite an amount of business was transacted. We are all anxious to hear of our agreement being signed. Back time has been received. Don't forget who secured it when the time comes to renew your card. We only have a few "nons" on this division. Try and get their applications as soon as possible. They received their back pay and

are anxiously waiting all other benefits, but they are not willing to take their part of the load when it comes to paying for these privileges. Put it up to them—"No card no favors."

Thanks to Bro. Kennedy for the notes. Some of you second division brothers let me have a few notes not later than the 20th of each month.

A. B. McCUNE, Cert. 64.

*Cumberland Valley Division—*

Some of the very brothers we were the proudest of have failed to keep in good standing and we are a bit hurt at such ungratefulness and hope they will pay up and help us to bring in the few who have not yet come in with us.

As a little child we read the poem about Abou Ben Adam, in which an angel came down to earth with a list of names of men who loved God and Abou's name was not on the list, so he told the angel to put his name down "as one who loves his fellow-men," and the next night the angel returned and, lo, Abou's name led all the rest, for God had shown the angel that a man who loved his fellowmen also loved God.

Brothers and Sisters in the fraternity, if you love your work and want to do it well, you will also love your fellow operators and want to stay together. Only in union is there strength. You may have your own ideals and live up to them and some one will be the better for having known you, and, again, you may live and earn money without ideals worth while, and some one will be affected by that also. We can die alone, but we cannot live without hurting or helping our fellowmen. I do not like to argue or fight my way through life and I think we can understand and be understood when we work and play fair in this new era of the world. There will surely come out of the present enough fair-minded men and women to deal out justice.

After a road is thoroughly organized the employer and employee both get along in more harmony, and conditions are better for both. It was O. R. T. men who took the time to explain to our government our situation and obtain for us some of the things we are glad to have and we should be willing to pay our share for this by keeping up to date. The things in life that cost nothing are not worth anything. I appeal to your honor as gentlemen and gentlewomen to come with us and stay with us. God helps those who help themselves.

CERT. 512.

*Kentucky Division—*

Bro. Quisenberry, third Paris Junction, was off a few nights sick, Bro. Truitt relieving.

Bro. M. S. Proctor, agent at Nada, visited

in Winchester and Richmond recently, Sister Anna Davis working as relief agent.

Griffin, moved from Sloan to Paris, has promised to send in his petition soon. Some one get the agents at Lancaster and Livingston to see the light.

Bro. J. B. Donnelly, first Livingston, spent a few days at Georgetown and Lexington, visiting relatives and taking in the races at the latter point, Bro. Singleton relieving. Others who took in the races were: Bro. Westerfield, first trick dispatcher south end, and Bros. Payne, Livingston; Cain, Ft. Estill Junction; Jordan, Winchester, and White, Richmond. Bro. White's "fliver" balked on him one night, causing Bro. Beldon to work overtime.

Bro. Dejarnette, Paris Junction, has purchased another "fliver." Joe Farmer is copying days at Paris.

Bro. Herd, Sinks, has purchased a home in Livingston. Bro. Leroy Cox of Livingston, who was over to see the "Big Chief" recently, says he doesn't mind being operator, ticket agent, baggage agent and porter, but he draws the line at being call boy.

Bro. Reed is now chief mogul at Helena agency, and he says it is a fine job.

Bro. Durbin, second Cynthiana, attended the Grand Division meeting in St. Louis as delegate for this district, Sister Ruttle relieving. She's getting to be some "baggage smasher."

Bro. Wm. Bryant is back on third East Bernstadt again after a few nights tussle with rheumatism.

Bro. Maines, agent at Silver Creek, is off on account of the death of a niece, Miss Burns relieving.

Bro. Roebuck and family visited Berea one day recently and Dave took a look at Muir agency, but decided it didn't suit him. Bro. J. B. Proctor, Ft. Estill, also turned it down. It's a good job for someone—all you need is a house.

Bro. T. R. Wilson, ticket agent at Maysville, who visited the oil fields several days recently, reports business good.

Bro. Berry, third Flanagan, is visiting in Indiana. Stephen Langford, relieving, has just returned from service in France and is working extra until he can get his seniority adjusted.

J. W. Smith, assistant agent Berry; F. C. Mulloy, agent Demossville; T. S. Clay, agent Indian Fields, and Stephen Langford, extra operator Wildie, Ky., have sent in their applications. Let's all get busy now and show the few still in the dark a little light on the subject.

It's time to pay dues and assessments. Mail them promptly and keep in good standing. It will save a lot of unnecessary work and expense to the division.

There will probably be some changes at the various offices in distributing the work.

In some cases it will cause more work to be put on some of us in order to avoid unnecessary overtime. When this occurs be sure and you give a full eight hours service, and then if the work cannot be handled properly ask for an investigation of conditions. By doing this you will get these things adjusted. Remember you must have ample proof to back up anything of this nature.

Bro. Joe Jackson is due to be released from the navy about July 1st. When he returns we must be prepared to move over and make room for him. Possibly more of the men who have been in the army and navy will return shortly and we must figure on jobs so that there will be no more changing around than can be avoided. Don't bid in a job unless you really want to work it. Swapping jobs is a mighty bad practice. It leaves too much chance for a wrangle among the men. Before you do too much trading remember that there may be something in the agreement that will have a bearing on the subject. Let us be union men and do all we can to see that everyone gets a square deal instead of trying to work wires for ourselves alone. Nothing can be gained by such practices.

E. L. DAVIS, Cert. 484.

#### *Eastern Kentucky Division—*

Owing to the illness of Local Chairman Yeary's wife he has been forced, with much regret, to leave us for two or three months and requested me to thank every member of this division for the hearty support shown him in the past. We all regret to lose such a good, faithful and true friend.

Bro. Yeary has turned the office of local chairman over to me until Bro. Bryant calls an election. With the assistance of the Brothers and Sisters I will look after things until then. It is a hard job and I must have your assistance in order to keep things going.

Advise me when any changes are made, as it is a hard matter to keep up with the large number of operators on this division.

Bro. Stokes, dispatcher, Middle District, recently visited home folks in Georgia several days.

Bro. Moore, second Chavies, is being congratulated on the arrival of a girl at his home.

Brothers, I have a list of the few who have not paid up for the last half. You know whether you are on that list, so kindly remit and let's all keep up to date. Any of you knowing of a "non" let me have his or her name and I will try to land them. I am trying to work out a plan to have a meeting at either Hazard or Jackson. Would like to hear from some of you as to the best location. It would be nice if we could get together, have a regular meeting and

thrash 'out anything not clearly understood. It would do a lot of good. I will make a trip over the division as soon as possible, get the few delinquent brothers and try to land a "non" or two. Remember that "*In union there is strength.*"

This is my first attempt at a writeup. All of you send me some notes and we will have a writeup every month.

H. HUGGINS,  
Acting Local Chairman, Cert. 1002.

#### *Eastern Kentucky Division Notes—*

Let us encourage our hard-working local chairman by paying our dues promptly and not allow ourselves to get on the delinquent list. We have already drawn enough back pay alone to keep our dues paid up, irrespective of the increases we have received. The organization is not only to get our salaries increased, but is a protection as well. Think for a moment what it has done for several of our brothers on this division.

Our dues and assessments are very small and there isn't any excuse whatever for any of us not keeping an up-to-date card.

Our local chairman attended the general chairmen's committee in Louisville, May 3, and reports conditions good all over the system, with the promise of a contract real soon, provided the members stick together.

We shall not expect to be jumping from place to place hereafter, as Mr. Davis will handle the men in the proper manner, and if a man gives up a regular position expecting to "kick" someone, he will be placed on the extra list until a regular position is open. This will be a protection to those holding regular positions, and we hope that Mr. Davis will enforce this rule as it should be.

It is now Bro. Tatum, agent Million.

Bro. Singleton, agent Rice, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Witt, relieved by Miss Durbin on third Evelyn.

Bro. Dorsey, extra dispatcher, is getting plenty of work on the north end, relieved by Bro. Reese, second. Bro. Fugate displaced Bro. Hall, second Whitesburg, who took third there.

Bro. Plummer relieved Bro. Stevens while on his honeymoon.

Our old friend, Tommy Kearns, who has been with "Uncle Sam," is back on first dispatcher's office. Bro. Whisman is back in the road.

Bro. Rogers is being relieved by Miss Dora Napier on first Blackey.

Bro. Preston, first Beattyville, and Miss Manda Knuckles on sick list a few days, former being relieved by Bro. Burnett.

Brothers and Sisters, do your work well every day and show the officials that members of the O. R. T. always "hit the ball."

Keep after "nons," and if you catch one notify Bro. Huggins, Altro, Ky., and he will do the rest.

CERT 893.

**St. Louis Division—**

Having been appointed correspondent by our local chairman, I wish the members would send some items each month so we can have a writeup in every Journal. This is one of the things that will help keep us alive and I am sure everyone would like to see this division represented.

A. Z. PEMBERTON, Cert. 233,  
McLeansboro, Ill.

**Southern Ry., Div. No. 59.**

**Atlanta Division—**

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the boys of 'his' Division for the demonstration of their confidence in electing me local chairman.

Nothing in my power will be left undone for the progress and betterment of the organization. Your support has given me encouragement and an inspiration toward great efforts.

I am going to ask your undivided support and co-operation, which is essential for our mutual success. We must line up what "nons" we have at once, and we want 100 per cent membership on this division, which can be accomplished if everyone will do his duty. Remember, "No card, no favors." See that this slogan is strictly adhered to, then you will soon see a decided change for our betterment as well as theirs. Not a single "non" should be allowed on this division. The back money leaves the few left no excuse whatever to remain outside another day.

With assurance of my appreciation for confidence bestowed upon me, and I hope that my future actions will justify it.

H. G. GAY, Local Chairman,  
Rome, Ga.

**Memphis Division—**

Bro. A. H. Thompson, extra dispatcher, and Mis Lena Kackley, Mr. Ennis' stenographer, were married May 14. After spending a short honeymoon at Barton, Ala., both returned to work. They have the congratulations and best wishes of the entire division.

Local Chairman Uptain, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Extra Stuart.

Bros. Dugan of Sheffield and H. T. Jones of Memphis, while taking the Scottish Rite and Shrine, were relieved by Bros. Webster and Byrd. Bro. Sibley Forrest was also off to take the Shrine.

Bro. Uptain, Pocahontas, while visiting friends in Alabama, was relieved by Bro. Moore of Collerville and he by Mrs. Hill.

Bro. Boyett, while visiting Memphis and home folks, was relieved by Bro. Wasson.

Bro. Boyett will work first Cypress until the Rossville agency is given to the man entitled to it.

Sister Walter, while in the hospital to have her tonsils removed, was relieved by Bro. Ash.

CERT. 588.

**"Santa Fe" Ry., Div. No. 61.**

**Valley Division—**

The joint meeting held in Stockton, April 20, by the S. P. brothers was a decided success. At the afternoon session there were 27 S. B. brothers, 6 S. Fe, and 1 W. P. In the evening 15 S. Fe, 8 S. P., and 2 W. P. brothers. Local Chairman Hamilton, Stockton Division, S. P., presided at the afternoon meeting, and our local chairman, Bro. Chenoweth, presided in the evening. G. S. & T. Hammond, General Chairman Cull, and Local Chairman Fall, Western Division, S. P., were visitors at both meetings and gave us some very interesting talks. Those not attending certainly missed a treat.

Santa Fe boys at Richmond entered a miniature tank in the Victory Parade there, April 28, which was a decided success.

Bro. Mills was off lately, being under the weather.

Bro. Joice from Chickasha, Okla., joint office of the Santa Fe and Rock Island, is visiting friends at Winton. He went deaf about two months ago while working his trick. While in the Winton office recently, listening intently to the instruments, he was able to distinguish the sounds again. We sincerely hope that his hearing will soon return to him.

Bro. and Sister Jones of Storey, and Bro. Thuet and wife of Sharon had an enjoyable evening at the Conductor's ball in Fresno, April 19. Sister Jones has purchased a ten-lesson course from the Walter Candler System, telling how to increase her telegraph abilities and will, no doubt, soon rank among the best.

"Bill" Hart has returned from France and is expected back in his old trick at Antioch soon. Moody Kimes, fourth Richmond before joining the navy, is expected in "SA" shortly, which will mean another member for us.

Harry Vaughn, an old timer on the "Valley," who volunteered with the 19th Railroad Engineers, one of the first units to arrive in France, has safely returned and expects to go to work soon at China Basin, and Mehrtins, just back from across the pond will soon resume on third Corcoran.

Bro. Griffith, third Kern Junction, is in the East. Bro. Conklin, who relieved him, was relieved on Corcoran first by Bro. Page, relieved on third by Bro. Kenyon, displaced at Visalia by Bro. F. L. Brown. Bro. Conklin's wife is seriously ill at this writing—May 15th.

Fourth Richmond cutoff, Bro. Mills, displacing Bro. Roberts, who displaced Bro.

Sisson, third Bay Point, but later took the newly created position of operator at Empire, Bro. Sisson returning to third "BY," and later relieving Bro. Costa, cashier-operator, Pittsburg, visiting in Southern California several weeks.

Bro. McDonald, agent at Bowles, is on duty again after an attack of "flu," relieved by Bro. Marley, who also relieved Bro. Byers, agent at Middle River, several days recently.

Bro. Harpel, agent at Cutler, is in Santa Fe hospital again on account of injuries received several years ago at his station. Bro. Harold Rice, relieving him, gave up the relief agent's position on account of relief agent's salary being made payable only when actually working, with no pay while idle or traveling. Bro. H. W. Hendricks is the new relief agent.

Bro. Hendricks is relieving Local Chairman Chenoweth while he is in the East.

F. L. C., Cert. 64.

#### *Coast Line Relay—*

"GO" Los Angeles, Bros. Hankinson and Willard, have returned from their vacations. Bro. Ed Abbott recently worked a short time here extra. Bro. Elliott is doing vacation work.

Bro. Archibald transferred from Fresno to Winslow. Bro. Griggs cut off at Needles on account of reduction of force, and Bro. Pearson, from Los Angeles Division, also working at Winslow. Bro. Caldwell of Winslow finds the sale of "oil stock" more lucrative than brass pounding and has quit the telegraph game temporarily. We wish him success in his new field.

Bro. Evans is back from his vacation in the mountains with a fresh coat of tan, and Bro. Smith is still vacationing. Garver of Winslow has gone to Grand Canyon for several months on account of his wife's health.

Bro. Apadoca is the only member at Albuquerque, Coast Line relay. We hope he will be able to line up the slackers there.

Our new schedule is a long step in the right direction, as it gives us recognition, something we have not had heretofore. These older organized roads have been working for some of their schedules for twenty years to get them in the present shape. Our organization is but a year old. Everybody stay in and make us solid. Be an O. R. T. enthusiast.

"X," Cert. 954.

#### *Arizona Division—*

Brother Barton, Klondike, relieved a few days by Sister Alderson; Bro. Mayer, first "NA" Needles, by Bro. Wagner, and Relief Agent Bro. Curtis, there, by Bro. Stayton.

Sister Landon, second Peach Springs, has returned from her trip East. Sister Bigoness, her relief, relieving Sister Otto, third Peach Springs a few days later to Los Angeles on a visit, returned.

Sister Noyes, McConnico, back from a trip to Lower California, Sister Alice Trenkle, her relief, relieving Sister Bowers, Franconia, a few days.

Bro. Mann, agent at Cadiz, relieved several weeks by Bro. Hinkle.

Bro. L. I. McIntyre, returning from a trip to Colorado and Wyoming, relieved Bro. Hoxie, agent at Searchlight, for his summer vacation.

The "good old summer time" is here—the vacation period has opened, and the extra operators will all be kept busy during the warm weather, as nearly everyone anticipates laying off.

Bro. and Sister F. M. Turk, agent and second at Fenner, are off on account of the death of Bro. Turk's aged father, who has been ill for some time. Bro. Wagner and Sister Alderson, relieving. Bro. W. H. Turk, Crozier, is also off on account of his father's death, relieved by Sister Alice Trenkle. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families in their bereavement.

Brother Halloran, Barstow, has gone to the convention, relieved by Bro. Mickie.

We have been granted a schedule along with other former unscheduled roads, which is very gratifying indeed and should convince the three "nons" we have that the O. R. T. is at all times laboring to improve our condition.

Some operators do not seem to think it necessary to relieve each other right on time. Of course, once in awhile if one's relief shows up a little tardy, it can be overlooked, but it is very annoying when it becomes a daily occurrence. Eight hours is what we are supposed to work, and we should report for duty on time and not have to be called. There are cases where one has only to "holler" upstairs, which isn't so bad, but generally it is a grievous imposition to have to go and call your relief, especially when they are not even sleeping.

Thanks to the brothers at Yampai and Bagdad for their notes. Also to other brothers and sisters who have given me information over the wire. CERT. 1814.

#### *Albuquerque Division—*

The Santa Fe is once more organized and has a schedule. About the only thing we have to do now is to get in the "nons."

Local Chairman High was our delegate from this division to the St. Louis convention, relieved by Bro. Sweeney, and he on third Gallup by Bailey.

Bro. Topp, third Seligman, visiting Kansas City and Topeka, was relieved by Bro. R. P. Spring on the Los Angeles and Valley divisions. Bro. Snyder, manager Seligman, on vacation to California, relieved by Bro. Badger.

Bro. Sorenson, second Dalies, called to

Wichita Falls, Texas, account the illness of his father, relieved by Bro. L. B. Durant.

Bro. Garcia was in Albuquerque a few days recently.

Bro. Evans returned from vacation, relieving W. A. Garver, who has gone to Grand Canyon for three months on account of his wife's health, relieving Bro. T. F. Sullivan, who relieved Bro. Sam Nichols, third Williams, off on account of contracting smallpox.

Sister Kelly, first Flagstaff, East on vacation, relieved by Bro. Kelly, and he by Bro. Davis on second. Crawford, on third, an old head on this division, is still holding out.

Sister McDermott relieved Mrs. Warren, Laguna first, relieved on second by Sister Nowlin, and she on third by Sister Neff, Winslow.

Agent Chambers now works 8 a. m. to 12 noon, and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Bro. Ward, second there, relieving Bro. Burton, third Adamana, resigned.

Bro. Sullivan, third Manuelito, relieved Sister Schelter, resigned. Sister Van Doren, third Manuelito, relieved by Multava, back from the colors.

Bro. Fred Bourgnon to third Perea after a month in the Albuquerque hospital with the "flu."

Keep hot and heavy after Hopkins and Macey, "GY" Gallup, and Crawford, third Flagstaff, and other "nons" you know of. If any of them claim they have a card, make them give you proof that it is up to date. As soon as a man comes on the job ascertain if he has a card and if not give him a reasonable time to get one. Offices paying \$110 a month this time last year are now paying \$188 a month, an increase of \$936 a year, and anyone who would back out of the order that got an increase that large for a year is no man at all and not fit to work alongside of a real man or woman. He is no better than a "non," so treat them the same.

Thanks to the brothers who sent me the notes this time. Come again with a few more next time.

"FN," Cert. 350.

#### New Mexico Division—

Bro. Malmgreen, Jansen second, resigned, succeeded by Bro. Stockdale, and he on third there. Noble of Wooton, succeeded by Bro. Wilson, with Bro. Sullivan on second there.

Sister Myrtle Thorne is back on third Thatcher after several days' illness with tonsilitis. She has blossomed out as a "farmerette."

Bro. Benedict, visiting his mother in Texas, relieved on Trinidad third by Bro. Buchanan, third Raton.

Bro. James Savage, second Starkville, is raising chickens, dealing in diamonds, In-

dian rugs, Liberty and Victory Bonds, etc. He contemplates purchasing a Stutz racer, so he'll have a place to use his lap robe.

Local Chairman Anderson, agent at Jansen, is in Las Vegas milling the situation over with Superintendent Myers. Give first-class service and it will then be much easier for our representatives to settle our grievances.

Ratch, fourth, cut off, leaving but three men there, but business will soon be so heavy that the fourth, and possibly a fifth, man will be needed there.

With but two or three exceptions we are 100 per cent strong. Let's see if we can't go "over the top" in membership by July 1st. Remember, "*No card, no favors.*"

Don't wait for the dispatcher to call you, "OS" your trains promptly, keep him posted on the weather and any other unusual conditions that may arise and that he should know of. Keep awake. We have the eight hour day we have been after for thirty years, so let's show the officials that we appreciate it and all work together in harmony. Get to Trinidad and attend the meetings. We have had quite a fair representation there, but let's see if we can't do better. Show the D. & R. G. and the C. & S. that we are also "in the game to win."

Recently Johnnie Williams, helper, Starkville, "OS'd" a train. The dispatcher didn't get the station name and asked:

"Who it is?" He replied, "Johnnie Williams, the helper; Mister Parrish is eating dinner." If the Blackhands don't get Johnnie he may soon be working bonus.

Sisters and Brothers, send me your items and let's have a good writeup every month. I work second Starkville and will be pleased to hear from you at any time. P. O. Box No. 201, Starkville, Colo.

"KE," Cert. 2693.

#### New Mexico Division Notes—

We are almost 100 per cent on this division, and with a little more coaxing the others will come in.

Agent F. B. Strong, Ute Park, claims he is too old to join. Some of you brothers tell him there is no age limit; also Agent Myers at Wagon Mound, because his name is the same as that of the superintendent is no reason why he should not come in. Then there is J. F. Scott at Cimarron, on vacation—keep after him also.

Conditions are changing fast and if we don't get thoroughly organized before the roads go back to private ownership we will have the same conditions we experienced through the many long years in the past. When the "nons" ask what the Order intends doing tell them our motto is, "*No card, no favors,*" and the best thing for them to do is to get lined up and then

they can see what is going on without asking questions.

I hope every Brother will send a writeup to J. F. Anderson, P. O. Box 232, Trinidad, Colo., for publication next month.

CERT. 2239.

*Rio Grande Division—*

Understand our division again led all the others on the Santa Fe System in the V Liberty Loan drive and some of the heaviest subscribers were the brothers and sisters.

Stock is moving, more men are being put on and we do not anticipate any further reduction in force, but better to think twice before you start "rambling." Brothers, jobs are not as plentiful as they were and it is well to stay where you have the seniority. This division is a pretty good place, after all.

Bro. Conner, agent at Las Lunas, working eight hours now, was previously working twelve. Helper has been allowed to protect night trains, which cuts Bro. Conner out of his time and half proposition.

A number of the boys are back from the army, consequently many changes, especially in "SM." It seems that about 90 per cent of the boys who went to the army from this division were from "SM," either operators or dispatchers, which speaks well for that office.

Bro. Bert Harris, relieving in "SM" while dispatchers are on their monthly vacations, later relieved Bro. Bruce Haverty, third "YD," who was transferred to "VG" Las Vegas relay. We were sorry to lose him, but glad to see Bruce get back home. "No place like home." We hope he will give as good service at "VG" as he did on the Rio Grande Division. It was par excellence there. Mr. Sniff, back from France, on second "SM," understand favorable, but we are patiently waiting.

First Rincon abolished, Bro. Law, agent, doing the telegraphing. Mrs. Law is relieving Bro. Green, Las Cruces second, while he is on days temporarily. Third Nutt abolished, displacing Sister Mary Holt, who displaced Miss Fleecy Bowers, second Barr. Brother F. E. Garrett, Division 32, is on second Socorro.

Bro. Joe Blalock, third Engle, resigned, and crossed over into Old Mexico, hunting for the "Fountain of Youth" or Pancho Villa. We hope he locates them both.

Sister Blanche Knight, second Rincon, on sixty days' leave to Los Angeles, relieved by B. L. Jones, just back from "Over There," who, upon arriving, asked for blanks. We all hope Sister Knight will have a nice vacation.

Sister Josephine Dolan, first Barr, relieved on a week's vacation by Miss Bowers. Sister Bertha Schulmaester is on third there, after being off several months on account of an operation for appendicitis.

It is now Bro. Weber, agent Nutt, and Bros. F. H. Lane and M. H. Goldberg, Canutillo. Congratulations, boys; glad to have you.

Bob Martin, formerly second "PS" El Paso, displaced when third was abolished, after sixty days' vacation went to "CD" Deming and will come in soon.

Bro. S. Bell, after relieving on first "CD" Deming, went to Magdalena days.

Thanks to Bro. Lewis, second Rincon, for most of these items. He believes in putting some "pep" into the game. All news items greatly appreciated.

CERT. 760.

*Colorado Division—*

Quite a number of offices closed on the east end of the division Sundays and holidays, giving the brothers and sisters a chance to go to church or take in a ball game. Local Chairman Rote has resigned on account of other business. Bro. Merritt, Canon Junction, judging from the success he has had with the "nons," would make a first-class successor. He landed nine in April and nine more up to May 20. If you know of anyone you think would make a good local chairman, please let us know.

Let's keep after the few "nons" on the division and line them up.

Bro. Sheldon goes back to "BC," succeeded at "R" by Bro. Rote, relieved at "XN" by R. T. Quick, just back from the army. He sent in his application.

Bro. Tanquary, who has been relieving Sister Peck at "MG," represented us at the St. Louis convention, Bro. Rote, delegate Colorado-New Mexico Division, not being able to attend.

Bro. Harp is back on second Canon Junction, having been away some time on account of sickness and death in his family. Bro. Ballinger, his relief, returning to Pueblo Junction.

Sister McNish relieved McCoy at Herrick on vacation. He sent in his application, then got cold feet and wired Bro. Patton to "bust" it and return his money, and it was sent to him by return mail.

Sommers pulled off. Bro. Coffman to Swink second.

Bro. O'Connor is back at Colorado Springs after spending his vacation in California. Sister Palmer back to Florence.

CERT. 666.

*Northern Division—*

Local Chairman Bogle attended the convention held in Albuquerque, March 31, when the present officers were re-elected for another term. The members of the G. C. Lines are fortunate to have a man of Bro. Braun's ability for their representative. We should assist him in every way possible to bring the Santa Fe to the front after being

unorganized so many years, and show him that his work is appreciated.

Bro. S. C. Jones, second Ft. Worth, to "SK" Ft. Worth; third East Dallas discontinued, Local Chairman Bogle to "FD" Dallas; Justin discontinued as three-trick station. Bro. Whitfield going to Ft. Worth and Bro. Mitchell to the Fifth District.

Sister Helen McAllister, first Paris, is recuperating nicely after an operation for appendicitis in C. G. hospital and will be back on the job soon.

It is now Bros. C. E. Perry, Wanette, and O. Nelson at Paris.

Keep after the "nons" and give them no rest until they line up.

I wish to thank Bros. Neal and Donoho for their assistance in this writeup. Come again, so we can be represented each month.

CERT. 1605.

#### Oklahoma Division—

This division held its first meeting April 19 at Guthrie, Okla., with quite a number of the members present, but not nearly so many as should have come. Working conditions were discussed and appointments made as follows: Bro. Cassity, first Purcell, assistant local chairman, Oklahoma Central District; Bro. Cavin, first Cushing, assistant local chairman, Third District; Bro. Edwards, first Guthrie, correspondent for the whole division, and Bro. Yenzer of Ripley to succeed Bro. O'Connor, first acting local chairman of the division, relieved. Let us help him all we possibly can.

Some changes are being made on account of returning soldier operators reclaiming their old jobs. Bro. Longpine to first and Bro. McBride to third tricks, Oklahoma City; Bro. Irwin, acting agent at Jet, displaced by a returning soldier, displaced Bro. Hudson on second Oklahoma City, who bumped Bro. Hannah, Cushing first, who relieved Bro. Holly on second train order job.

Bro. Andrus returned to Seward agency, vice Bro. Barrett to operator relief work, now at Skedee.

Mail applications, or refer them to Brother Yenzer at Ripley, who will see that no time is lost in getting them lined up.

Let us make this division 100 per cent in membership if possible. Seems quite strange to be receiving bulletins on the vacant places now, when only a short time ago we were receiving notices to go to a certain place whether desirable or not. Organization has already eliminated this one disagreeable thing, and with a little time and loyalty to the organization we can get all the good to be had from a good schedule.

This division is too large for one man to cover and I will thank any of you to mail me a few notes. Don't forget the address. Thos. F. Edwards, first trick operator, Guthrie, Okla.

CERT. 834.

#### Illinois Division—

A very interesting meeting was held on May 7 at Chillicothe, a number attending in spite of the short notice. General Chairman Currie showed what excellent progress we had made and outlined plans for the future, assuring us of an early schedule.

We hope to have many more such enjoyable gatherings.

Bro. Oscar Carlson is still at home with lumbago. His daughter, Alma, relieving him on first Monica Tower.

Bro. Benjamin, relieved at Williamsfield by Bro. Earl McKee, relieved Local Chairman Sullivan at N. Streator while he attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Mullen, second, and Bro. Finch, agent at Appleton, have exchanged positions. Bro. Howard Peck has returned from France to third there.

We understand Bro. Tate, agent at Dahinda, has applied for a position with Ban Johnson's American League staff of umpires. Hope none of Walter Johnson's fast ones go through the catcher's hands while the brother is umpiring.

Keep after the agents at Princeville and Edelstein. Both are still "nons."

Bro. F. L. Carr, lineman Chillicothe, has purchased the Davidson property on Cutright Street. The back pay came in very handy.

Brothers, please forward your news to manager "HI" office not later than the 20th.

CERT. 612.

#### Queen & Crescent, North, Div. No. 62.

N. O. & N. E. R. R.—

No news received from any source and it's impossible to keep up with the various changes taking place.

Bro. L. C. Rawls succeeded by Mr. Moody, returned from Y. M. C. A. work, as ticket agent, is now on third "SU" Hattiesburg, Jones a new man, on second there.

Superintendent Woods promoted to a much higher position in Cincinnati, succeeded by Trainmaster Reid, and he by Conductor A. M. Tipton, who believes in giving everyone a square deal, and is a firm believer in organized labor. We should co-operate with him in every way possible.

Bro. W. J. Dyess represented us at the St. Louis convention.

The railroads are to be returned to private ownership, and there is more reason now than ever that we keep organized and up to the hundred per cent mark if we wish to maintain a living wage. We must not forget the many struggles and hardships and let our membership lapse.

Remit your dues promptly to Bro. E. W. Shadoan, Georgetown, Ky., the new secretary-treasurer of this division.

Will some good brother kindly send me

a few notes each month and help me to keep up with the various changes taking place. No news received from any source. It takes team work to keep our organization up to proper standard. CERT. 905.

*Alabama Great Southern R. R.*

The finishing of the new double track between "BA" tower and Russell Jct., Miss., caused the closing of these two offices, and many changes on this division.

Bro. J. L. White goes to Rising Fawn, Ga., third; Bro. W. W. Cochran to Crudup, Ala., agent-operator; Bro. L. B. Green to Akron, Ala., third; Bro. G. W. Lamb to Stewart, Ala., second; Sister L. B. Harmon to Grimes, Ala., second; Bro. J. B. Patterson to Russell, Miss., and Bro. C. S. Hellman to Coalings, Ala., agency.

Train order office opened at Toombsboro, Miss., with two tricks.

Local Chairman Higdon has resigned, and Bro. D. H. Pearce has been appointed to fill the unexpired term.

We bespeak the hearty co-operation of the entire membership to make things "hum" on this division. CERT. 974.

*A. & W. P. & W. of A. R. R., Div. No. 63.*

We showed up pretty well on the Victory Loan drive, but not as well as I expected considering what a good investment the last loan was.

We are glad to welcome Bro. T. M. Hudson back from "over there." He has his discharge from the signal corps and relieved Sister Waldron on first LaGrange for two months. It is rumored she is soon to be married. Perhaps "Harry" could tell us something about it.

Clip out the decisions of Board No. 3 reproduced in the journal each month, as no doubt questions raised on this road that some of these decisions cover. The Sunday hour controversy is already being discussed, and we hope to have it satisfactorily adjusted in the near future. We have been holding off waiting to hear from Washington.

I have had so much to do recently that I was unable to get up anything of interest. Hope to have a better write-up next time. When it comes to sending in notes most all the brothers seem to have that dread disease "sleeping sickness." A hint to the wise is sufficient.

J. A. KIRKLAND, G. S. & T.,  
CERT. 33.

*Union Terminal of Dallas, Div. No. 67.*

This being our first write-up, I am a bit limited as to news. Will endeavor to be represented each month hereafter, as I am sure of the co-operation of the brothers of our little division.

Among our recent visitors were: Trainmas-

ter Marshall, M. K. & T., and Bro. Lagrange, first "MKT," both of Denison, Texas. The latter having to catch a train, made a short but nevertheless welcome call.

General Chairman Whitins was our delegate to the St. Louis convention, and enjoyed the trip from a pleasure as well as a business standpoint.

Second Trick Towerman Carroll, Santa Fe Jct., will soon be with us. Men of his intelligence are always willing to do their part in carrying on any good work, and we shall be pleased to welcome him as a member, making our 100 per cent membership solid.

Let us aim to give the company's various roads running into Dallas good and efficient service.

Deputy President Delaplaine, with us for some time, has taken his departure. He was a big help to the boys, who are very grateful for his excellent advice, always freely given. We all miss "Del." long for his return and send him our "73."

Brothers, please send or phone me your news items not later than the 15th, in order that I may arrange and send them to St. Louis before the 25th. If you come in mornings, or between 7 and 3 p. m., you can hand them to Bro. Kilgore, our manager. He will be glad to see you, and will always be found in a good humor, as he was married just recently.

I just sent Bro. Guy A. Littlepage, grand secretary and treasurer, 1426 First Avenue, Dallas, Texas, \$5.00, covering special assessment, which should have been sent in some time ago. Any of you brothers who have not done so, kindly follow suit as quickly as convenient.

You will note in the M. K. & T. write-up an account of the enthusiastic meeting recently held by the Dallas O. R. T. Club, when it was agreed to accept new members residing in Dallas and vicinity, for \$2.00 up to June. Those wishing to take advantage of this liberal offer will mail fees to Bro. J. H. Barnhardt, care M. K. & T., "GM" office, Dallas. The permanent location for club rooms is now pending. A banquet and dance will be given shortly at Lake Cliff Pavilion, when all members will be urged to attend.

"MN." CERT. 5.

*Lehigh & New Eng. R. R., Div. No. 68.*

We had a very pleasant meeting at Pen Argyl, May 4th, called at 10:30 a. m., attended by ten. Various topics of interest were discussed. It certainly is disheartening to have so few brothers in attendance, especially now the weather is favorable for traveling.

General Chairman Fehr attended the St. Louis convention, and gave us the news at the meeting, June 1st.

The flower fund is progressing favorably.

Don't forget to remit two bits for three successive months, it is a worthy cause.

Let us hope when one of the ground men goes to Bethlehem again, he stays out of the way of the automobiles, not mentioning any person's name.

Bro. E. Merkle has a Buick car. We hope he will soon line up "DA" office.

We are all glad to hear that the linemen and ground men received their back pay in full. Thanks to the O. R. T., General Chairman Fehr, Bros. E. Merkle and E. E. Mattes, committee. This certainly furnishes an excellent illustration of the benefits and advantages offered by the O. R. T. What have the nons secured for themselves? Nothing. Let us all go after them, brothers. There are nine nons and one delinquent in our midst. We need a 100 per cent division, let's get it, I'm not satisfied with a 90 per cent division. If coaxing won't do any good, remember that "*No card, no favors*" will, when properly applied.

Don't ask for something you do not want, like one of the L. & N. E. groundmen.

General Chairman Fehr, General Secretary and Treasurer Cowling and Bros. Smith and Minogue, committee on entertainment are arranging for a banquet. Hope they will have it before July 1st, to avoid the drought.

CERT. 9.

#### Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 70. Cascade Division—

Forty-three of the boys turned out to our monthly May meeting at Central Labor Hall, Everett. It was called for 2:30 p. m., but postponed until 4:00 p. m., on account of the agents' meeting.

Bro. Longfellow was appointed secretary. Bros. Simpson, Everett, and McQuire, Seattle, were appointed to draft an order of business, so that in future our meetings will run more smoothly.

The following have been appointed assistant local chairmen: Bro. Huston, Skykomish, Main Line, Everett Jct., to Leavenworth; Bro. Christopherson, Mukilteo, Coast Line, Seattle to Blaine and Skagit Branch; Bro. Boggs, New Westminster, Blain to Vancouver and Sumas Branch.

Bro. Green, third Blaine, is on a six months' sick leave. We hope at the end of that time to see him back with us again.

Bros. Ackers, agent Skykomish, Barrett, first Skykomish, Willard, first Stanwood are back from the service and Bro. Batchelder, agent Chiwaukum, is reported on his way home from France.

It is suggested that we get these ex-service boys together and let them try and line up Agent Dolson, Snohomish.

We were all grieved to learn of the recent death of J. B. Stewart, Sr., first Delta, after a short illness.

Bro. Oursler, agent Cascade Tunnell, re-

lieved four days by Bro. Rowan who also relieved Sister Batchelder, Chiwaukum, thirty days.

Sister Bruock, third Tye, off a few days, relieved by Mrs. Lowrey and Bro. Clinton, second Cascade Tunnel, by Sister Hollingshead.

Bro. McNamara, first Everett Jct., relieved two weeks, by Bro. Barnett, second Jct. and he by McLellan, whose signed application I am holding.

It is now Bro. Moore, third Pacific Avenue, and Bro. J. C. Devry, Jr., extra.

The nons and the delinquents should put the back time to good advantage by using it to get a card and paying up.

Our schedule is all right, but we want a 100 per cent schedule, and the only way we can get it is to get a 100 per cent membership. It is not much trouble to line up the new men, but it is hard to make a few of the old-timers see things our way.

Many thanks to Bro. Simpson for his notes this time, and would like to get some from the rest. Send them to R. H. VanDyke, Great Northern Freight Depot, Everett.

CERT. 1621.

#### Willmar Division—

At the meeting held in Willmar, Sunday, May 4th, about twenty members were present, including our general chairman from St. Paul, Bros. Bergfolk and Whittaker, Litchfield; Bro. Steen, Kerkhaven, and Bro. Roth, Donnelly. Our new schedule was discussed and many interpretations and decisions made. It was a great success, and everybody had a good time. These meetings will be held at different points on the division each month, and the boys not attending will surely miss a good time. Get the habit and come to the meetings.

Bro. Walters assigned Murdock agency on bulletin, vice Bro. Nedeau to third Campbell, succeeded at Murdock agency by Bro. Walters. Bro. S. T. Oliver, from Williston, was the only bidder for cashier and telegrapher Benson. Bro. Ellis to Doran agency, vice Bro. Walters, and Bro. J. C. McEllis returning from "overseas" service to DeGraff agency.

We now have our new schedule, the first in thirteen years.

Bro. Kub, Dassel, is on thirty days' leave.

If any nons in your office or next to you on the line, please keep after them and let chairman know, make it your business to find out if the man next to you and working with you is a member or not, and if not, let your chairman know at once.

Local Chairman Olson was delegate to the St. Louis convention from this division. Be sure to attend the next meeting to hear reports on important matters from him when he returns.

CERT. 281.

*Sioux City Division—*

Bro. Hollmotsz was appointed relief agent, succeeded as agent at Viborg by Bro. Cook, from Maynard. Bro. Sundberg, C. B. & Q., Stueben St., Sioux City, to "SX" Sioux City nights, Bro. Rott going back to days.

The Great Northern has the contract to build the new Terminal Railway at Sioux City, this will mean additional work at Doon gravel pit, and stations west of there taking care of work trains.

The company is holding O. S. & D. meetings over the division. Show you are good union men by trying to follow the instructions given. Every time you prevent a loss or damage you are helping the company and also yourself.

The meeting of the Sioux City Telegraphers' Club at the Howard Hotel, Sunday, May 11th, was well attended, and all were greatly pleased with the address by Superintendent Larson, of the Milwaukee, his subject being "Corporation." J. A. MacKinnon, of the Great Northern, was to be present at the meeting June 8th.

Some of the boys on the Yankton line drew some overtime in May by going to work early to sell tickets for the special train to the soldiers' homecoming at Sioux Falls, May 21st.

The seniority lists have been received and we now know where we all stand. If you do not understand all the rules in the schedule bring the matter up at our meetings or write our local chairman for an explanation. They should be understood and lived up to. The company is going to live up to them and expects the same from every employee.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

Send me some news. Bro. Phillips was the only one who sent any in this month.

CERT. 1331.

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*Minn. & St. Louis R. R., Div. No. 71.  
Central and Western Division—*

General Secretary and Treasurer Sandmier was the only party sending in any news this month, so to him is due the credit for the majority of the items. He with General Chairman Gardner, and Local Chairman Madden attended the St. Louis convention. Bro. Sandmier in bed ill a week prior to the convention, relieved by Bro. C. G. Carlson; LaSalle, Minn., who was taking a few days' vacation. Bro. P. A. Strobel relieved Agent Myers, Langdon, on vacation.

Dispatcher Cook, relieved a few days on account of sickness, by extra Dispatcher Bro. E. L. Hagen, from Luverne, vice Mr. Pankehurst, from second Humboldt.

Bro. Loomis, Moorland, relieved by R. I. Carlson on vacation. Brothers, explain to Mr. Carlson the merits derived by carrying an up-to-date card, and try to secure his application.

Brothers, if you are not familiar with what the duties of a helper are, write Bro. Sandmier for the definition. Some of the helpers are performing duties that entitle them to come under our schedule and should be paid accordingly.

It is now time to pay dues for the last half of 1919, please remit promptly to Grand Secretary-Treasurer Sandmier and save the division the expense of his having to write you.

Bro. Carr, Gowrie, has a new Ford on the front of which he has placed the name of "Hawkeye" in bright letters. When the brothers meet him this means he wishes them to give him the right of way.

General Chairman Gardner was called upon to handle the cases of Operators Bros. Fabel and Perkins' whose positions in Mpls. depot were abolished May 11th, and case was handled in accord with Articles 11 and 18 of our schedule, former being given a position in freight depot in Mpls. at the same salary, latter going to Aberdeen as operator.

Meeting at Mpls. and Oskaloosa will be called shortly. Watch for the notices and attend. It is to your interest to do so. As soon as you receive notice of the meetings, please make arrangements to get away and come.

DIV. COR., CERT. 451.

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*Eastern Division, 1st District—*

Business seems to be rather light on the north end and operators plentiful.

Bro. Gardner has returned from the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Edwards is on third Brighton; Bro. White being seriously ill; Bro. Holvert is on third Abbott; Bro. Lingham on first and Bro. Purcell second yard.

We welcome Dispatcher Nixon home from the front, on third, east end, vice Bro. Tompkins back to Farmington agency, Bro. McCullan to Union extra.

Bro. Tyler visiting several weeks in Arkansas, bumped by T. H. Guggerty and Bro. Vealie, bumped June 15th, by Bro. Trout, back from the army.

Clerical and rate clerk jobs are now being bulletined, giving any brother tired of hearing the brass click a chance to better himself.

Local Chairman McLin was a recent "SK" visitor, and Bros. Bill Parker and C. W. Velle, of "SK" were Waterville visitors.

J. E. C., CERT. 560.

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*So. Pac. Ry., Atlantic, Div. No. 72.**Victoria Division—*

Bro. Z. B. Alexander returned from the St. Louis convention May 21st, and says he had a great time there. He was relieved at Port Lavaca by R. A. Faulk, cashier.

On account of bad health, Bro. O. G. Hoegemeyer has been in Marlin for the past

thirty days taking hot baths. He is feeling some better, but will be quite a while before he will be able to hit the ball again. J. D. Whitten is relieving him at Smiley.

Discipline bulletin No. 166 insinuates that some of the boys have lost their "pep." If you are relying on Bevo to produce the pep, "forget it," and be a good "pro." Cut out the strong drink, or try something moderate, a little barbed wire dissolved in cayenne, which might produce the desired effect.

Extra gang 71 has finished laying heavy steel between Mackey and Hillje. This completes steel laying which was started in 1915.

Bro. A. A. Morgan has given up ranching and is now with the Express Company at San Antonio.

CERT. 118.

#### **Chicago & N. W. R. R., Div. No. 76. Chicago Terminal District—**

The "welcome home" of the 13th Engineers was great, the weather being lovely and the turnout of the fellow rails was all that could be expected. Bro. Cone was detailed to assist the "cheer leaders" and performed his part well. Vernon Hawkins was the only one of our number in line as Bro. Rice returned a couple of months ago.

The mass meeting held May 10th in Musicians' Hall was fairly well attended, although more could have shown up. Past President Ramsay and First Vice-president Brown were the only grand officers in attendance. However, the pleasant countenances of General Chairmen Soyster of Division 23, Thomas of 76 and Ross of 89 rounded things out in such shape that the meeting was pleasing to all. Bro. Dal Jones was also present and gave a nice talk.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Boyington in the death of Mrs. Boyington's father, also to Bro. Joseph Blakely in the death of his father. We are now glad to hear that the youngest daughter of Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Boyington is fast recovering from peritonitis, having been in the Evanston Hospital for four weeks.

Bros. Dixon and Wroblewski have found it necessary to survive on soup and cereals for awhile, because of shedding their teeth and waiting for new ones to grow.

Bro. Ott resigned to go into the ice business. Bros. Dixon and Cone bought a Victory Bond from Fritzi Schiff, receiving her autograph and photograph for the purchase.

Send your news items to the office after this, please, and they will be assembled and written up from there.

CERT. 486.

#### **Galena Division—**

Bro. H. A. Harvey, returned from France, bid in second Aurora.

The C. N. W. boys, Co. E. 13th Engineers, are back after an interesting time in France

cogding German shells. There were a few of our O. R. T. brothers among them and we gave them a rousing welcome in Chicago on May 12th while parading down Michigan boulevard.

Non Clark on River Forest extra, at end of six tracks.

Everyone is busy studying the new book of rules, which went into effect June 1st.

Local Chairman Webster attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Plitz, Batavia, is anxiously awaiting the fishing season in Wisconsin to open up.

Bro. V. N. Bates of Ashton bid in Marengo, and F. A. Outhank, agent Syracuse, went to Belvidere agency.

Bro. Goodell McHenry on 90 days' leave. Position up for bids.

Bro. Scott, third Geneva, was off a few days recently.

This division is nearly solid now with a few exceptions.

The telegraphers and agents made a good showing on the Victory Liberty Bond subscription.

CERT. 435.

#### **Wisconsin Division—**

With deepest regret we learn of the death of our friend and faithful member, Bro. C. R. Smallwood, of Allis, on May 2nd.

"Chips" left the office at 12 midnight, after finishing his trick, apparently in the best of health and spirits. At 5:45 a. m. Bro. Newhauser received a message over telephone announcing his death, with cause of death unknown. He was a faithful employe on this division for over 28 years and his death will be mourned by all. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Pagel, 1199 Prospect avenue, Milwaukee, who has the fullest sympathy of the entire division.

Meetings were held at Milwaukee and Chicago during April with very interesting talks by Grand Secretary and Treasurer Boyington and General Chairman Thomas relative to new schedule now pending, etc. To give the details would require too much valuable space; therefore I wish to announce the importance of members attending these meetings and getting acquainted with happenings along the line. That is the proper place to present any grievances for investigation. Though they may seem trivial, nevertheless, they may be of interest and profitable to all.

Overlooking the fact that some of the brothers are lax in attending meetings, why not devote this valuable time in convincing some of the nons who may happen to be in your vicinity, the necessity of carrying a card that in their present status they are about as welcome as smallpox and to forget that stone age stuff and sign up with a twentieth century organization, the O. R. T.

Bro. Kielgas, Glencoe, spent several days

recently visiting friends and relatives at Duluth.

Bro. Pope relieved Weir at Shoreline, who went to Willow; Bro. J. J. Koski, third Waukegan, to third "GO," and Bro. J. M. Shore, Janesville, to third Waukegan.

Bros. E. C. Ohrmund and R. M. Howe, accompanied by their better halves, spent an enjoyable week-end with friends and relatives at St. Cloud, Wis.

Quoting from Scripture, that the "Lord loves a cheerful giver," let this be your guide and give freely the news items to your local correspondent of current events and happenings along the line. It is our desire to have a write-up each month, and to accomplish this requires assistance from all.

CERT. 823.

#### *Ashland Division—*

Bro. H. A. Jack, agent, Wakefield, is now comfortably settled in his new home.

Siemens opened May 1st with Bro. A. J. Hooper on first; Sister Adhearn, second, and L. P. Albrecht, third. The latter promises faithfully to get a card.

Orva also opened May 1st with E. R. Swanson on first; Bro. C. F. Hills, second, and Reed on third. Keep after Swanson. He is one of the few *nons* on the division. Maher, first Kimball, and A. M. Girdner, second. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors."

Cedar opened up May 1st with Bro. Hutchinson on first and Bro. C. E. Coleman on second. Alder and Ore Dock yards not yet opened. Bro. Checkle to new third Odanah. Bro. Pelton, Antigo, to Ashland side wire dispatcher's office, vice Bro. A. Rydeski, back to first Mercer. Bro. J. H. Collins, second Antigo dispatcher's office, is doing extra dispatching. Also Bro. A. Garden, who worked Ashland side wire last winter. Glad to see these boys getting promotions and hope there will be more of them.

Bro. A. F. Gartner, second Saxon, to third there; Agent Hensley Saxon to second Sugar Bush.

Brothers, get after the few delinquents. Have them pay up, and set a good example. We can then hope to secure as good a schedule as any in the country, but with delinquents and *nons* still lingering with us, it's almost impossible to do anything. We have more of the latter now than at any time of the year because the ore movement has just started and a great many come from other roads without cards. Brothers, get after them, do not leave it entirely to your local chairman.

Cashier W. J. Buchmiller, Wakefield, spent the week-end with his brother, G. A. Buchmiller, Westboro, Wis., division correspondent Northern Division "Soo Line."

Local Chairman McDonough, Clintonville,

attended the St. Louis convention as delegate from this division.

Sister Jane Albrecht started on second Cedar, and Sister Ethel Young on second ore dock yard, May 15th. Glad to see all our sisters back again. We have three on the North End, all up-to-date.

A large number of the agents on this division attended a meeting May 8th in Mr. Guigley's office, at Antigo. The purpose was to get the office forces on a straight eight-hour day. In some cases it proved unsuccessful until further arrangements can be made.

Bro. Theo. Kohl, agent Hurley, hopes to soon secure another operator so as he can also enjoy the eight-hour day as well as the rest. He and Bro. L. E. Wudi, Hurley, have been working from ten to eleven hours a day. A clerk for that station has been the present outlook, but in order to retain the Western Union office there an operator will have to be provided.

No news from the South End. If you are sick, or meet with an accident, change your position, take a trip, know of any position that has been advertised, some brother that got married, or an increase, bought a car, got somebody's application for the O. R. T., that's news, brothers. Send any happenings of this sort to me and I will have them published in this book each month.

H. H. LAFAYE, Wakefield, Mich.

#### *Peninsula Division—*

All the summer jobs are now open and everything in full swing for the ore season. Bro. R. J. Moras to first Antoine, relieved on second Florence by Bro. L. Ranquette, later relieved there by Bro. Lancour, and relieved McGuire on Marinette first.

Bro. I. R. Nelson to second and Bro. E. H. Lancour to third Indian Town, relieved a few days by Bro. F. W. Lavigne.

Bro. A. E. Barber opened up Crystal Falls second, but after a few days it was closed again. Bro. Rochon is now working a trick, and Bro. C. A. Laure is on second.

Bro. R. L. Vachon to first North, relieved on second Stambaugh by O. B. Mucholtz.

Bro. W. R. Damitz, agent Narenta, went to Milwaukee for several days.

Bro. Q. T. Ferner has returned from the Sioux City Division, where he was transferred for the winter months.

Bro. Ferner to Hematite second, vice Payton to first Palatka, vice Bro. H. S. Johnson to third North. Later Bro. Ferner relieved Bro. F. Laveau on Vulcan second, who went to second Pentoga.

Bro. Peters, still in the service, is on 30 days' furlough visiting his folks in Hurley. N. M.

Bro. I. J. Barber opened third Stager, and A. R. Perket, second Quinnesec.

Bro. Wm. Perket, relieved by Bro. J. J.

Jensen on second Spread Eagle, took Surgeon second, and Bro. A. E. Barber took third Spread Eagle.

Thanks to Bro. C. A. Saure for his items.  
BRO. J. E. RANGER,  
Indian Town, Mich.

#### *I. & M. Division—*

Brothers, we must get after some of the "mossbacks" around us who have failed to do their duty by taking out cards, after all the Order has done for them. Bro. Klime will be glad to furnish you application blanks and a list of these "joy killers." If they refuse to join, then bear in mind the slogan, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Stengle, "Soo Line," at What Cheer days several weeks pending bulletin, relieved by Bro. Harding, successful bidder, the former taking Scarville agency.

Bro. Whaley, recently at Miami, is breaking in as extra dispatcher at Mason City.

Bro. Cunningham to third Butterfield Tower, and Bro. Kleckner, Dak. Division, to first "BX" Tower, pending return of Bro. Alexander from his home in Indiana.

Most of the smaller stations have been put on an eight-hour basis, 7:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., cutting out the hour overtime, but none are kicking, as eight hours and a decent living wage has been our goal.

Some of you brothers on the South End please send me some items to Scarville so we can have a write-up each month.

CERT. 2031.

#### *Minnesota Division—*

Relieved on vacation: Bro. Wentworth, agent Plainview, by Coen; dispatcher's office, Winona, Bro. A. J. Fakler, by Bro. Madisen; Bro. Boomer, first New Ulm, by Lahey, a new man; Bro. Wright, first Eoyta, several weeks by Extra McNally, Winona. Sister L. A. Bohn; Lamberton third, is also on vacation.

Bro. Gordon Ware, "SJ" Chicago, called on old friends on this division recently while on vacation.

The new book of rules, in effect June 1st, gives the boys something to think over and study.

Bro. J. E. Allen has moved his family to his new position at Burdette.

It is now Bros. Armstrong, Vandarwarka and Olson at Canby, making the latter, and nearly the entire Watertown line, solid.

General Chairman Thomas passed over the division recently en route to the St. Louis convention.

Bro. A. McDonald, second Waseca, was relieved several weeks by Bro. Janke of Janesville owing to the serious illness of his little girl with scarlet fever. We are glad to report her complete recovery.

Dispatcher Nixon has resumed on the

I. C. at Oskaloosa after service with the Russian Railway contingent.

Bro. A. Frank, Dodge Center second, and bride are on an extended trip to Pacific Coast points. They have the best wishes of all the members on this division.

Bro. W. H. Blanchette, writing me from France, sends his "73" to all the boys, and hopes to soon be back at Marshall again.

The infant daughter of Bro. E. J. Zeeches of Owatonna, now on his way home from France, passed away recently at Omaha. This will be a very sad surprise for Bro. Zeeches when he returns home.

E. J. Dunn, just returned from military service in France, visited at Lamberton a few days recently, previous to resuming in the C. R. I. & P. dispatcher's office at Manley, Iowa.

Bro. Billy Swanson also returned recently from France, and after a few weeks will resume Springfield first. We gladly welcome him home, as his smiling face has been greatly missed at our meetings.

Bro. C. M. Keefe, who spent about two years in the Navy, displaced Bro. C. W. Schultz at Sanborn. We are all glad to have Carl back again and hope it will not be long until all the boys return.

One more dispatcher pulled off at Winona, making Bro. Highlen the extra dispatcher.

Bro. E. G. Hull, unable to pass the physical examination, relieved at Caroline Tower by J. W. Donahue.

Bro. Slumberger has been loaned to the Dakota Division temporarily for relief work at Underwood, S. D.

I wish to thank those who sent me items this month. They all help and are very much appreciated. Do it again.

D. J. MAHONEY.

#### *Western Maryland Ry., Div. No. 82.*

#### *Eastern Division—*

Sister A. Myers relieving Bro. D. O. Martin, first Walbrook; Bro. F. L. Welty relieving Bro. G. H. Ogle, first Union Bridge, later relieved Bro. H. F. Breichner, agent Blue Ridge; Bro. E. C. Biershing, going into chief's office, relieved on first "G" Hagers-town by Bro. L. K. Spielman.

Hagerstown district operators went one hundred per cent on the Victory Liberty Loan.

More members should attend the Habers-town meetings and help to make them a success. Any who have to remain over night can secure fine rooms at the Maryland Hotel for one dollar.

Bro. W. I. Renner, agent Emmitsburg Junction, is said to be such a crack fisherman that on one of his recent Sunday fishing trips to Monocacy a bass stuck its head out of the water and, learning who it was,

said: "You need not throw in your bait; I'll come out."

Support the present committee.

CERT. 94.

**C. V. Division—**

Only six out of 1918 total failed to pay up, several of these having been laid off.

Brothers, keep driving after those agents next to you.

Bro. W. G. Miller, discharged from the Merchant Marine, bid in second "QN" Tower; Bro. Doc. Maclay, first Marion, Mercersburg; Bro. Lucky Yoh, "C" Chambersburg, went to first Marion; "DX" Hagerstown closed entirely, and Bro. Hoover bid one of the day jobs in "C" office.

Bro. H. E. Beam, W. M. sub-division dispatcher; learning main line, will work relief.

Third "BY" Tower open for bids owing to the death of Bro. Glover.

"MR" Tower, moved to a point one mile west of the old location, abolishes "C" Tower. Bro. Hippie, Newville passenger, bid in first "MR," and Bro. E. R. Miller, third "WF" Tower, took third Mechanicsburg to be able to attend Dickinson in daytime.

Bro. Shullenberger has been compelled to quit telegraphering, due to bad eyesight.

Bro. L. E. Glover, Bedington, W. Va., died of pneumonia, March 27th. Representatives of Martinsburg, W. Va., Lodge, F. & A. M., and members of O. R. T. Division No. 82, were present at funeral. Bro. Glover's family have our love and sympathy in their sad bereavement. Div. Cor., Cert. No. 412.

**B., R. & P. R. R., Div. No. 92.**

*Rochester Division—*

Brothers and Sisters: This is my initial local chairmanship and I solicit the co-operation of the membership on this division for a good start. First, let us get together at meetings and talk over our troubles, etc. Second, get after the nons before they have invested their back pay elsewhere. It does not cost much to be a member and the good treatment and protection is worth far above par. Take nothing but YES for an answer; also every member send in items of interest each month.

We regret to hear the death, May 4th, of Bro. Davern's son, August J., aged 25.

In March, 1918, he enlisted in the Medical Corps and went first to Convalescent Camp No. 2 at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. In May he was sent to France and in August he returned to Newport News. From there he went to the U. S. General Hospital at Otisville, N. Y., where he remained until he received his honorable discharge on November 11, 1918.

Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Martin Maloney of Salamanca,

and Miss Veronica Davern of Warsaw, and one brother, Harold Davern of Philadelphia.

Interment in Warsaw cemetery.

Bro. Davern has the heartfelt sympathy of every member on the division.

We welcome Bro. J. Fowler, agent at Genesee Docks, one man who knew how to invest some of his back pay advantageously.

Don't forget the items for next month, nor overlook the nons.

F. L. HOHMAN, Local Chairman.

**Chicago, Gt. Western Ry., Div. No. 96.  
Northern Division—**

Through THE TELEGRAPHER, I wish to express my thanks for the beautiful watch which you presented me. Words cannot express my appreciation. It was indeed a surprise and I thank you all.

Yours fraternally,

C. E. NORRIS, G. S. & T.,  
Inver Grove, Minn.

*Western Division—*

We had a very pleasant meeting at Fort Dodge, May 11, called at 2 p. m., closed at 4 p. m., and attended by thirteen members.

There were many discussions upon different items vital to the Order and essential for every member to know. By a unanimous vote Bro. A. L. Kinson, former agent at Irwin for nearly five years, will be given his seniority back, through request, to be sent to the superintendent, on account of having to leave office work owing to sickness. The boys all seemed glad to be able to do this for him.

A letter from Bro. A. L. Coleman was read regarding the delinquents on the system, showing that this division had none, while the other divisions had from one to five. This, and the fact that we now have but four nons on this division, is a very good showing, yet, while these remain, we are still incomplete, so let each one of us do all we can to line them up. We have the promises of several, but let us get them all, keep a solid division and not let one go delinquent. By so doing we will succeed in our organization.

A resolution carried at the meeting has been placed in the hands of the committee, asking that it be used for the benefit of the entire Division 96.

After the meeting had closed the boys all enjoyed a good visit, showing true friendship before going to their homes and work.

Bro. Lyons of Bently is visiting at Somers frequently.

Bro. Mentzer, Eagle Grove, relieved Bro. G. M. Fowler, Botna agency, 10 days, on vacation.

Bro. R. W. Shaw to Moorland third, vice Gassaway, who relieved former on third Harlan pending bulletin, vice Hogan, to

third Mason City, vice Bro. J. Ruiter, to Marlan second.

Bro. G. R. Hoisington, relieved at Fort Dodge a few days by W. P. Keefe, with his wife, visited Bro. Hoisington's three brothers, just returned from France with the famous Rainbow Division, which saw some of the worst fighting of the war.

The 13th Engineers have now returned and will soon be relieved from "Uncle Sam's" service in the Army. Expect we will soon have the pleasure of again working with some of the boys who left our division to enter this division of the Army. Let us show them that we who stayed at home appreciate to the utmost what they have done for us and make their future a more pleasant one than it has been in the past two years.

Watch for the date of the next meeting and make it one of the largest in attendance that we have yet held.

Each one of you kindly send me a few notes for the next edition. CERT. 169.

#### **Los Ang. & S. L. R. R., Div. No. 111. Salt Lake Division—**

Brother O'Neill was agent at Jaub for several weeks.

Sister Betz, third Tintie, taking a much needed rest in Salt Lake, and Delta was relieved by Mrs. Manuel.

Brother Cline, second Tintie, who spent several days recently in Los Angeles, is being congratulated on the advent of a baby girl.

Bro. Dumont, third Lyndyl, has returned from the East with a bride. Congratulations and best wishes from all the boys.

Two tricks opened at Faust, making it a three-man job.

It is now Bros. "Bob" Haines and J. E. Dolan at Lund. Bro. Flips bid in second there.

Bro. Arnold, third Black Rock, has gone into business in Los Angeles. We all wish him success.

We are now using the schedule; jobs are being bulletined. The adjustment of pay is up before the board now and will be adjusted soon.

We are all getting the benefit of the schedule. With a raise in pay and all the O. R. T. has done for us, there is no excuse for "nons." Let's all try to make this division 100 per cent. Remember the slogan, "No card, no favors."

Bro. I. M. Petty, agent Nephi, recently gave us a call on his way to look the farm over.

CERT. 240.

#### **Duluth, S. S. & A. Ry., Div. No. 116.**

Bro. A. V. Brazeau of Negaunee died at his father's home in Oconto, Wis., on May 13th of Bright's disease. Some time ago he went to Mayo Bros.' Hospital at Rochester,

Minn., for relief, but was advised to come home and rest. He leaves a widow and two children, who have the sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. T. J. Glenny, "K" Marquette, spent Easter Sunday with relatives at Hancock.

Bro. A. W. Anderson of Thomaston was a Marquette business visitor during the Victory Loan drive.

The employes of the D. S. S. & A. and M. R. R. R. made a grand showing in the Victory Loan subscriptions, coming nearly up to the \$200,000 mark, with a percentage of about 95, just equaling the average made for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Corporal B. J. Peterson, formerly of Trout Lake, has received his discharge from the now famous 32nd, and is home at Bergland. "Ben" stopped off a few hours between trains at Marquette and renewed acquaintance with the Marquette bunch.

The Railway Employees' Co-operative Association opened up for business on April 28th at Marquette with one of the best equipped and cleanest stores in this part of the country. President Landry reports doing a large business and invites any of our brothers who might be in town to visit the store.

Bro. Poppe of Nestoria and Bro. Wubbena of Brucies Crossing were recent Marquette visitors and attended the B. A. R. E. meeting.

Bro. A. J. Kroencke of Covington, on account of eyestrain, will not be able to work for some time. He is now visiting his parents in Ohio.

Bro. M. J. Clossey of Trout Creek will be back some time this month. He landed a warm job in Arizona, copying one message of 3341 words, ran out of paper, and had to copy some of it on the wall.

Bro. F. V. Chamberlain, late of Canadian Army in France, who received his honorable discharge some time ago, opened up Eagle Mills.

Bro. Morrow, agent Herman, visiting relatives a week, relieved by a new man from the M. C., who later relieved Bro. L. V. Phelps, agent Paynesville, on six months' leave East.

Bro. B. L. Schultz, agent at McMillan, on account of poor health, is visiting his father and mother in Michigamme.

Bro. W. E. Fish left Marquette May 8th to attend the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks' convention at Cincinnati.

Thanks to Bro. Poppe at Nestoria for the notes.

N. H.

#### **"Soo Line" Ry., Div. No. 119. Peninsula & Wisconsin Division—**

Bro. H. Anderson lately returned after 16 months in Co. C, 101st Signal Corp Battalion in France and resumed third Weyerhaeuser. He landed in France the

latter part of December, 1917, going into action on the Chateau-Thiery front and was on five other fronts, going over the top four times with the infantry, carrying their wires and signal outfit.

Bro. Zepp has resumed after a month's vacation.

Bro. Kobs, Osceola, was relieved by Sister Malcolm, who later relieved Bro. Carsten, agent Bradley, while in Minneapolis recently having dental work done.

Bro. Menard, Nye, Sundayed at Amery; Bro. Demerse and family at Turtle Lake, and Bro. Packard and family visited Bros. Bates and Simpson at Weyerhaeuser recently.

Bro. Seamen, first side wire "GD," relieved the dispatchers at Minneapolis three weeks during April.

Bro. J. E. Mullen, dispatcher Minneapolis, was called to Webbwood, Ont., recently owing to the death of his father.

Bro. Spriggs is relieving at Dresser Junction.

Bro. Shivley writes he has just received a letter from Bro. L. O. Tracy A. P. O. 740, with Co. B, 5th Field Battalion Signal Corp, attached to the 3d Division, who says he is anxious to get back on "the Soo."

Bro. A. E. Olson, relieved Bro. Johnson, second Bulwer Junction, on an extended leave.

Local Chairman Cram is on committee work with rest in Minneapolis.

Bro. Edwards, agent Barron, has now moved there and is permanently settled there.

Sister Ethel Locke is relieving on second Centuria.

Bro. Emerson, who has been serving the colors in France, has landed in Boston.

CERT. 1455.

#### Duluth-Superior Division—

Relieved Bro. Soper, agent Leonard, a few days, now at Crosby yard.

Bro. Comstock is back from the Army at Aitkin agency, vice Bro. LeBlanc, who relieved Bro. Rayner at Bowlus.

Sisters Swanson and Simpson bid in second and third "HA;" Bro. Hilde to second "FD," and Dennis to Bemidji, relieving Bro. Lucius.

Sisters Ruel and Ingebritzen now on second and third "BF."

Keep after the nons and send me some notes for the write-up. I will appreciate this.

CERT. 1695.

#### Lake Erie & Western R. R., Div. No. 120. Sandusky Division—

Bro. Wilch, Coldwater, has gone to Greenville for another road.

Bro. Drake of Lima called on the writer recently while passing through Tipton to arrange for moving from Indianapolis to Lima.

New members: W. E. Brown and Thos. E. Drake, Lima; E. S. Shaw, New Washington; Henry Groman, Arlington; S. A. Pratt, Mt. Blanchard; C. E. Kitchen, Sycamore, and C. E. Steinmetz, Carey.

Remember, brothers, this semi-annual dues period closes June 30th. Forward the amount for the next term to the G. S. & T. promptly. None should allow themselves to become delinquent.

The meeting for the presentation of our schedule will have taken place and the results made known before you read this.

General Chairman Turner represented us at the St. Louis convention.

#### Northern Ohio—

The N. O. is now 100 per cent solid. This good showing was made by F. T. Buzard, New London; F. L. Buckland, Akron; L. Inppenatz, Sharon Center; F. H. Farquharson, Spencer, and F. B. Callahan, Plymouth, lining up.

#### Peoria Division—

May 31st Bro. Walker's baseball team, including Bros. Gillespie, Tipton Yards, and Bro. Burt, "RF," defeated the Tipton City Club by the score of 7 to 2. Not so bad for the first game. We expect to hear of more close scores as the season progresses.

The operator on first Tipton Yards, a non for seventeen years, who was so anxious last fall when our officials were making a fight for our rights, is still looking for something without paying anything to get it. Remember, brothers, "No card, no favors;" also means, among other things, no information. Such men are only a hindrance and a detriment to those who stand for the progressive standards of labor. They have never accomplished anything for themselves or their fellow workmen and never will. He holds the best position he ever had, due to the patience shown by his fellow workers, who have given their service and money to obtain what he is enjoying. We are thankful there are very few like him.

#### I. & M. C. Division—

Bro. Shirley Means, Peru, dispatcher's office, was entertained on a recent Sunday by Bro. Burt at his home in Tipton.

Organizer Huff was successful recently in making Bett Junction solid.

Brothers, remember that old and tried members are just as valuable to the organization as new ones and we must maintain a solid front at all times by keeping our dues paid up promptly.

CERT. 73.

#### Lehigh Valley R. R., Div. No. 124.

#### N. J. & L. Division—

May 13th, the opening day of the O. R. T. baseball season, the N. J. & L. Division met and defeated the Wyoming Division team at

East Mauch Chunk, 6 to 5. After the game refreshments and lunch were served at the Fairview Hose House, where we viewed the town's new \$11,000 auto fire engine.

Bros. Smith, Armbruster and Brown of the linemen's department, autoing to Leighton to render the second degree at the Odd Fellow's Lodge, broke down on the mountains, completing the trip with three cylinders of the machine working.

Bro. James Boyle of Mauch Chunk returned from "over there" and is back with his brother linemen doing the climbing act.

Bro. Armbruster of Mauch Chunk attended court in Canandaigua, N. Y., as a witness in a railroad case.

Local Chairman Bro. Brown recently journeyed to Emmaus to render the encampment degree Odd Fellowship.

Bros. Smith and Reihman returned from their fishing trip to Big Creek with empty baskets.

Bro. O'Donnell of Mauch Chunk wants secondhand Victrola records. Send him your list.

Bro. George Purcell of Allentown is on the sick list. His friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Vacancies in clerk and operator positions in the chief dispatcher's office, stepping stones to becoming dispatchers, will hereafter be bulletined.

Vacations in the Easton dispatcher's office began May 15th. Extra Dispatchers Bros. G. Henry and C. Seals covering the sheet during this period.

Brothers, remember the obligation you took in reference to teaching telegraphy and be governed accordingly. Conducting "ham factories" may mean your own job some future day.

Bro. Howard Knittle of Allentown spent a day perambulating along Broadway in New York City recently.

Delegates Bros. Leh and Knittle represented this division at the St. Louis convention.

New Jersey and Lehigh Division went 100 per cent in the Victory Loan drive. The men of our department are patriotic and willing to help "Uncle Sam" finish the job.

If your seniority shown on the list sent out last month was incorrect, take the matter up immediately before the three months allowed for protests expires.

We are planning to hold a big O. R. T. field day and outing during July. Arrangements will be made so that the men on all three tricks can attend during the day. All members of the Wyoming, N. J. & L. and N. Y. divisions will be invited and called upon to help make it a success.

CERT. 76.

#### New York Division—

This division held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, May 13th, with a fair attendance. The linemen came out in good numbers. Would like to have the brothers turn out better. A great many interesting things were discussed.

As I have been appointed scribe, I wish the brothers would let me have notes not later than the fifteenth of each month so I can get them in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Congratulations are in order to Bro. Docker, the proud papa of a twelve-pound girl. (Oh, how his chest expands.)

Bro. Bill is busy on the farm these days, expecting an increase. Hope it will be a team.

Brothers, do not forget your dues, as we expect to be the first division paid up.

BRO. ROWAN, Cert. No. 549.

#### Seneca Division—

The meeting at Sayre, on the evening of April 9th, was very well attended, there being 38 present, including Sisters Cassidy and Schriver. We would no doubt have nearer a hundred present at all these meetings if the train service was so the men could get to them. Local Chairman Crane and General Chairman Leh were present, also a number of the Auburn Division brothers. We hope they will come again, as they are always welcome and need not wait for special invitations. We would also be glad to see some of the Wyoming Division boys at some of these meetings.

As the first schedule the Lehigh Valley boys have ever had was signed up by the management April 2nd, all were very anxious to hear it read. This was done by Bro. Leh, and on motion by Bro. Leon Shumway, the general committee was given a unanimous rising vote of thanks for the good work accomplished.

As soon as our schedule is printed all the members will receive a copy. Make it a point to read it carefully until you understand it, so that you will be in a position to do the right thing if anything comes up that you have a grievance.

After the meeting refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served and any that could have come and did not, missed a good time.

Jay Parker, a friend of Bro. John McCracken, rendered some very classical solos, which were greatly appreciated.

It is now Bro. Kram, Towanda, and Bro. Donald White, Cayuta.

Bro. Fred Howe of Cortland is now local chairman of the Auburn Division, Bro. Joslin being obliged to resign on account of numerous other duties. It was decided to start a flower fund on this division, each member to give 25 cents a quarter, or \$1

a year. Bro. George Lacey, 116½ Hospital place, Sayre, Pa., was appointed treasurer of the fund. Send your quarter for April, May and June to him, or, if you wish, pay for the year.

One of our handsome young operators from Vosburg Tunnel recently started to Sayre on No. 5 to see his very best. He awoke at Geneva, 73 miles away, in time for an early breakfast. The girl was so peevish that she bought him a Big Ben alarm set for 2:30 a. m. He has wiggled out of more than one tight place after taking one of those beauty sleeps.

Chief Dispatcher, on sick list a week, relieved by Bro. Clifford Webb, third trick dispatcher East End, relieved by Bro. Kissane, relief dispatcher. Bro. George Hendricks, second trick dispatcher East End, recuperating from the effects of the "flu," is being relieved by Relief Dispatcher Bro. Kissane.

Bro. T. V. Sloat, second trick dispatcher West End, has a pen with which he can copy any "Bug" sender on the line.

Mrs. May Green, for herself and little daughter, wishes to thank the members of this division for their kindness and sympathy in their great sorrow and affliction, also for the beautiful floral tributes contributed at the death of her husband.

About 100 members and their families from all parts of the Lehigh Valley system met at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Sayre, Pa., May 14th.

In the absence of Local Chairman Crane, who was attending the St. Louis convention, Bro. Barton, first trick dispatcher East End, acted as chairman. Several important matters were straightened out.

Much credit is due Sisters Misses Schreiver and Cassidy, who managed the eats for the large crowd, and the nifty decorations, and Bros. Sweeney and Shumway did good work as K. P.'s.

An interesting program followed the business exercises, consisting of piano solos by Mrs. James J. Geary of Sayre, Miss Sarah Grace of Monroeton; vocal solos by Miss Sue Shriner of Sayre and Miss Elizabeth Cassidy of Towanda, and addresses by F. H. Kram of Towanda, L. P. Detro of Interlaken and J. M. Boyce of Odessa. CERT. 438.

#### *Wyoming Division—*

I was duly elected local chairman for this division at the Wilkes-Barre meeting, April 24th, to succeed Bro. T. A. Higgins, resigned. I want to thank the brothers for the confidence thus placed in me and assure you that I shall do all possible to serve you. I want every brother to assist me in every possible way, especially in rounding up the remaining nons.

The trout season opened April 15th, and on the 17th I went fishing, but not for the finny tribe. I spent two days and made

some very good catches, of which you will read elsewhere in these columns, besides I had some good bites that I will catch in the near future. I believe if every brother will fish hard we will be able to bring the Wyoming up to 100 per cent in a short time. The season is open and there must be some "pep" used. There is no excuse whatever for anyone not being in our organization. All have received the increase in salary and back pay. None have refused to accept it. Who helped to get it? Do not wait a day longer. Send your application to me, as it is impossible for me to call and see every man. Brothers, if there is a non working in your office, leave your journal where he can see it after you have read it. I believe it will wake him up.

I have appointed Bro. Wm. Scally, Tannery, as correspondent. Any news you have, forward to him and we will have a write-up each issue.

C. C. HARTMAN,

Local Chairman, Cert. 668.

#### *Wyoming Division Notes—*

Bro. Fulligar, sick several days, relieved by Bro. Loftus at "YG" Tower. Bro. Lines, sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Barber at "J" Tower, who also relieved Bro. Callahan, off one day taking care of the sick at home.

Bro. Daman, Falling Springs, was off a few days viewing the F. A. 109th parade in Philadelphia.

Griffith Lloyd appointed agent Ransom, bumping Mr. Bowen.

Bro. Hartman, Coxton second, took his boy to see Barnum & Ringling's circus at Wilkes-Barre recently. Did not care to go himself. (?)

Brothers, get after the six members in arrears and see that they pay up, as our local chairman has enough to contend with looking after the nons, and their "promises."

Bro. Caffery relieved a few days by Fitzgerald, an old timer, but without a card.

Owing to bad weather, a number of the Wyoming Division boys did not get down to the opening baseball game at Mauch Chunk. Will try and make a better hit later on in the season. Bros. Minchin, Flick, Smith, McHale and Scally were among those who attended. Bro. Minchin had Snyder's "All Stars" guessing with his knuckle ball.

New members: C. Dugan and F. Jennings, Wilkes-Barre Shops; A. P. Eckrote and Frank German, South Wilkes-Barre Tower; A. C. Lowe, baggage agent Wilkes-Barre; J. P. Murray, agent Noxen; M. W. Wallason, agent Ricketts; H. Correll, "YG" Tower, and D. Kane, "WD".

Remember, boys, "No cards, no favors."

W. SCALLY, Cert. 245.

A well attended meeting was held in Reddington Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, April 24th. General Chairman Leh read our schedule, signed by General Manager McGuire. The

members will all receive a copy as soon as printed.

Meetings are to be held the last Thursday of each month. All the members should attend and bring a non along, until the supply has been exhausted. Keep after those near you and don't let them rest until you get them.

Remember, "No card, no favors."

Owing to some errors in our roster list a new one is being made and a copy will be sent to all concerned.

Send your old journals to non-members. It may help them to see themselves as we see them.

Learn the "wire test" and you can then tell "who is who" on the wire.

Pay your dues and insurance assessments promptly. Remit the former to M. M. Crane, 159 East North street, Geneva, N. Y., and the latter to C. B. Rawlins, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., thus protecting yourself and your beneficiaries.

A. W. KNECHT, Cert. 59.

#### *Auburn Division—*

Bro. M. E. Bogardus, who was with us several years ago, and who for the past two years has been in the U. S. Navy, was recently discharged and has been working extra for a few weeks on this division while visiting his parents at Weedsport. He relieved Bro. Welser, second Freeville, recently, who spent a week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Local Chairman Howe has taken the relief job, which we hope will give him a chance to round up the two nons on the E. & C. and three on the L. & N. Y. They have received their back pay and should use some of it for a good cause and get a new up-to-date card. All brothers please remember that "No card, no favors" should prevail over the entire division.

It is now Bro. and Sisters Beers at De Ruyter. We are glad that Bro. Beers has recovered from his recent illness and is back on his position again.

Items pretty light this month. "There's a reason." No assistance from anyone. One man can't do it all. CERT. 280.

#### *"BM" Bethlehem, Pa., Relay—*

Jack Blake has vacated the farm and is again a resident of Bethlehem. The hooting of the owls and croaking of the frogs kept him awake nights so he decided to restrict himself entirely to "pounding brass" and let Mrs. Z. buy the vegetables.

Five operators at "VV" New York and only one, "VO," is a member, notwithstanding the repeated efforts of almost everyone in and around "BM" to get them in. Because they were not awarded what they expected to get under G. O. 27 and supplements thereto is no excuse for their not joining,

and they should remember that there were hundreds of members of the organization who were disappointed also. They are deriving all the benefits of organization through our efforts and pay nothing for it. The time has now come to work. "No card, no favors" to the limit on them.

Nowadays about the first question the "boss" asks an applicant is: "Have you a card?" If the proper credentials are not produced he promptly advises the "prospect" to line up, providing he has the other qualifications for a job in "BM."

New Lights? Looked like it.

New Lights? Turned down.

Presto.

O. R. T. Committee, got busy.

Local Chairman, got busy.

"Boss," got busy.

Presto.

New Lights? Up for reconsideration.

New Lights? There will be New Lights.

Our local chairman, "SF," walks the carpet in the "boss'" office so often that his feet are getting tender. It's all the "kickers'" fault. However, our local chairman is no "tenderfoot," judging by the records he established at trap shooting with his new "Fox" gun. The present score is about 99.98 per cent. We hope none of these "terra cotta birdies" were broken by "shell-shock."

We have the pleasure frequently these days to welcome someone or other who were with the "bunch" that went "over the top" "over there," who came back. We certainly appreciate the honor to have the "brave lads" who do not feel "at home" till they have dropped in to see the "BM" "fellers." Come along, we will all "open up" long enough to "shake" and bid you "welcome."

CERT. 46.

#### *C. R. I. & P. Ry., Div. No. 126.*

##### *Chicago Relay—*

Sister Essley has returned from an enjoyable vacation on the coast.

Hafford from Trenton was a Chicago visitor recently. We didn't see him in the "official reviewing stand" when the Thirteenth Railway Engineers were on parade, but he was on deck in 916. They arrived in Chicago May 12 and paraded to the tune of every locomotive and roundhouse whistle in town. There were horns, cowbells, tin pans and other noisy implements used in the mob that thronged the line of march. The Chicago papers stated that Chicago gave the Thirteenth the heartiest welcome accorded any of the returning heroes. Bros. Ford and Reeves, with the Thirteenth, will, no doubt, be in harness again when you read this. They are both looking fine.

Bro. Zachari Davis of Little Rock came

in with the Rainbow Division. He was looking fine after eighteen months overseas. He entertained us with his characteristic description of the war as he saw it; the country, the people and what not. Come again, Zack; the latchstring hangs out.

Bro. Rippon, on 90 days' leave of absence, cut off at Fairbury, bumped Bro. Phelps, who has been assigned to a war vacancy.

As our division officers have been attending the St. Louis convention those of you who have written to either Bro. Kay or Bro. Dunnam and have not received a reply may thus account for it. Bro. Craig also attended the St. Louis convention and met many of his old-time brothers, both railroad and commercial.

By the time this issue of the Journal reaches you, brothers, it will be time for us to be thinking of a new card. Don't put it off, as the majority of the boys have been doing, until the last day; send your dues in at once and get your new card. Let us forge ahead, strive for a 100 per cent organization and maintain it.

We can never accomplish anything near our ideals with half-way measures. PAY UP and be able to hold your head up proudly when a paid-up brother drops in.

Bro. Lee has been appointed assistant local chairman for the Relay Division and it keeps him busy with local matters. Among the many little differences he has negotiated successfully are the early posting of the Sunday lists, promptness in issuing bulletins, etc.

Bro. Lyons, our genial N. C., has had his judgment overruled and has been instructed not to hold overtime after 7 p. m. This may account for Oklahoma City yard office calling us an hour and thirty-five minutes one night without response. Oh, what a difference a few pennies make!

Bro. Knapp was forced to seek other employment recently on account of Blake being given preference over him with regard to filling an unassigned vacancy, and Blake has no card and boasts of it. Ye scribe has complained in no uncertain terms to both Bros. Kay and Hood about such flagrant discrimination.

CERT. 2691.

#### *Arkansas Division—*

It has been some time since this division has been represented in these columns, but in the future we hope to get in a few items, as quite a number of the boys along the line have very kindly agreed to send in all news bits, and they are essential for a write-up.

Being tied down pretty close at a small one-man job, it is pretty hard to get out a newsy, breezy write-up without your able assistance, and I hope those who promised to help will not fail to do so. Send your notes in any old time and I will do my

best to line them up in time for publication.

Bro. McCacheren, agent at Round Pond, has recovered from several days' illness. He has his back pay in a bottom-land farm and will probably raise chickens.

Bro. Miller, agent and "GYM" at Goodwin, is having trouble with carbuncles, which I understand he cured (?) with "white-mule" liniment.

Bro. Harrington is back on Joint Agency Wheatley. Bro. Swilley, just back from "over there," bumped him at Manning and he displaced Bro. C. D. Liles, Wheatley, who bid in Ouachita agency.

Bro. C. R. Pierce, first Brinkley, spent several days in Blytheville recently where he and his wife were called owing to the illness of Mrs. "C. R.'s" mother.

Bro. Brink, agent at Briscoe, has returned from an enjoyable vacation with folks East.

Bro. W. L. Tisdale, just back from one of Uncle Sam's big camps, bumped Bro. J. E. Singleton, Casa agency, displaced Bro. D. O. Ott, agent at Birta, to Reyburn agency.

Bro. Wm. Long, a tireless worker for the betterment of the Order, is now traveling auditor for the I. C., located at Memphis.

Bro. M. E. Martin writes from Tours, France, that he expects to soon return to third Heth. Hulbert is with him and is considered the fastest hand sender on that side. Corporal "Bob" Cross, "CTUA" of Houston, a former R. I. O. S'r, is in the same office. They have some great times threshing over old times with the "Stomy-Island."

Bro. A. H. Jorns, agent at Bigelow, on 90 days' leave to accept the superintendency of the Fourche River Valley & Indian Territory Ry., is making good and probably will not return. We all wish him success. Bro. Lester G. Johnson has resigned the Bigelow agency to accept a similar position with the J. L. C. & E. Ry. at Lake City. He was succeeded by Bro. Fred Adair, who'd had been off 90 days selling insurance.

Bro. J. C. Fowler returned from overseas and bumped Bro. Goode from second Biddle, who went to Brinkley.

Bro. J. D. Smith, one of our "warmest boosters," is back on Adona agency to stay, relieving Bro. V. Gardner.

Bro. J. W. White, after six years on joint telegraph and ticket job at Wheatley first, has moved to Houston and announced his candidacy for Mayor at the next election. Bro. J. W. Simms, compelled to resign the Houston agency on account of poor health after thirteen years of faithful and efficient service, has just returned from an extended stay at Mineral Wells, Tex., much improved and bought a new model "Henry" to "keep tab" on his two farms near town.

Bro. H. H. Clark, on the battleship South Carolina since graduating from Harvard

Radio school in June, 1917, writes that they are now in transport service and sends some very interesting photographs of scenes on board ship. "Sandy" has made good, just as his friends predicted, barely missing making second class on graduation, and has kept piling up ratings until now about his hardest task is drawing skulls and crossbones in the log. Bro. Roy Phillips, stationed on same ship, failed to show in any of the views sent by Bro. Clark, who claims that Roy submerges the minute they leave port and does not come up again until the lookout sights a tree on the other side.

Bro. C. R. Farmer, agent at Roland, who had his foot broken while on vacation, is getting along all right now.

Bro. J. E. "Red" Brewer, in the stock claim agent's office nearly two years, is relieving Bro. Baker at Perry 30 days.

Trainmaster Dimmett was over the line recently. He can spot an improperly marked up bulletin board easier than a common man could "glim" the Pyramids, forty yards distant from the Lick Observatory.

Don't forget, boys, to send me your notes before the 20th and we will put the Arkansas Division "over the top" each month.

If a new man "lights" on either side of you without a card proceed to land him.

CERT. 1175.

#### Kansas Division—

The first half finds us with only a few delinquents and "nons." The former should pay up at once and protect their insurance, as it is of no value to them while they are delinquent. Let us all pay our dues promptly for the second half and save our officers the extra expense of stationery and stamps writing us about them. Keep after the "nons" until they line up and then try to keep them up to date.

Bro. Barth, Clay Center, was off a while in April.

Bro. Beckwith, Herington, bumped by Case, whose position was abolished recently. Bro. Bellinger, back from the navy, to third White City, displacing Bro. Barber.

The New double track between Topeka yard and Bishop is almost completed. Looks like an interlocker at the latter point, which will mean a three-man job. Lengthening passing tracks Hgton to McFarland looks like double track soon.

Bro. Crosby, Zeandiae, has resigned. Last heard of in Kansas City.

Local Chairman Shaw, before attending the St. Louis convention, went over the division a few days organizing. He was relieved at Antelope by Bro. G. P. Jones. Bro. Kay passed over the division recently en route to Ft. Worth on an investigation.

Bro. Reiblin is back at Herington and Bro. Armstrong at Maple Hill after an

attack of the "flu." Latter was relieved by Bro. Belford.

Bro. Ingram has gone to Caldwell.

Bro. Rowley, Agenda, was off a few days recently. Also Bro. King at Horton.

Two new trains, Nos. 35 and 36, off for over a year, were put back on this division May 11.

Bro. Roy E. Shankland, Cert. 909, joined the U. S. Navy in December, 1917, as a first-class electrician and has been promoted to chief electrician. After training a short time he was sent overseas, arriving in London March 30, 1918. His service has been confined to that city, where he met Miss Helen Barrows, an English girl, to whom he was married on February 23, 1919. They are now living in London at 54 Primrose Road, Finsbury Park. As soon as he is mustered out he intends to return to the United States and go back again to his old job on the Rock Island.

#### FLOWER FUND STATEMENT.

Cash received and applied on fund to

May 1.....	\$ 44.20
Paid for flowers to May 1.....	37.75

Cash on hand to May 1, 1919..... \$ 6.45

Brothers back on flower fund dues please remit local chairman at once, so we can get it in good shape. Dues only 50 cents a year.

M. W. SHAW, L. C.

#### Indian Territory Division—

It is now Bro. G. H. Meler at Howe, a very successful local chairman on one of our Northern divisions at the beginning of our struggles. Bro. H. E. Wilborn, Howe first, to Durwood agency.

Bro. O. Layne has resumed at Barber, vice Bro. C. M. Lane to Olney.

"Non" Speak, Calvin, on leave of absence, relieved by J. Blackburn.

Local Chairman Riggs, our delegate to the St. Louis convention, will check up on the few remaining "nons" on his return and advise us who is who and why. They are almost a curiosity on this division now owing to their scarcity.

Brothers near I. D. Lyons, Coalgate agency, kindly line him up.

CERT. 2941.

#### E. Paso Division—

Sister Whittemore, who relieved Bro. Steve, our local chairman, while he attended the St. Louis convention, relieved Jarrett, third Liberal, when called to Kansas City on account of the illness of his father, also relieved Bro. Edgar on first there ten days for an operation on his nose and throat.

Bro. Sample, Hooker, off a few days with the "flu," relieved by Bro. Cornich, a new man.

Bro. Johnson goes to Nara Visa third as soon as relieved at Groveland at station.

Bro. Carpenter goes back and forth to his home in Haviland in his "jitney," from Wellsford second, at 2 a. m.

Bro. Sokel, relieved on second McPherson by Sister Mae Hunt, relieved Agent Holzworth there two weeks.

Dalhart put on Bro. Williams of Division 53 and Berlin, two extra operators, temporary, account heavy business.

Brier Guymon, same old story—"next pay check." Remember, the old slogan applies to every "non"—"No card, no favors."

It will soon be Bro. Ormiston at Bloom. Now let's round up the "nons" on the west end. "DN," go after 'em.

Boys, answer calls promptly. We have a mighty fine bunch of dispatchers to work with. Let's show them we are on the job all the time. L. M. W., Cert. 2503.

#### *Colorado, Division—*

Bro. Olesen, our local chairman and delegate, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Bro. J. O. Predmore. Bro. J. J. McLean to first Limon, Bro. R. J. Price to "DI" as extra dispatcher, Bro. R. E. Martin on second Limon, pending bulletin.

Every recent bulletin has had positions up for 30 to 60 days. Send me all the short layoffs not shown on bulletin. Also give me, or the local chairman, any changes whenever asked for, as it is necessary to make report on each station monthly. I look after the east and Bro. Olesen after the west end.

Bro. Caulkins, Selbert, on 30 days' vacation to work his farm. Bro. Conquest, Dresden, reports the best crop in the country located in his field. Prosperity ahead for these brothers.

Kindly pay your dues for the first half and also remit for the last half of 1919 at once. Keep after the few delinquents and two "nons" on the division. If it wasn't for the Order we would still be working for what General Order No. 27 gave us, which, carried a minimum of \$91.65. Now there isn't a man on this division who does not receive \$112 a month (figuring on the year's average). Most positions which paid \$91.65 under G. O. 27 now pay \$116 to \$120 per month.

I wish we could get a schedule that carried an increase for members of the Order only, and any who did not have their dues paid up barred from entering for a period of one year. I believe then we could hold 100 per cent membership. When we received \$91.65 we paid \$1 a month dues, now we pay \$1.17 a month. An increase in salary of not less than \$20 per month at any station and over at some, and an increase of only 17 cents in dues. President Wilson has announced his intention of turning the railroads back to private ownership.

This means reductions in wages for all of us, unless we are 100 per cent strong. The management, under the old system, granted us increases in proportion to the strength of our membership. In unity there is strength. Let us organize to full capacity on each road.

H. MORRISON.

#### C., B. & Q. R. R., Div. No. 130.

##### *Aurora Division—*

Bro. H. Wasserman, Galesburg relay, called on the Mendota boys recently en route to visit his folks in Chicago.

Bro. C. W. Titus and E. N. Swanstrom, discharged from Uncle Sam's service, are on the extra list.

Bro. Hampton, third Plano, relieved Bro. Todd at Sandwich while he attended the St. Louis convention.

Bro. G. W. Jackson, the new agent at Ohio, relieved on Plano second by Bro. Swanstrom.

Bro. Christenson is relieving Bro. Snow, night helper at Malden.

Bro. Brown, first Hinsdale, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Gorman, and he by Bro. Eccles.

CERT. 491.

##### *Aurora Division, West End—*

Bro. R. L. Sharick and family of Oregon spent Sunday recently in Aurora. They are very proud of their 8 months' old son, awarded first prize, a silver cup lined with gold, at the Oregon, Ill., baby show, receiving 2,400 votes. Bro. Sharick, on a business trip to Chicago recently, spent a pleasant evening with former Bro. Wyberg, chief clerk, Northern Pacific Fruit Express Co.

Sister Klebe, Aurora, spent Sunday recently with Sister Bird at Chana.

Bro. Bird, Big Cut, spent several days in La Crosse recently.

Bro. Short, Stratford, motored to Rockford on a recent Sunday.

Bro. C. I. Lehrke, Camp Grant, visited in Oregon several days last month.

Bro. Dingman, first Polo, met his wife in Chicago on her return from several weeks' visit with her folks in Northern Wisconsin.

Brothers, keep after the two "nons" at Oregon and Lee. Give them no rest until they keep their promise to line up.

Bro. Treat, third Polo, who recently underwent an operation at St. Mary's hospital Rochester, Minn., is now at home recuperating.

Bro. "Yank" Robinson, Milledgeville, sold his motor car to Brakeman Larkin in Polo.

CERT. 1660.

##### *St. Louis & Rio Line, Beardstown Div.—*

Bro. Demge, block 107, home on vacation, Sister Weeks filling in. Bro. Weaver, third block 107, has resigned and is visit-

ing in Texas. He may go into the oil business there. We all wish him success. Bro. Palmer is contemplating a vacation to his home at Steelville, Ill.

We hope Bro. Coole will remain as assistant local chairman, now that he is back on the job again.

It is now Bro. Mose A. Henderson, exclusive agent, Winchester; Bro. Andy Brennan, agent, Barrow; Bro. Moner, agent, Alsey; Bro. Carbanah, agent, Larchland, and Sister Mary Bridges, West Frankfort.

"Nons," quit growling about the women operators; they are showing that they are better men than you are.

Bro. Baumgardner sent me a few notes last month too late for that Journal and I have misplaced them. Thanks, just the same, "Baum." Come again. You are the only one so far who has taken that much interest in the write-up, except L. C. McConnell. I have to depend a great deal on him as I have no other way of getting these notes. I called several boys on the wire, but none of them had any news.

C. F. DANFORD.

#### *St. Joseph, Mo., Division—*

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Henry Moore, Armour third, who was shot the night of April 21 by robbers, and died the next day. One of the men is under arrest and the officials are on the track of two others.

Bro. Jefferies, agent at Corning, while attending court, relieved by Bro. Rosling, third Bigelow, who later relieved Bro. Sprecklemeyer at Napier.

Bro. E. F. Dunlap, former agent at Westboro, is back in the United States and will soon be with us again.

Bro. Sprecklemeyer, agent at Napier, bid in Forbes agency, vice Geo. Morgan, gone back to the farm.

Bro. A. A. Brown, who bid in Lean second, relieved Bro. Field, agent at Hamburg, while off with smallpox, and later relieved Bro. Fred Arnold at Hamburg while he attended the St. Louis convention.

According to President Wilson's message to Congress, the railroads will be returned to the private owners next January. Brothers, you had better stay organized, as we will need a strong organization back of us to hold what we have gained the last two years.

L. D. MILLER.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

Bro. Tate is relieving at Crawford, Galena Junction, and Prairie du Chien, on south end.

Bro. Johnson, first Crawford, spent a few days in La Crosse recently. Bro. Willard, second there, recently made a trip to his old home, Bagley.

Bro. Graves resigned Galena agency on

account of sickness, relieved Bro. Steading from third there.

Bro. Hornby recently spent a day with his family at Liberty Pole.

Bro. Tate is back again at Maiden Rock.

Bro. Lindner, who cut his foot with an ax, was taken to Prairie to have it treated.

Bro. Rogers recently passed over the line, getting a chance to say "hello" to many of the boys.

General Chairman Denton, in checking our General Secretary and Treasurer's books last month, found everything in fine shape, and expressed his satisfaction on finding this division without a delinquent.

Operator Galligher has returned from the army, but has not yet resumed work. There will be more of the boys back soon.

Bro. Sperry, agent at St. Paul Park, was relieved several weeks by Bro. Cullen, East Winona, and Bro. Tate, Maiden Rock, a few days by Bro. A. W. Paul, who later relieved Bro. Tuttle there, injured when his motor car jumped the track and went into the ditch.

Bro. Heitman, Trevino, relieved a few days by Bro. Fetting, who later relieved Bro. Woods, agent there, and Bro. Ruedy at Alma, who relieved Bro. Thiessa at Alma, while visiting relatives at Bagley a few days.

Bro. Farber, East Winona, was off a few days recently.

Bro. J. J. Foehringer, returned from military service, relieved Bro. Dyer, first Grand Crossing yard, relieving in the dispatcher's office at La Crosse.

Grand Crossing yard second closed again. Bro. Zube to extra list.

Bro. and Mrs. Flicker of Cassville had the sad misfortune of losing their son, second there being closed a few days on that account. The sympathies of the brothers of this division are with the bereaved parents.

Bro. Zepp, East Dubuque, attended the O. S. & D. meeting at Grand Crossing recently. Bro. Steading, third Galena Junction, promoted to the agency there.

Bro. Woods, second Oakland, has re-signed.

It is now Bro. Huth, Purdy third. Local Chairman White, while attending the St. Louis convention, was relieved by Bro. Otis.

Bro. O. G. Hermanson, second Trempealeau, visiting his folks at Prescott, was relieved several days by Bro. C. M. Keefe, just returned from the navy.

Chief Dispatcher Ports and Bro. Dyer are on the line examining the operators on rules.

CERT. 227.

#### *Lincoln Division—*

Bro. Smith, agent at Juniata, on several days' hike to Benleman via Hastings, called on the boys there, was relieved by Bro. Wilson, a member of Division 126, M.,

K. & T., who later relieved Bro. Lutman, agent at Comstock, while in Missouri to see his sick father. Bro. Wilson then relieved Bro. Whitcomb, second York, later to Juniata, thence to Central City.

Bro. C. M. Miller from the Coast Training bid in operator job at St. Paul.

Bro. James, agent at Ord, is a very busy man now—three of them trying to run the consolidated station and working eight hours.

Bro. Lyon, formerly agent at Comstock, now extra agent, Sterling Division, called on the Hastings boys recently when returning to Sterling from Lincoln and Omaha, also called on his family at Comstock. He expects to move them West when he gets located permanently on the Sterling Division.

Bro. Coggins, third, and Bro. Hargitt, second Aurora, exchanged tricks ten days.

Bro. Miller, first "GS" Hastings, attended general committee meeting at St. Louis May 8, and the convention there beginning May 12.

Bro. Edw. Hickey, Inland, was a recent Hastings caller, and Bro. Williams, Lowell, a recent Kearney caller. Bro. Plith, agent at Saronville, was a recent Hastings and Sutton caller.

Bro. J. M. Combs, former agent at Trumbull, is now with the State Bank there.

Bro. F. E. Haudersheldt, second Hampton, relieved by Mrs. Davis.

Thanks to Bro. Veto, third Seward, we have now landed two brothers at Seward tower. We hope he will also be able to land the two "nons" on first and second Seward depot. We will then have to decorate him for bravery.

Bro. Deford, Staplehurst, recently made a trip to Lusk, Wyo., looking over oil prospects in the interest of his son, who has just returned from two years' service in the navy. N. H. BURKHALTER.

#### Alliance Division—

The former scribe, Bro. H. E. Hillyer, having resigned as scribe to accept a position as second baseman of "The Seneca Giants," I am sending in some notes and will ask Bro. Davis for appointment as correspondent. Will endeavor to give you a write-up each month. With your co-operation there is no reason why we cannot have a good one.

On vacations: Bro. Webb, two weeks, relieved by Bro. Frank J. Riley; Bro. Williams, Thedford, a few days, relieved by Bro. Hobson, relieved temporarily at Provo by Mrs. Hobson; Bro. Hughes, agent at Seneca, a few days, proving up on his homestead, relieved by Bro. Harkleroad, who also relieved Bro. Perrin, on 30 days' leave.

Dispatcher Sweet worked through Raven-

na to Edgemont a few days on account of Dispatcher Harling's illness. Later Bro. Hobson relieved Bro. Miller on second "UK," who relieved Bro. Coldwell on first there, called to Alliance to work a shift of dispatching.

Sister Zellhart broke her ankle while getting off No. 42 at Rutland. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. Drewlinger is going back east. We wish him success wherever he lights.

Bro. Spradling attended the Odd Fellows Lodge recently in Seneca.

I am located at Seneca. Any time you hear of any news just call "RU." Any of us will be glad to take your notes.

C. O. MADDEN.

#### Alliance Division Notes—

Bro. Geo. Janssen went to Dunning second after relieving Bro. Bobbitt, Hemingford, on vacation. Bro. T. V. Gorman to Orella second.

Sister Helen Know is relieving Bro. Hitt, third Lakeside, and Bro. Geo. Brewster, on first Belmont, relieving Bro. W. E. Hawley.

Sister Pearl Mets, who relieved Bro. Thudium, second Marsland, two days, later relieved Sister Becker at Thedford, called home on account of sickness.

Bro. L. M. Davis, after recovering from several weeks' illness, attended the St. Louis convention, relieved on first by Sister Pearl Snider, who later took third Belmont, Bros. Ballengee and Wynn to first and second Crawford respectively.

Bro. L. J. Toohey, expected back from Germany some time in June, takes second Hemingford.

Bro. Jones, agent at Hyannis, was called to Broken Bow April 30 to attend a law-suit.

We learned, with regret, of the death of Sister Hawley, second Belmont. Bro. A. H. Sheets is filling the vacancy there.

Several operators and agents, including Bro. Shields, Ardmore, went to Alliance April 30 to see the aeroplanes.

June 30 is the time to pay semi-annual dues. Everyone try and remit the necessary amount as near that time as possible, and keep after the "nons." Simonds at Ashby, Doolittle at Anselmo, Clayton at Sweetwater, and Triggs at Edgemont haven't cards yet.

CERT. 1423.

#### Wymore Division—

The O. S. & D. meeting at Nebraska City May 7 was well attended by brothers from Lincoln to Nemaha. Bro. Travis of Cheyenne tried to knock an automobile off the track with his motor car, which caused him to miss the meeting.. These meetings are instructive and we should all attend them when possible.

Bro. Reasoner of Onadilla was relieved several weeks by Bro. Wrench, while on a trip to Phoenix, Ariz.

Bro. Hamilton of Armour is now O. K., but the other delinquents are still behind with their dues.

It is now Bro. J. R. Menefee, second Firth. Somebody land Mr. Potter, on new third there, and we will have Firth solid.

Bro. Francis of Adams off a month on account of sickness. Bro. Samsel of Bladen off for same reason, relieved by Bro. Watson. Bro. Young of Hickman was relieved by Bro. Redline during the sickness and death of his wife's sister.

Bro. J. A. Daily has returned to Table Rock from the Boston Radio school with a bride. Congratulations from the boys on the Wymore Division.

Bro. C. B. Beek, agent at Basin, Wyo., visited relatives at Hardy and Superior recently.

General Chairman Booney of the C. & S. lines called at "SN" Wymore recently en route to the St. Louis convention.

It is vacation time again and it should not be very hard to get relief this summer, as we now have a large number of extra men.

Don't hesitate to use every chance you get to use our slogan, "*No card, no favors,*" on the few "nons" we still have with us.

Thanks to the brothers who sent us items for this write-up. Come again with them about the 15th of each month.

CERT. 842.

#### *Wyoming Division—*

I was off two weeks on a trip to St. Louis, Mo., and brought a wife back with me.

Bro. Newport, recently in the train service, relieved Anderson on Basin second, who returned to Thermopolis.

It is now Sister Bittlesen at Bucknum.

Bro. Herr, second Douglas, on thirty-day furlough, relieved by Bro. Scott.

Sister Ramey, first Wendover, on vacation to Denver, relieved by Lesher, who also relieved Mrs. Siefert, third there ten days.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Scott from the Galesburg Division, now on second Douglas.

CERT. 2371.

#### *Sheridan Division—*

Local Chairman Miller attended the St. Louis convention, Mrs. Miller, his wife, acting as cashier at New Castle during his absence.

Sister Beulah Thomas, who worked on the Sheridan Division some time, is now the wife of Dr. Clarence Granger. They are now living in Hardin, where he is practicing dentistry. The entire Sheridan Division extend their congratulations.

Bro. and Sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mikesell, who have been at Taloca most all

winter, are now on their ranch west of New Castle.

Bro. and Sister, Mr. and Mrs. Essex, have returned to second and third Upton. Bro. Sage on second there, has gone to third Gillette.

Bro. Paul McCarthy, third Upton, recently spent fifteen days' vacation with his wife's folks in Nebraska.

Bro. Igoe, after relieving Bro. Thomas three weeks, went to third Clearmont.

Bro. Chambers, who went to Kansas City, has returned and is now on third Hardin.

There are a few nons on this division who have been here some time. They have had plenty of time to come in, and should not be begged. Anybody wishing to know their names write me.

Not much news from the West End this month.

F. B. THOMAS.

#### *Casper Relay—*

Bro. West was off a week recently on account of sickness.

Bro. Lewis, back from an Eastern trip, bid in third.

Bro. Northington, who went on second wire chief, putting Smith on days; later went to Helena on commercial work, relieved by Bro. Latchford from Hannibal.

Bro. B. J. Bush, "G" Omaha, appointed wire chief.

Bro. Bibbs dropped in to say "hello" to his "CS" friends on his way to Sterling, Colo.

#### *Road Notes—*

Bro. "MC" Grey Bull, while fixing his new home, was relieved several weeks by Jenkins, in army past eighteen months, who later took Douglas third.

Bro. Hoye on vacation, later resigned, relieved by Bro. Mundy.

Bro. Straley, Manderson, has gone to St. Louis on "biz."

Bro. Beck, agent Basin, on a month's vacation to Eastern points, relieved by Cashier Olsen, and he by Bro. Davison, relieved on second there by Bro. Anderson, and he on Thermopolis second by Miss Boggs, third Glencross.

Mrs. Slagle, third Kirby, on sixty days' extended vacation, relieved by Miss Kearns. "M," CERT. 2722, and "R," CERT. 2892.

#### *Maine Central R. R., Div. No. 140.*

Bro. Redmun, first North Maine Junction, has returned from France. Hope to hear him on the line again soon. We also welcome back, Bro. Strois, third Waterville Yard, after serving with "Uncle Sam."

Bro. Price, second North Maine Junction, has returned to work after several days' sickness.

Bro. Douglass, dispatcher's office, Ban-

gar, has returned from a few days' visit over East.

While Bro. Durgin was at St. Louis Bro. Barber worked first; Bro. Lavallee, second, and Bro. Bailey, third. Bro. Oakes, Portland Yard, worked second "PA" while Bro. McGeoh was at St. Louis; Bro. Robinson, first. Bro. Flies to third Burnham Junction while it was up for bid. Bro. Lawrence bid in Clinton agency, and Bro. Lowe temporary agency at Skowhegan.

If the boys will send me what notes they can I will try and have a write-up each month.

CERT. 743.

**Ft. W., D. C. & W. V. Lines, Div. 145.**  
*First and Second Divisions—*

E. M. Gilley, former manager "DW" Fort Worth, has returned from France and resumed on the transportation desk in Mr. Gausewitz' office, relieving Goldsmith, who bumped Bro. Halliburton from second "FR" Fort Worth to "CD" Childress. We hope to soon see "Goldy" holding an up-to-date. Rhome is now 100 per cent.

Bro. Johnson, second Decatur, off fifteen days with a mashed finger, relieved by Riddle, a new man.

Local Chairman Stephenson, Bowie, on 30-day leave in South Texas, relieved by Bro. Haney from the Santa Fe.

Bro. Dorsey has returned as agent Bellevue, after 30 days' vacation, relieved by Nichols, who later relieved Bro. Kinnington at Acme owing to a serious auto accident, resulting in the death of one man and coming very near proving fatal to Bro. Kinnington. He has fully recovered and is back at Acme agency.

Second Trick Dispatcher Pyle, Wichita Falls, on 90-day leave, is being relieved by Moss, a new man. Sparkman is back on third "D" after two months' illness.

*Third and Fourth Divisions—*

Bro. "Kid" Hines is now on second "X" Childress. He has worked at all the stations, Fort Worth to Texline, inclusive.

Local Chairman Stroup, Memphis, reports only two nons on these two divisions.

No notes from the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh W. V. Ry. divisions.

Boys, keep in touch with happenings along the line and furnish me some news items from your divisions.

The W. V. boys recently received their back pay. After receiving this nice check, don't forget the special assessment, and remember June 30th is the last day for its payment.

We are expecting our new schedule any day now.

S. L. G., Cert. 230.

**A., B. & A. R. R., Div. No. 146.**

Several important matters were discussed by the ten members at the Birmingham

meeting, Sunday, April 27th. There should have been a better attendance. We secured the application of the last non on this division. We hope the boys on the Brunswick Division did the same thing at their meeting in Fitzgerald.

When a new man comes on the division without a card line him up at once, so when our committee goes before the management we will be solidly behind it.

When the general secretary and treasurer sends you a statement showing just how our account stands send him your assessment at the earliest moment, in order that we will have funds to complete anything we undertake.

Bro. Jackson, at "VN," has swapped places with Bro. Randle at "JC." Bro. Davis bid in second "VN," relieved on third "RK" by Bro. Mayfield.

Bro. Randle, Lineville, relieved by Bro. Hensley several days owing to illness.

Bro. Sadler, Tyrone, relieved ten days recently by Bro. Lanier, from agent's office at Manchester, who lost his father at McWilliams, Ala. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

If any news along the line, boys, let it come.

H. J. GREEN, Cert. 157.

**Colorado & Southern R. R., Div. No. 150.**

Boys, be sure to get that new card and keep lined up. Looks like the Government wants to hand the roads back.

Allen, Sopris; Moses, Silver Plume; Jackson, first "GN" Denver, and two more on the South Park are getting the benefit of what we are paying for, but am going to give the two latter one more chance to come in before publishing their names.

My trip over Trinidad Division was very encouraging, the boys all solid as a rock and 100 per cent ready for any reconstruction necessary in the future.

Visited with Bro. Goodman at Trinidad on my trip South. A fine young fellow, a good railroad man, well liked by the people.

We have one agent on the C. & S. who will not join. He claims a man cannot work for the railroad and the O. R. T. at the same time. Between the traveling auditor and the general office trying to get his reports, it looks very much as though he doesn't work for either.

Called on Local Chairman Wilson, Trinidad Division, at Berwind. Also met "Sam" at Ludlow. Everything on the South Park looked beautiful, even Bro. Carnahan at Pine Grove had a smile, although I expected him to throw me out.

Bro. Bonney covered the St. Louis convention and will have some good news to hand out as soon as he returns.

Understand Leadville agency is to be consolidated with the D. & R. G.

Send in your notes in time so I can get

them to St. Louis before the 25th. With a general write-up, we can have each division separated. "V," "GN," Cert. 95.

#### **Western Pacific R. R., Div. No. 153.**

*Western Division—*

Local Chairman Mackey, Sacramento, Cal., has appointed me division correspondent. With your help I will do the best I can to have this division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, but I am not in a position to secure the notes without your assistance. Send your items to me at Jeffrey Shops so they will reach me before the 20th. Many thanks to the brothers who sent me notes this month.

L. H. THAYER.

*Western Division Notes—*

Bro. E. C. Zeigler relieved on second Doyle a few days while visiting in Reno by Bro. A. R. Fuller.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Connors, on Hackstaff second, who is in the Veterans' Home at Yountville.

Bro. E. C. Murray, former agent at Doyle, in the hospital a short time, has returned from "The Spruce" and bid in Niles second.

Bro. D. A. Irwin, agent Chilcoot, down with the "flu," recently relieved by Bro. Stack, third "CH," and he by Bro. Osborn.

Bro. D. C. Swindler, second Keddie, visiting in Reno and Sparks several days, relieved by Birdsall, who later relieved Sister Drew, third Sand Pass; Adams, there, absolutely refused to join. Miss Lynes has been with us seven months and we should see that she lines up.

Bro. Aldrich, third Keddie, visiting two weeks in Frisco and Los Angeles, relieved by Bro. Osborn from Chilcoot.

Bro. Tackrell, who relieved Bro. Mackey a few days while he went to Elko to load his auto, later relieved Bro. Long a few days while visiting friends.

Bro. Hoene on second Belden; Bro. Mayne off on account of sickness.

Bro. Stack visited in Sacto several days recently.

Bro. Lyons back on third; Gerlach, vice Duncan to extra list, who relieved Bro. Blake, agent Sloat, a few days.

Bro. Wheeler, agent Berry Creek, was off several days recently.

Bro. Harlan, second Portola, visited his family in Oroville a few days, relieved by Bro. Stout.

Bro. Blumenthal, agent Pulga, was in "VI" several evenings recently, taking in the pictures.

Bro. Stout on 90 days' leave owing to the illness of relatives in Oklahoma.

Bro. Mayne, in Oakland Hospital, is reported very low.

Extra McCafferty, S. P. store department, will join if he remains in the service.

Keep after the few nons. They have no excuse whatever now not to join, as we are all working under our new rate and practically all back pay has been received. Let's all work for a 100 per cent membership by July 1st. Brothers working with or close to the nons start working on them at once.

Bro. Breeding went to the St. Louis convention.

Bro. Felk, first Oakland, was put back to work May 12th with full pay for all time off. We congratulate former Local Chairman Bro. Roberts on his very successful handling of the case.

Don't forget to send your items to me either to 1120 22nd street, Sacramento, or to "JS" before the 20th.

CERT. 18.

#### **Florida East Coast R. R., Div. No. 160.**

Bro. J. F. Holland, East Palatka, Fla., has been elected Secretary and Treasurer, vice Bro. L. S. Cody, resigned.

A. F. BAUER, General Chairman.

*Florida East Coast Notes—*

The committee in St. Augustine for a revision of the schedule and the incorporation of Supplement No. 13, from April 16th to 28th, being unable to agree with the management, referred 22 items to the board for its decision.

Bro. Bauer, being sick part of the time, failed to get in a write-up for last month.

Local Chairman Holland, relieved by Bro. Neff while on committee work, relieved Bro. Turner, East Palatka, several days.

This will retract statement in December Journal relative Childs, Riddle and Kenney.

Bro. Draper resigned first Fort Pierce, intending to work some place near his home. Bro. McCain succeeded him. Rollins bid in second, and Bro. Lott, A. C. L., bid in third. Bro. Roberts bid in third and Bro. Long second Stuart.

Bro. J. D. Ferrell has returned to first West Palm Beach. Rogers, returned from the Army, bid in second there and will soon be "Bro." Rogers. Bro. Henderson has returned from the service to second Fort Lauderdale, displacing Bro. Johnson.

Ex-Bro. McPherson just back from the Signal Corps. His job at Walton being abolished, he displaces Bro. King at Salerno.

Bro. F. W. Moore, who bid in second Miami "MX," doing relief work, has been ill since going to Long Key.

Bro. Cabot is relieving Bro. Hazel at Islamorada.

It is now Bros. Spier, at Marathon; Neff, at Cocoa; Schedler, Jr., West Palm Beach; C. R. Mott, Jupiter; R. N. Webb, St. Augustine, and Sister N. Moore, Everglade.

Bro. Cooper bid in Key West third. Bro. Gunnels displaced Bro. Morgan, first St. Augustine, now on leave of absence. Bro.

Cohen displaced man in "YN" Jax. (Temporary position). Bro. Holland relieved by Bro. Neff while off on committee work, also relieving Bro. Turner at East Palatka for a couple of days.

Local Chairman Holland advises Bro. Sleeth, at East Palatka, will write for the Northern Division in future. No notes this month.

General Chairman Bauer, after attending the St. Louis convention, went to Colorado for several weeks under advice of chief surgeon.

#### O., W. Ry. & N. Co., Div. No. 161.

##### *Third Division—*

I herewith express my thanks to the boys of this division for the demonstration of their confidence in electing me local chairman. Nothing in my power will be left undone for the progress and betterment of the Order. Also for electing me as delegate to the convention. I assure you that I will look out for the interests of Division 161.

J. E. Gray has kindly consented to act as local chairman during my absence, May 1st to July 1st, who relieved me on first Wallula, relieved by Sister Hesadahl.

You all received a circular stating that Washington had wired the management to get in touch with the telegraphers and settle their schedule matters at once. Your committee has been in Portland and succeeded in getting the disputed points adjusted, all but a few rules that were again appealed to Washington for a decision. This will be received any time. The points that we did agree on are now in effect, and as soon as we get a reply from Washington to our last appeal the new schedule will be printed and a copy mailed to each office.

We have asked for a 10 per cent raise for all agents and operators on O. W. R. & N. to put us on standard basis with the highest paid roads. Also to be retroactive to January 1st, 1918, as the other roads were getting this when we were not.

Since our last write-up the supreme ruler has taken from our midst the beloved mother of Bro. Jerry Swart, agent at Donald. Also the wife of Bro. K. H. Arrowsmith, agent at Grandview. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire division is extended to the bereaved families.

Wish to thank the boys on the Yakima Division who so kindly donated towards the beautiful flowers that were sent. Bro. Rice, Buena, has been wrestling with the grip for several months.

Bro. Moore, relieved 30 days by Sister Shaap from Ayer Junction, relieved by Mrs. Cusick.

Bro. Walters, agent Dayton, had to take

his wife away for her health. We all hope for a speedy recovery. Relieved by Bro. Dorothy of Kennewick, relieved by Bro. Reilly on account of pulling off one operator at Walla Walla.

Bro. Haynes bid in Yakima, vice Bro. Crouch to Zillah.

Sister Eaton, Starbuck, on vacation, relieved by Sister Mays.

Sister Smythe, Starbuck, off several months owing to serious illness of her mother in Mississippi, writes that she is getting better and will soon be back.

Sister L. Lucile Smythe, Starbuck, has kindly consented to act as correspondent for this division. All take more interest and send in notes of any changes or matters of interest so we can have a write-up every month. You leave it all for the other fellow to do. It is about the most thankless position in the whole category. The indifference of the members makes it very hard for the correspondent to have a write-up each month.

Thanks to Bro. King for notes.

W. T. MANSELL, L. C.

#### Northwestern Pac. Ry., Div. 165.

##### *Northern Division—*

Two of our nons say they expect to leave the service this summer, therefore do not care to put money in the Order, after receiving a substantial increase in wages and plenty of back pay. There are no nons among the ladies on this division. Miss Sierck, Scotia, having signed up lately.

Gunner J. B. Dofflemeyer, Officer in charge at the Naval Radio Station at Loleta, has carried a card in the O. R. T. for the past seventeen years and is proud of it. Would not give it up for anything. He is attached to Grand Division, but expects to transfer to this division shortly.

His chief electrician, W. E. Reilly, who has also been in railroad service, has asked for an application blank.

Here are two men who have not benefited by the Order, financially, in the last few years who know what the O. R. T. is.

Bro. Sappingfield, displaced at Fortuna agency by the return of A. A. Rodenberger from service overseas, displaced Bro. McKenzie, South Fork, who will return to Fort Seward, after a lay off of thirty days, and relieve Mrs. Nelson. B. J. Vonah, also in the service chasing submarines, has returned and bid in second South Fork.

If you are working with or near a non give him no rest. Tell him the names of all the nons will be published in next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Nelson and his wife, Fort Seward, are enjoying a much needed rest in the Southern part of the State, relieved by Turnford and Peterson. The latter's appli-

cation is on its way to the general secretary. Assistant agent at Dos Rios has also asked for and has been furnished an application blank.

Mr. Hilgerloh, in service at San Pedro, will resume shortly as assistant at Dos Rios, vice Wymore to extra list.

All the boys are satisfied with the recent award of Adjustment Board No. 3, allowing eight hours for Sunday, if assigned eight hours on week days.

Through the unceasing efforts of Supt. Hunter and District Freight Agent Cummings, the Fifth Victory Liberty Loan campaign was a success among the station forces and possibly the whole division.

Thanks to Bro. Mitchell, who was the only one who supplied notes for this issue.

Don't forget the nons. If one of them signs up, don't fail to let us know, as we would not want to print their names in the next issue.

CERT. 136.

#### *Southern Division—*

The meeting at Petaluma, April 21st, was well attended, about 25 being present, from most all points. The final reading of the new schedule was heard and will be presented to the management for early settlement. After a light lunch the boys all left for their various towns with a feeling that at last we were going to get a schedule that would be worth while.

With our schedule the pay of third Ignacio will be brought to the level of other similar jobs and then it will be more desirable.

Mr. Willis, who worked at Willits several years ago, is on second, relieving Bro. Adams, attending the St. Louis convention, and will renew his card shortly.

The boys all deserve the highest credit for the support of the Victory Loan, the men in the station service being 100 per cent. General Chairman Sanborn worked hard on the subscription committee and lined the boys up in great shape.

Bro. Melvin of Mill Valley stepped out of his new Ford Sedan the other Sunday and paid a short, but pleasant, visit with ye scribe.

Bro. Smith returned from France and resumed second Healdsburg, vice Bro. Stephens, who bumped Johnson at Cazadero agency, latter going on relief. We are all glad to have Bro. Smith with us again.

Bro. Green of Ross is to take a vacation soon, and Johnson will relieve him. Pleasant trip, Bro. Secretary.

Don't let up on the nons, boys; remember, the division should be 100 per cent. Get that man next to you to join.

Div. Cor., Cert. 106.

#### **Central Vermont R. R., Div. No. 171.**

Bro. Timothy C. Sullivan, "FO" New London, on a visit to Philadelphia, Pa., recently, stopped off at Trenton, N. J., and also at Camp Merritt, having a very pleasant trip. He will soon be bringing someone back with him.

Bro. Sullivan of Windsor was a recent New London caller.

Bro. "Jim" Robinson, Belchertown, Mass., has purchased a new auto.

Seven new members added to our ranks last month. Bro. Pattie, by joining, made the dispatcher's office solid. This also applies to New London, as we have all the eight eligible men there.

Bro. Claude R. Wilson, former operator and ticket clerk at Norwich, Conn., now with the American Expeditionary Forces France, will soon return.

Bro. Gibbs has been very successful assisting in securing subscribers for the Fifth Victory Loan, covering the line from New London, Conn., to Palmer, Mass., the boys subscribing 100 per cent.

Bro. Bugbee is back at West Willington, Ct., after an attack of the "flu."

Bro. Fenton, chief dispatcher, who spent Easter at his home in Hanover, N. H., on his return took charge of the "Liberty Loan Special," from Brattleboro to South Londonderry, in the second district, his first trip over the former narrow gauge.

Keep after the few "nons" on this division until they join. We have all received our back time and there is no reason for the "nons" remaining out. Remember, "No card, no favors."

General Chairman Gibbs, elected representative from this division, attended the St. Louis, Mo., convention, and will have plenty of interesting and important news to give us upon his return.

Boys, if you want to see a good write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, you must send me items of the doings at your station.

F. M. WEBBER, Div. Cor.

#### **Oregon Short Line R. R., Div. No. 172.**

##### *Utah Division—*

On vacation: Bro. and Sister Dunbar, Cumberland, in California, Bros. Mosher and Hurley relieving; Sisters Ella and Anna Marron, Fossil, to Butte; Sister Coughlin, second Novene, to Kansas City.

New members: F. N. Bryden, agent Montpelier; Eberly, at Paris, and Sister Pyle, Montpelier ticket office. Montpelier dispatching station now 100 per cent.

Local Chairman Stice relieved by his cashier while making a trip over the Utah division, securing new members, investigating grievances, etc.

Lowry and his wife laying off at Kem-

merer. Quite a number of women on this division with no cards and no inclination to pay their share of the expenses. Get names from local chairman.

Bro. Latham, new agent at Downey, wants men on telegraph job instead of women. Mrs. Woodbury (no card) removed from there.

Bro. Sam Summers, G. S. & T., presided at an informal meeting at Ogden recently. There was some difficulty in getting together, but those present enjoyed the affair.

Lieut. L. E. Halbert, former chief dispatcher at Salt Lake, is still in France. Bro. Paul Garrison, dispatcher fifth district, vacationing at the old home, Enfield, Ill. Bro. A. O. Riley, "C" office, Salt Lake, has returned from trip East. CERT. 15.

#### *Montana Division—*

Bro. J. R. Page, Bond agency, on 30 days' leave.

Sister Perdue is back on first Dillon. Bro. J. E. Creighton, Grand Division, on second Dillon temporarily.

Sister Nina Spencer is on Comas agency while the agent is off sick. Sister Marlo to second Dubois, relieving Miss Burness, on leave.

It is now Bro. Dolan on third Lima.

Bro. E. E. Esco, a new man, who relieved Local Chairman Kinghorn two weeks while he was making a trip over the division, is now relieving Bro. Herrick, Monida, Mont., sick. Bro. Kinghorn found conditions very favorable—about 90 per cent strong. Don't fail to incessantly remind those ungrateful "nons" of what they are getting by our money and efforts.

Members of this division will be sorry to learn of the death of the only child of Bro. H. S. Anderson agent at Roberts, Ida. Bro. and Mrs. Anderson have our sincere sympathy.

Yellowstone Park opened June 19th. This will create four or five telegraph positions for the summer season. Heavy travel is expected through this entrance.

T. B. KINGHORN, L. C.

#### *Idaho Division—*

I wish to thank the good brothers and sisters of this division for their courteous treatment and willingness shown to assist me with my work and I feel it a pleasure to serve you. My trip over the district was very pleasant indeed and my success in lining up the "nons" is a credit which belongs to each of you, however. There are a few non-members on this division whom we have tried to get in with us for some time, but it seems they have no conscience. They let the rest of us work and pay our money for their interests. I am very much pleased with the interest shown by the brothers and sisters, but there is still room

for improvement and each brother and sister must take it upon themselves to see that those "nons" are lined up.

We must all get together and discuss O. R. T. matters whenever and wherever we meet each other, exchange notes and keep posted as to the membership on our division. Sympathy and promises are of no benefit to us—we need action. Now is the time for it. The door of opportunity is open wide. A dissatisfied howl always comes loudest from the "NON." Remember, brothers and sisters, and in your dealings with them enforce our motto: "*No card, no favors.*"

R. E. LEFLER, L. C.

#### *Idaho Division Notes—*

Bro. Bean, first Bliss, is now touching the high spots with a new Ford.

Sister Keltus to Owinza for a few days. Alley having returned to Bliss third. Latter now on 90 days' sick leave, relieved by Fugate, American Falls.

Bro. R. W. Manning relieved North, second Mountain Home.

Bro. Kincaid, Parma, relieved Agent Delsole, Juntura to Nampa, on investigation motor car accident.

It is now Bro. R. W. Manning, Nampa, and Bros. N. F. Jones and Johnson, Nyssa.

Bro. Carey, agent at Burley, on a trip East, relieved by G. C. McPeek, station supervisor, resigned. Bro. Boyd Murtaugh returned from vacation, relieved by Bro. Phost.

Bro. Lawler relieved Bro. Millier, Twin Falls, who relieved Bro. LaBrier, agent at Picabo.

Local Chairman Lefler, on recent trip over the division, secured Bailey, Minidoka; H. J. Martin, Bellevue; H. V. McMasters, Hill City; Isaac Miller, Ida Home; N. H. Thomas, Declo, and Phost, extra at Murtaugh.

Bro. J. I. Barry, agent at Emmett, on thirty days' leave, relieved by Cashier Lanktree.

Bro. Martin, extra agent Buhl, now on extra list, visiting at Nyssa.

Bro. Day, Montour, relieved a few days by Sister Moscrip.

Bro. Selix, third Mountain Home, is baching while Mrs. Selix is visiting in New Mexico.

We are sorry to know of the sickness of Bro. Atwood's fiancee, Sister Lund. Bro. Atwood, at her bedside in Boise, relieved by Local Chairman Lefler.

Following are now up to date: C. S. Shepard, Hailey; L. W. West, Smith's Ferry; W. T. Posey, Middleton; J. E. Shaw, Emmett; W. T. Moore, Crane; L. P. Delsole, Juntura; Samuel Nihard, Reverse; Miss Bessie Blazier, Minidoka; Miss Margaret Story, Kuna, and T. B. North, Mountain Home.

Bro. A. G. Nadler, second Rupert, has returned from a month's visit with friends in California.

Bro. R. Corrough, Riverside, is off duty, having let a box fall on his foot while unloading freight.

Bro. Davis, at Robinett, bid in the new agency at Melba.

Bro. Kincaid has returned to Parma and bumped Bro. Beacham.

I have been appointed correspondent of this division by the local chairman and would appreciate it greatly if the brothers and sisters would send me all the changes taking place, also all other news of interest and I will put it in shape to go to THE TELEGRAPHER.

R. W. SCHINZLER, Cert. 438.

#### C. T. H. & S. E. Ry., Div. No. 180.

##### *Illinois Division—*

The brothers of Division 180 wish to express their deepest sympathy to Bro. Twetwuler and wife, owing to the illness and death of their little son. The bereaved ones desire to express their appreciation for our beautiful floral gift at the funeral.

Bro. Ric, second "BW," off 60 days, Bro. Vici relieving.

Bro. Bailey, third "XN," home for a few days, relieved by Bro. Page, who also relieved Bro. Tonear at "BW," Bro. Twetwuler and Bro. Mearr at "CY" several days,

Local Chairman Blyth and several brothers went to Terre Haute, Ind., and represented Division 180 at the meeting May 10. They had a fine time and a lovely supper.

We wish to correct a mistake in last month's issue. It is "Bro." Roney instead of "Mr."

Bro. Baily, third "XN," was off several days recently. P. A. MALONE, L. C.

#### Mo. & No. Ark. R. R., Div. No. 182.

Relative to our new schedule, after conferring with Superintendent Reddoch on application of Supplement No. 13, a tentative agreement was drawn up and forwarded to Mr. E. H. Holden at Kansas City, Mo., on March 17th, also a joint statement on back pay for the first half of 1918. The general chairman was advised that the Wage Board was passing upon fifty or sixty questions and its recommendation would very likely be made some time in April to the Director General, who would review it and issue an interpretation on Supplement No. 13 as to Sunday work.

Bro. Roy attended the St. Louis convention, beginning May 11th.

Bro. Miles, Berryville, has resigned. H. K. Hull relieving temporarily. Bro. H. Luter, a released soldier from overseas, to More,

vice Agent Ferguson, resigned. Bro. James Roy, Jr., appointed agent at Cotton Plant and Bro. Bailey, a new man, cashier and operator, pending bids.

Bro. Bennett, Helena, on vacation. Bro. Russell Gilbert also off a few days.

Bro. Stephens and B. Crawford, lineman, are our two new members. We are now 99 per cent strong, boys. The man at "FA" is the only "non" on the whole division. Some one call on him. "No card, no favors."

CERT. 61.

#### S., P. & S. Ry., Div. No. 184.

##### *S. & I. E. Division—*

Bro. Morck, relieving Mr. Dille at Steptoe, displaced by Mr. Piper, who recently died of heart trouble. Dille relieved Bro. Rich, Garfield, while on a visit to Montana, and was later called to North Dakota owing to the illness of his son.

Temporary vacancy at Valleyford filled by Rice, former agent at Spokane Brdg. Bro. A. J. Paysse, local chairman, visited Spokane several days recently in connection with the lawsuit against the company for back pay.

Bro. Richardson, agent at Moscow, has recently been supplied with a cashier. Hope George will see that he gets an up-to-date card.

Bro. Fraser, Colfax, is not much of a ladies' man, so the company gave him a good man instead for a cashier there.

##### *S. P. & S., Third District—*

Bro. Swanson relieved Pratt, operator at Benge, resigned. Let's get the only three "nons" left on the Third District and be 100 per cent. Everyone, especially in railroad work, is now getting a rate of pay that will enable them to carry a card. Let us make our slogan for 1919 "Stay organized."

Bro. J. O. W. Moore, second Washtucna, uses his spare time outside of regular hours raising game cocks.

G. H. E., Cert. 125.

##### *First and Second Districts, and O. T. Ry.—*

Bro. T. D. McGrath relieved General Chairman Freeland at Washaugal, while he attended the St. Louis convention.

Sister Wright, Fountain, taking a month's vacation, relieved by Mr. Crumm, who has promised to join as soon as he gets a full-sized pay check.

The new agency at Underwood will make a good summer pob.

No items received this month from the A. & C. Division or the O. E. Ry. Send in your news and we will have a write-up every month. J. W. B., Cert. 127.

# GRAND DIVISION

## Mutual Benefit Department

Assessment No. 143 is due January 1, 1919  
Time for payment expires February 28, 1919

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS

On \$ 300.00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500.00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000.00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

### BENEFITS PAID IN MAY.

Claim No.	Name.	Cause.	Div.	Cert.	Series.	Amt.
2855..	Connie C. Rushing	Tuberculosis .....	57..	35136..	B..	\$ 500.00
2871..	William P. Roth	Influenza .....	53..	53644..	A..	300.00
2875..	Frank B. Girl	Killed by train .....	126..	53382..	A..	300.00
2877..	John J. Banfiel	Paralysis .....	26..	16165..	B..	500.00
2880..	Roy B. Ralston	Influenza .....	1..	38186..	A..	300.00
2881..	William V. McMahon	Pneumonia .....	17..	54829..	A..	300.00
2882..	Lawrence E. Glover	Influenza .....	82..	55005..	A..	300.00
2884..	Abram L. Trites	Influenza .....	11..	5298..	B..	500.00
2885..	G. C. Gibson	Influenza .....	7..	16838..	B..	500.00
2886..	Ray Marrs	Pneumonia .....	26..	34160..	B..	500.00
2887..	Dean H. O'Brien	Tuberculosis .....	53..	18756..	B..	500.00
2888..	Albert Gmelin	Influenza .....	23..	58312..	C..	1,000.00
2889..	James R. Morris	Pneumonia .....	17..	58489..	C..	1,000.00
2890..	Bertrand Heap	Cranial Abscess .....	43..	45697..	C..	1,000.00
2891..	Arthur W. Bissell	Influenza .....	53..	52095..	C..	1,000.00
2895..	Frank E. Watson	Influenza .....	6..	42329..	C..	1,000.00
						**\$9,500.00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

#### Receipts.

Received on assessments to April 30, 1919.....	\$2,302,931.76
Received on assessments, May 1919 .....	3,248.50
Interest 1918 .....	30,221.16

\*\*\$2,336 401.42

#### Disbursements.

Death claims paid to April 30, 1919.....	\$1,816,427.47
Death claims paid May, 1919.....	9,500.00
Assessments refunded account rejected applications.....	3,086.57
Assessments transferred to dues .....	391.39
Cash on hand credit Mortuary Fund, May 31, 1919.....	506,995.99

Total ..... \*\*\$2,336,401.42

C. B. RAWLINS, Secretary and Treasurer,  
Mutual Benefit Department

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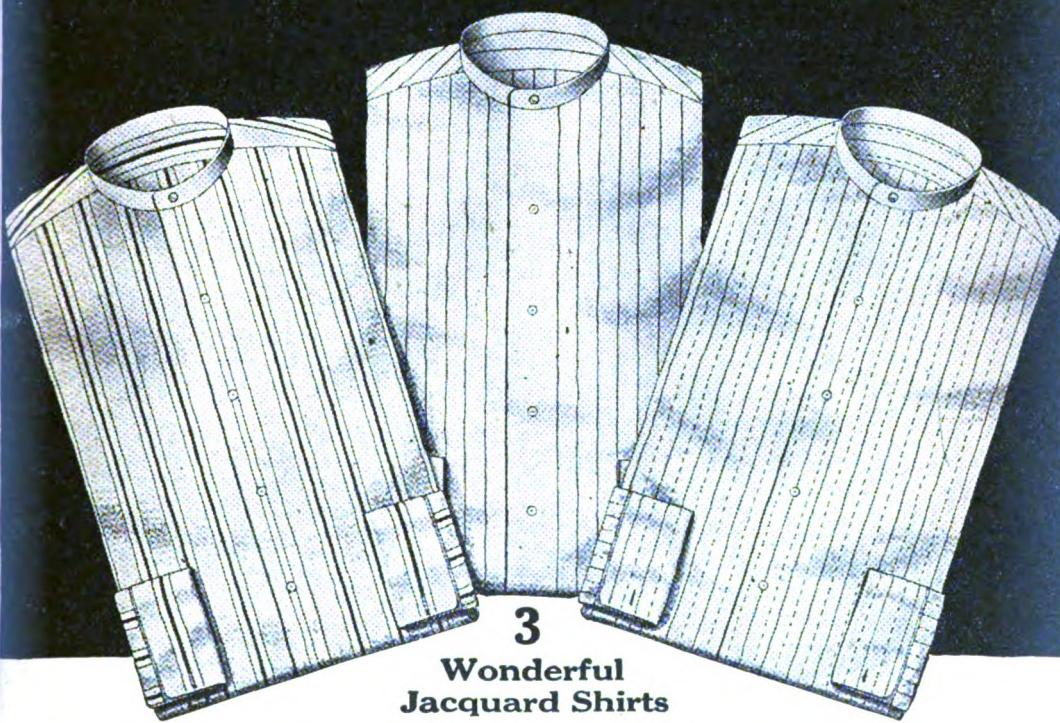
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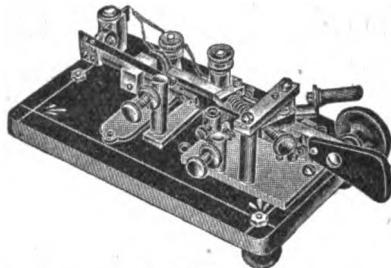
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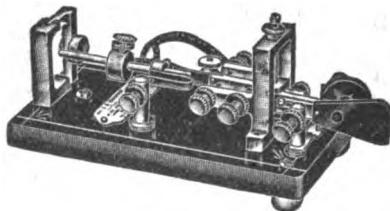
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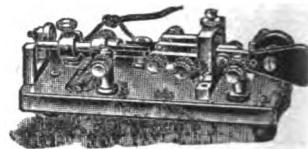
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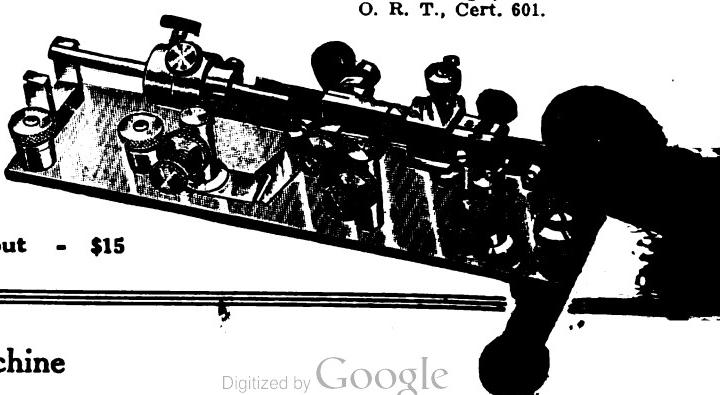
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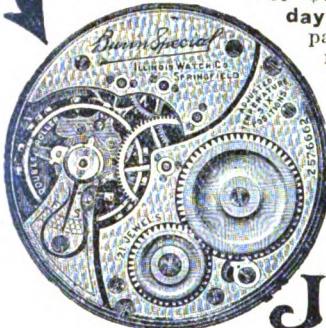
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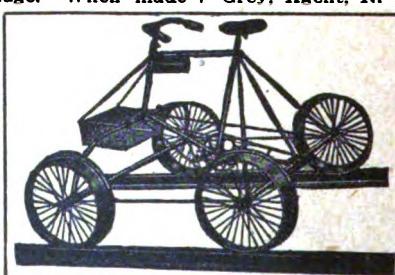
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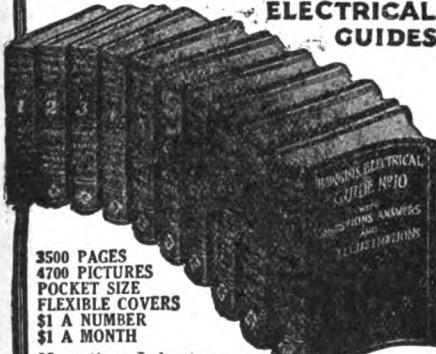
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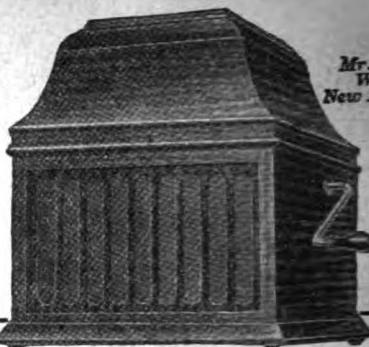
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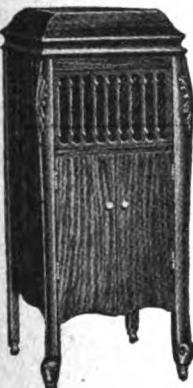
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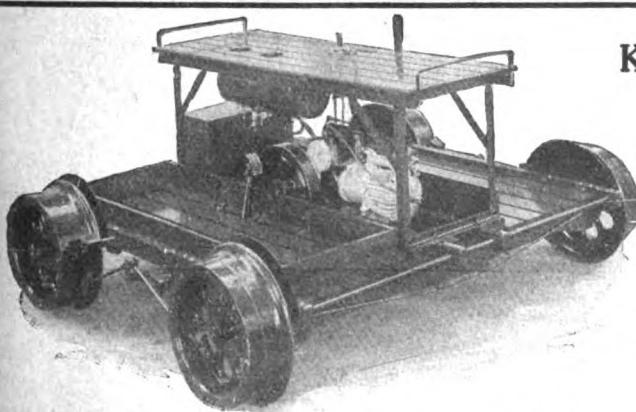
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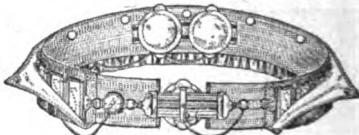
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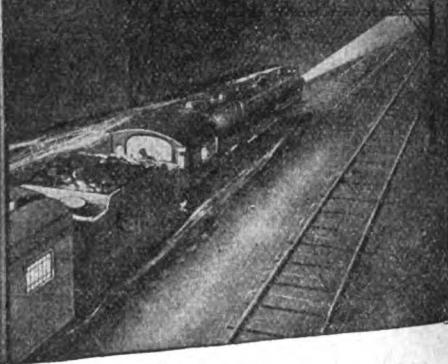
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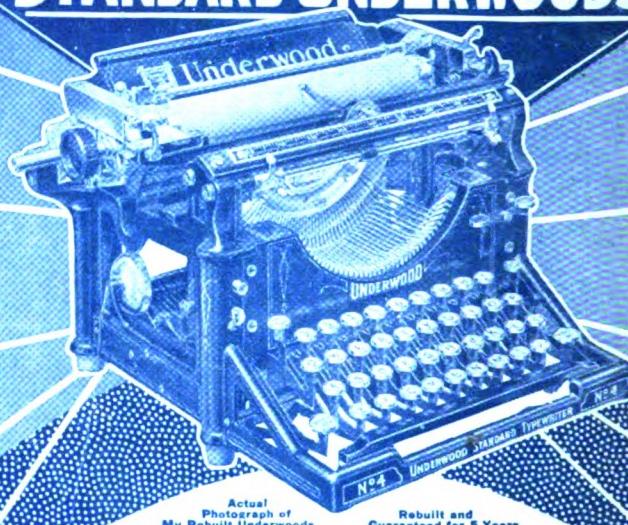
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